Development of Public-Private Laboratory Systems

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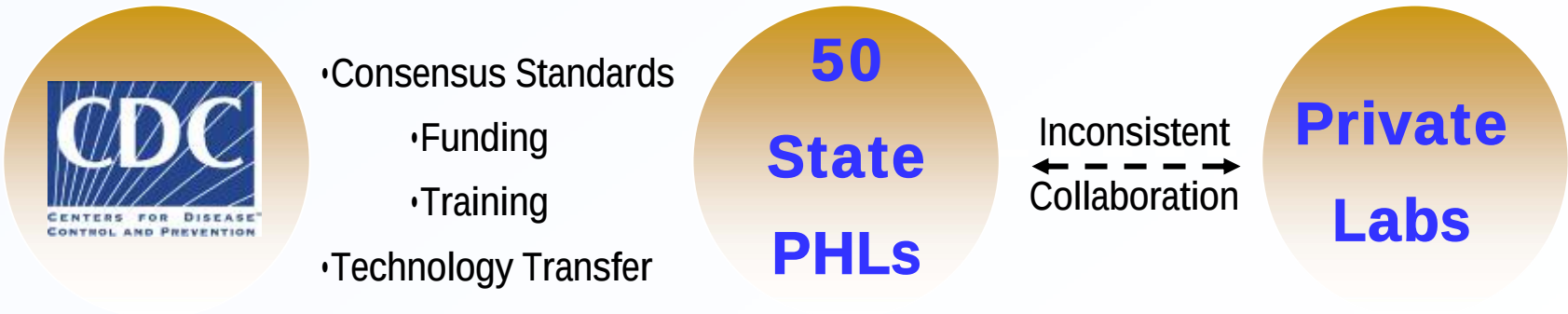
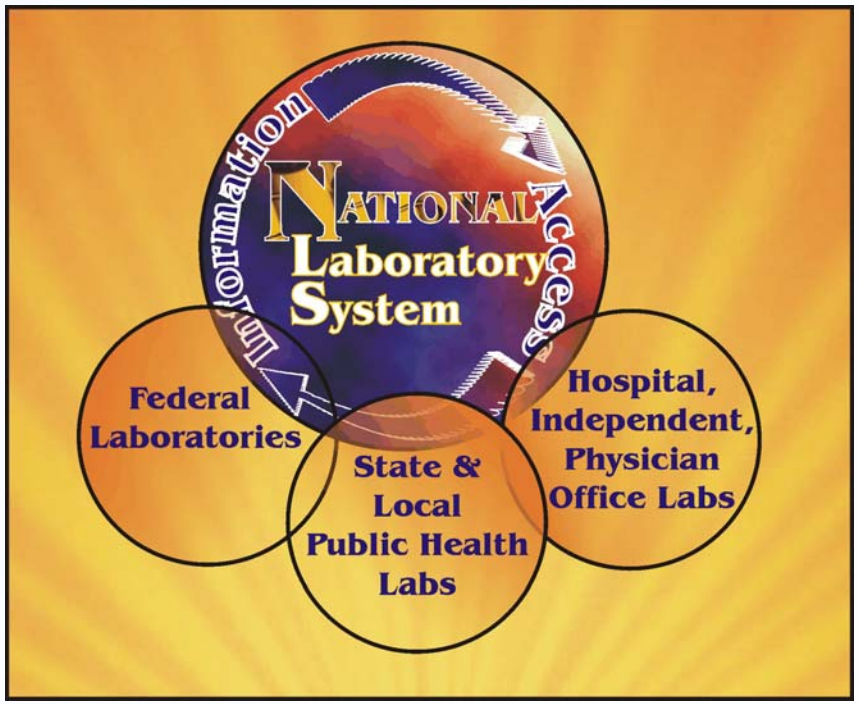
The Old Paradigm

- A loose association of public health (state, county and city), hospital, and independent laboratories throughout the country.



