

**Email from Tom Sidwa, DVM
Texas Department of State Health Services**

Hello:

The Texas Department of State Health Services and Talecris Biotherapeutics are collaborating to present ***A Symposium: Improving Prevention and Treatment of Rabies and Tetanus Through Utilization of CDC Guidelines and Statewide Resources***. The DRAFT agenda is attached for your review featuring key note speakers **Charles Rupprecht, VMD, PhD – Chief, Rabies Program, The Centers for Disease Control, Atlanta, GA; Jennifer Wright, DVM – Veterinary Epidemiologist, The Centers for Disease Control, Atlanta, GA; and speakers on Rabies and Tetanus from the Texas Department of State Health Services**. The panel will be comprised of experts from Texas from the American Academy of Pediatrics, Emergency Department, Poison Control Center, Infectious Disease, National Hispanic Medical Association, USDA Wildlife Services, and a local Health Director. The symposium is scheduled on Wednesday, July 1, 2009 from 9:00am - 12:30pm at **Sheraton Austin located in Austin, Texas**. *Please read through the entire email as there are many important details outlined.*

Why Should We Have a Symposium on Rabies and Tetanus Prevention and Treatment?

The Texas Department of State Health Services realizes we face many issues regarding the prevention and treatment of rabies and tetanus, particularly as they relate to animal bites. We are striving to enhance communication with the Texas stakeholders and healthcare providers who treat patients to help better understand the state laws and identify the available resources and tools. This symposium is an excellent opportunity to interface with these world-renowned experts.

Who Should Attend This Symposium?

Interested people who are engaged in treatment and counseling of patients with rabies or tetanus including

- Public healthcare professionals, health educators, and patient advocates
- Private healthcare professionals (Physicians, Nurses, Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants)
- State-wide health department officials
- Communicable diseases healthcare professionals
- Public hospital officials
- Emergency Department officials

CALL TO ACTION!

Please use the attached invitation/registration form to email to your colleagues and have them print the invitation and place in break rooms and cafeterias to increase awareness of for this Texas/CDC program. Don't miss this unique opportunity to hear key information on the treatment of rabies and tetanus and have your questions answered by the experts.

How can people register to attend the event?

Attendees can register one of the following three ways:

1. Online - www.regonline.com/July1Register
2. Email - complete the attached registration form and email to Robin Jennings at robin@rbendeavors.com
3. Fax - complete the attached registration form and fax to **919-545-0361**

The symposium registration deadline is June 23, 2009.

Please direct any questions regarding registration to Robin Jennings at robin@rbendeavors.com or 919-545-0289. Do not hesitate to call me if you have questions or contact Cindy Yager at cindy@saboney.com or 919-881-1193.

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