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"I had an interview with the Board of Guardians of St. James's parish, on the evening of Thursday, 7th September, and represented the above circumstances to them. In consequence of what I said, the handle of the pump was removed on the following day."

John Snow, 1855

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ANNOUNCEMENT: North Dakota Infection Prevention Conference – April 11-12, 2017

Do you want to refresh and expand your knowledge to have a successful infection prevention and control program? Do you want to network with your peers and subject matter experts while meeting CMS infection preventionist education requirements?

[Register](#) TODAY for North Dakota's first Infection Prevention Conference! Infection preventionists, environmental services, or anyone needing infection prevention and control education is welcome to attend. The conference will take place at the Bismarck Event Center.

The conference fee is \$50 if you register on or before March 28, 2017. The North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) will offer free registration for one infection preventionist from each North Dakota facility! Please contact Faye Salzer at fsalzer@nd.gov for your coupon code prior to registering. Attendees are responsible for travel and hotel accommodations..

For more information, visit the conference website at und.edu/academics/extended-learning/conference-services/infection-prevention/.



Save the Date - Upcoming HIV.STD.TB.Viral Hepatitis Symposium!

Please join us for the upcoming North Dakota & Minnesota HIV.STD.TB.Viral Hepatitis Symposium Sept. 26 to 28, 2017, at the Delta Hotel by Marriott in Fargo. Conference registration will open March 1, 2017.

For more information, please visit www.regonline.com/ndmn2017.

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2016 West Nile Virus Summary

In 2016, 85 cases of West Nile virus (WNV) were reported to the NDDoH (Figure 1). This was a 270 percent increase from the 23 cases reported in 2015 (see Figure 2). 22 of the 85 reported cases met the case definition for West Nile neuroinvasive disease, and 63 cases were classified as West Nile non-neuroinvasive disease. 28 individuals were hospitalized, and two cases were fatal.

Figure 1: Human WNV Disease Cases by County, N.D., 2016

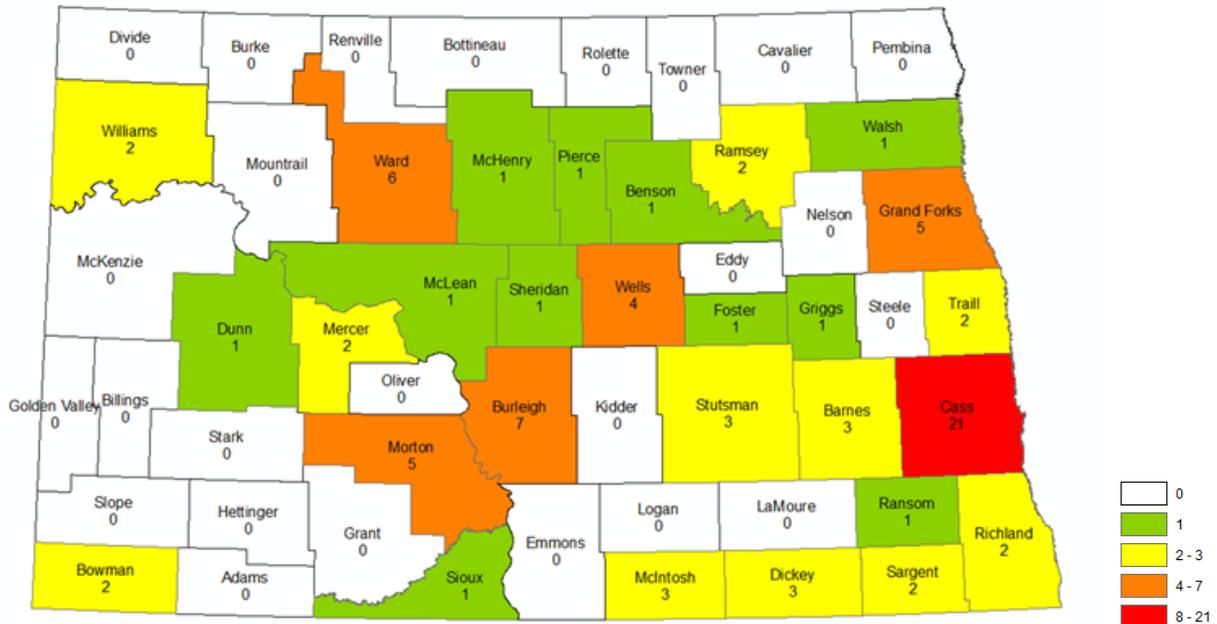
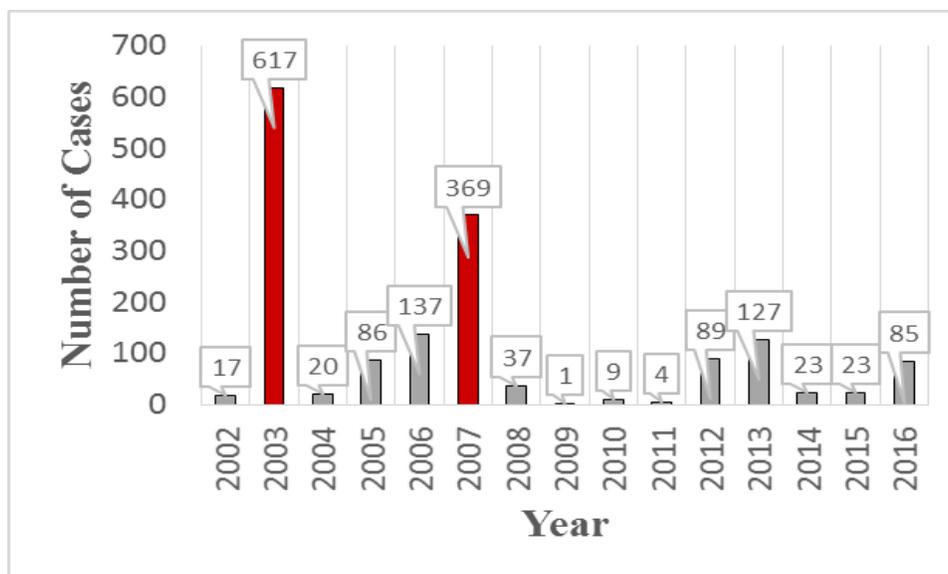


Figure 2: Human WNV Disease Cases by Year, N.D., 2002-2016



The North Dakota Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (NDVDL) tested 26 horses for WNV infection in 2016. Five horses tested positive. One squirrel and two birds also tested positive for WNV at the NDVDL. Four additional birds were identified as testing positive through testing performed by local vector control agencies throughout the state.



Healthcare Associated Hepatitis C Outbreak Final Report now Available

The final report of the investigation into the outbreak of Healthcare Associated Hepatitis in North Dakota is published online at:

www.ndhealth.gov/disease/documents/hepatitis/2016_HepatitisCOutbreak_Report_to_the%20State_Health_Officer.pdf.

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