System Design



- Strategic Planning
  - Internal
  - With APHL, ASCP and ACLA
- Guidance
  - Steering Committee
  - CLIAC Updates
  - Comprehensive CDC-wide planning
- Formative Research

Timely Opportunities

- Bioterrorism
  - “Develop a plan to improve working relationships and communication between Level A (clinical) laboratories and Level B/C laboratories, (i.e. Laboratory Response Network laboratories) as well as other public health officials.”
- Threat of Chemical Terrorism
- Emerging Threats
- OIG Report
- OSCAR Database

System Components

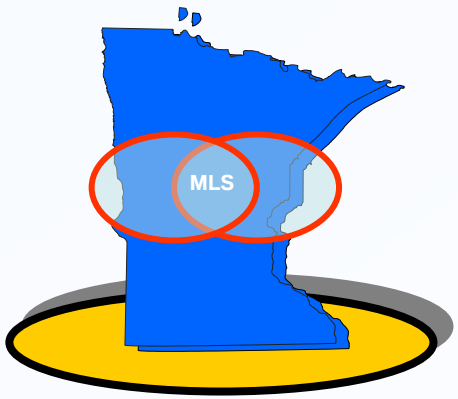
- Measurables
  - Core Functions
  - Healthy People 2010
  - OTPER Performance Goals
  - Performance Standards

“What Gets Measured Gets Done”

System Components (cont)

- Tools
  - National Center for PH Laboratory Leadership
  - Laboratory Program Advisor
  - APHL Clearinghouse
  - National Laboratory Database
  - Site visits by CDC staff
- Extrapolations from “lessons learned”
  - Specific
  - General

Leveraging What Works

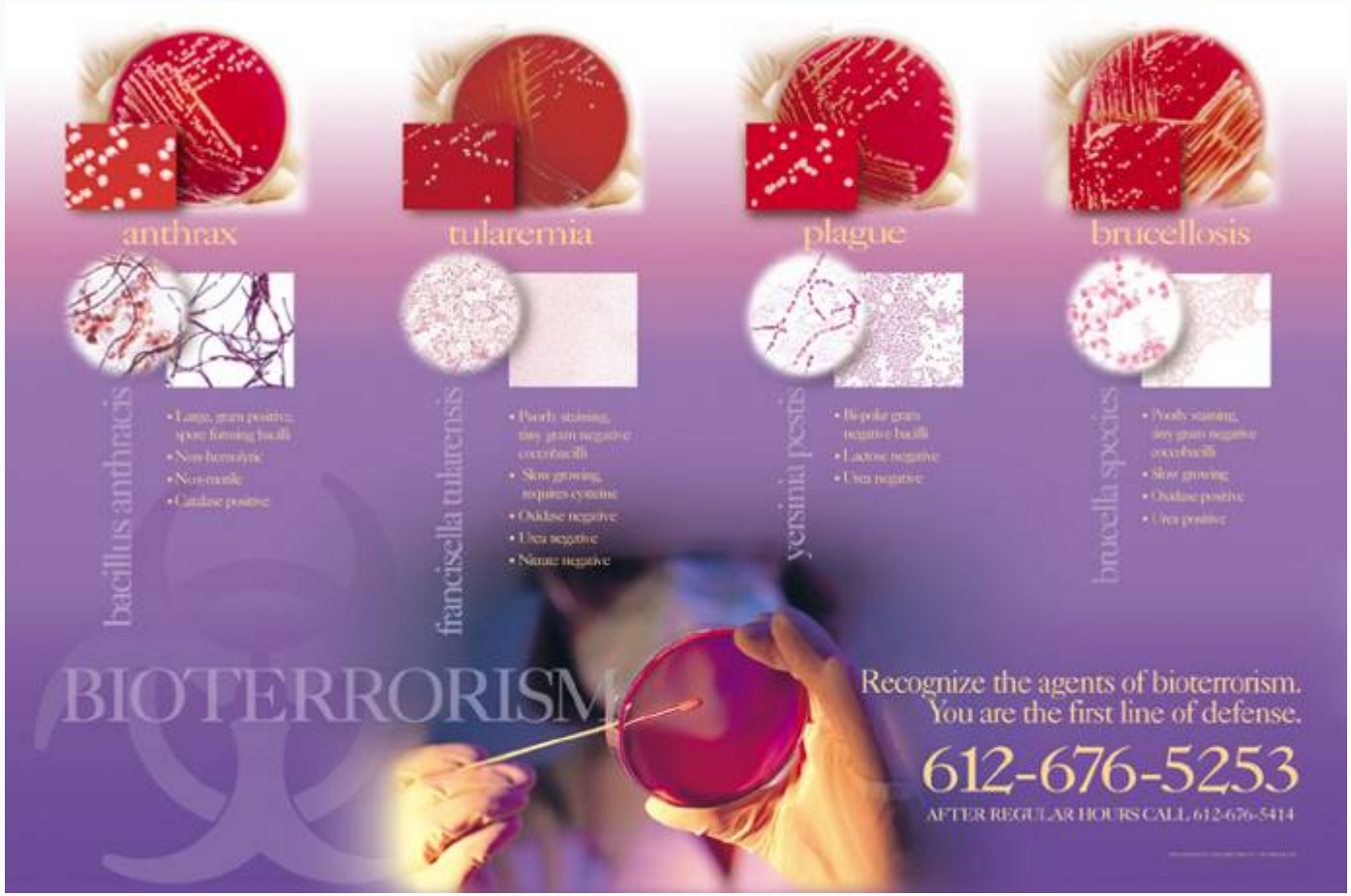


MINNESOTA LABORATORY SYSTEM

A PUBLIC AND PRIVATE COLLABORATION

- Surveying Clinical Labs
- Establishing linkages
- Education
- Proficiency Testing

Educational Tools



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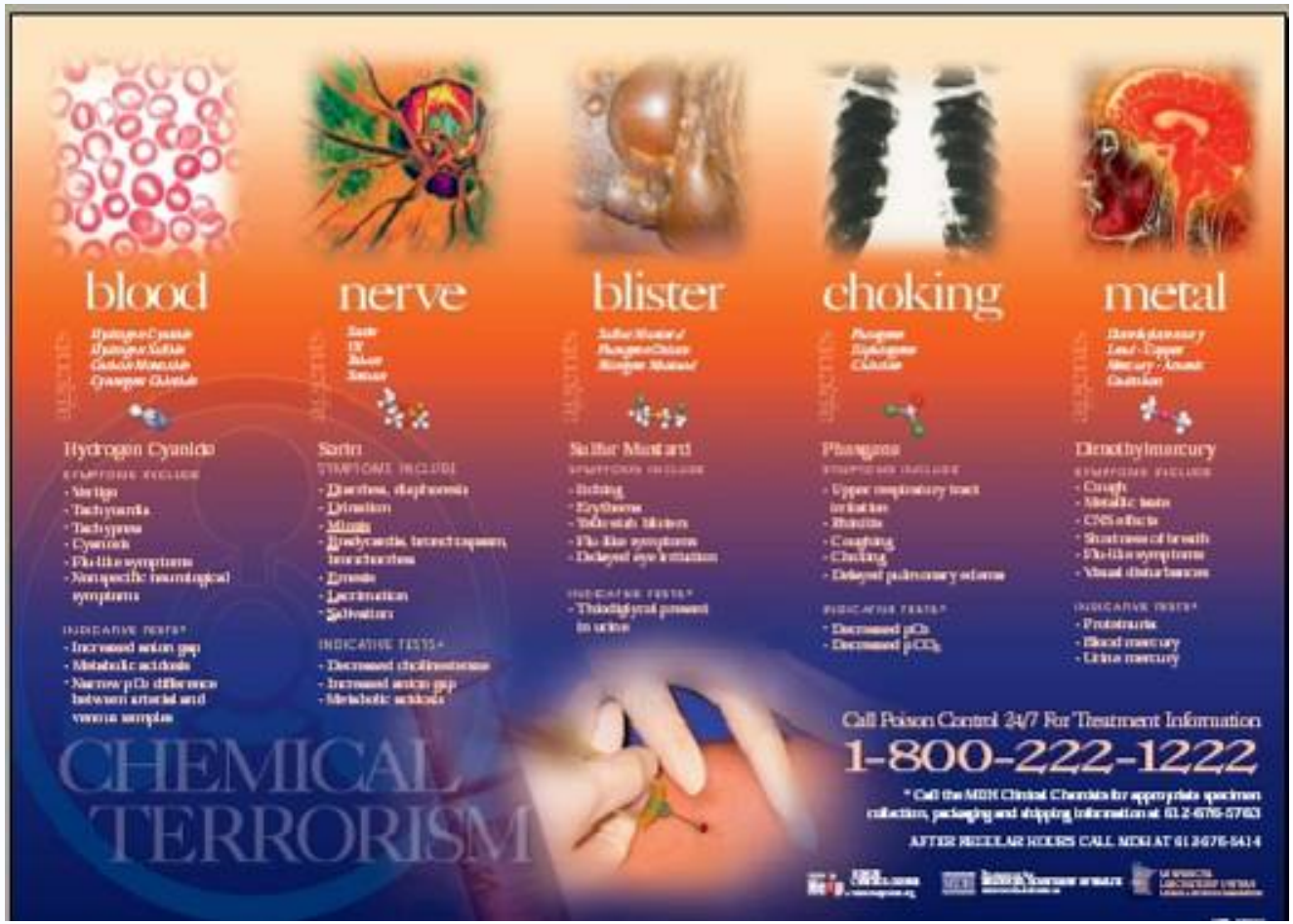


Lessons Learned – PPLIP - Information Technology

- Connecticut
  - Plan a new LIMS compatible with the CT electronic disease surveillance system
- Iowa
  - Implement automated fax system to reduce TAT and complement electronic reporting for reportable disease
  - Survey effectiveness of autofax system
- Nebraska
  - Develop and assess communication using secure information exchange (including image transmission of isolates) using STATpack®
  - Add videoconferencing
  - Conduct “challenge” exercise of an event using a bioterrorism mimic
- Rhode Island
  - Create a centralized clearinghouse for electronic reporting
  - Build capacity to link into the National Electronic Disease Surveillance System

Lessons Learned – PPLIP - Communication

- Arkansas
  - Increase awareness of role of SPHL in 84 hospital-based labs using promotional material and training
- North Dakota
  - Develop and promote SPHL website for laboratory information; post agent specific quizzes and proficiency testing results
- Michigan
  - Promote statewide adoption of glomerular filtration rate calculation to monitor kidney function
  - Improve reporting of diseases identified by non-culture methods (i.e. serology, molecular)

Lessons Learned – PPLIP – Environmental Lab Networks

- Minnesota
  - Improve knowledge and laboratory practices in private and municipal water treatment laboratories
  - Promote epidemiological investigation of coliforms
  - Provide professional development for laboratory personnel
- Wisconsin
  - Establish a public health and environmental protection laboratory system
  - Conduct a survey of laboratory capacity and needs to open dialogue with laboratories
  - Address professional training needs

Lessons Learned – Michigan Integration Program

- Clinical laboratory added or modified an existing procedure due to state laboratory intervention

	Added N (%)	Changed N (%)
GBS Screening of pregnant women	7 (9%)	20 (26%)
GBS AST	9 (12%)	8 (11%)
Vancomycin screening agar for VRSA	45 (59%)	21 (28%)
D-zone test for inducible clindamycin resistance in Staphylococcus	29 (38%)	12 (16%)
Diseases/isolate/test results that are reportable to the state health department	17 (22%)	15 (19%)

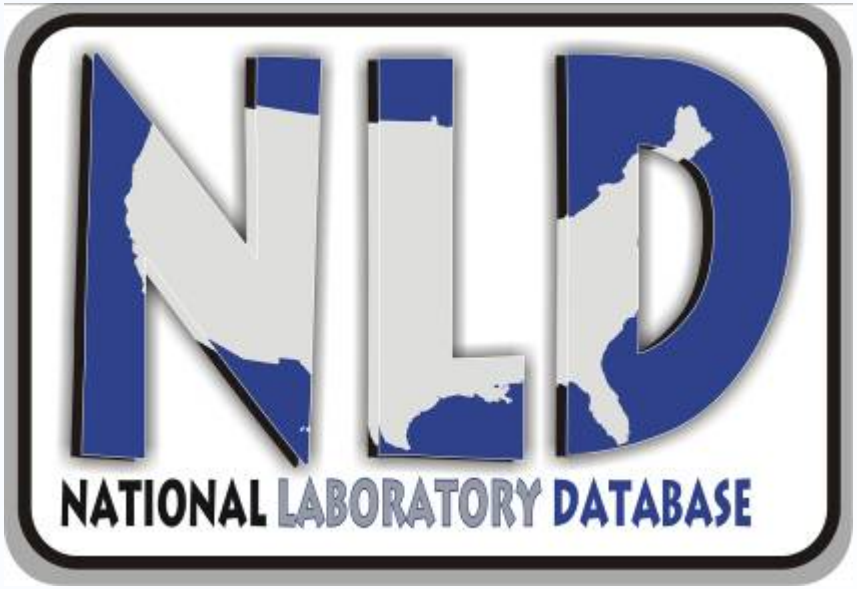
Lessons Learned – Systematic Research - Jon Counts, DrPH

- Laboratory survey
  - Effect of various interventional strategies on AST
  - Utilization of voluntary lab practice guidelines
  - Their opinion of microbiology services provided by the WA laboratory delivery system
- 5000 physicians to be surveyed
  - Use of laboratory practice guidelines
  - ID specialists will be surveyed regarding AST and reporting

Lessons Learned – Systematic Research

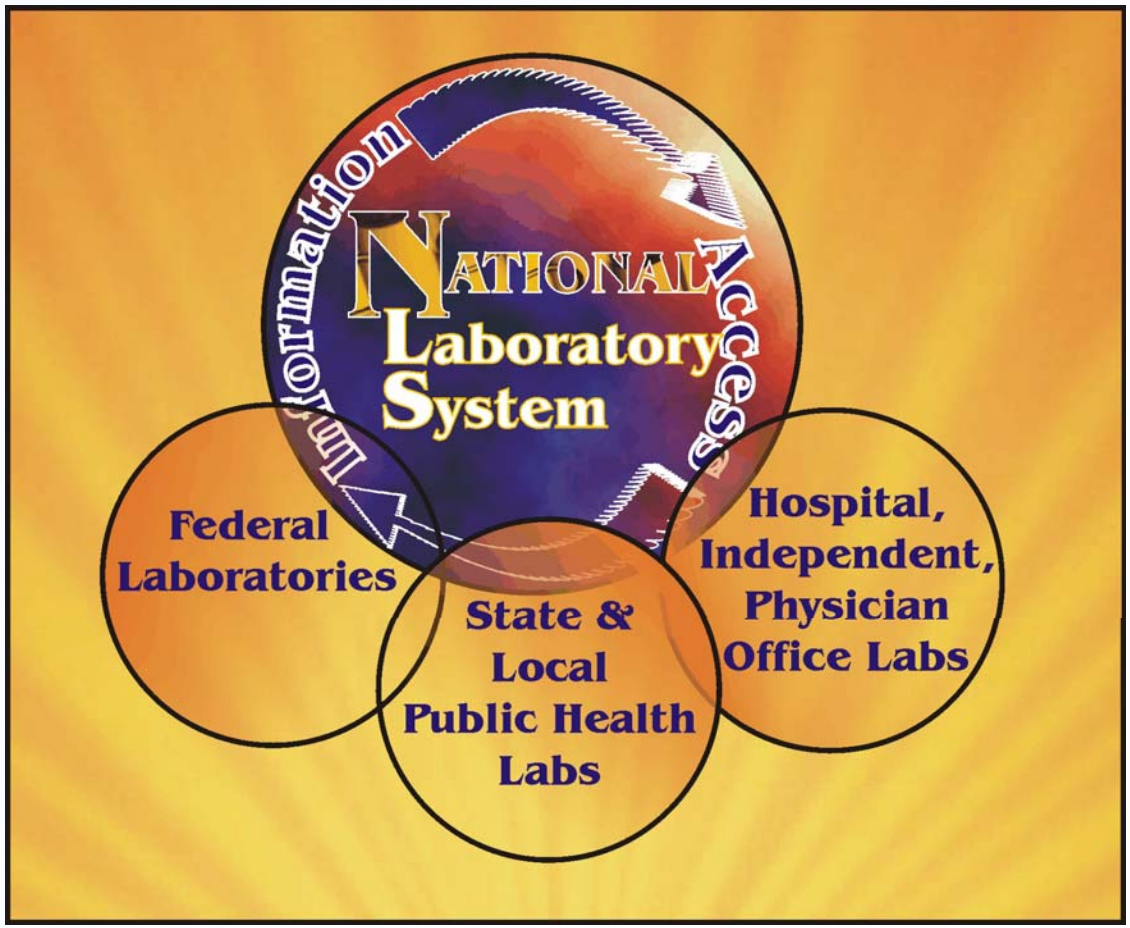
- What factors affect implementation of voluntary guidelines?
- Focus groups to explore why labs can or cannot implement MMWR recommendations for prevention of Perinatal Group B Strept Infection
- Capture general lessons to help CDC and others better craft voluntary guidelines in the future

National Laboratory Database



- Updated OSCAR data
- Searchable online
- Registration information
- Proficiency testing enrollment
- New-
  - Patient Treatment Data
  - Testing Capacity Based upon CPT-coded billing

The Future is Bright



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