

**The Northern New England Poison Center
State of New Hampshire
July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014**

Executive Summary

Exposure Calls

- The NNEPC managed more than 11,000 New Hampshire calls; 9,789 were human exposures. The exposures generated more than 9,000 follow-up calls.
- New Hampshire's penetrance was 7.4; the 2012 national penetrance was 7.2.
- About 41% of exposure calls involved children under 6 years of age; 29% involved children 2 years of age or younger. Children under 6 were managed on site in 91% of cases.
- Suspected suicide attempts accounted for 13% of exposures (n = 1,246). This was a 3% decrease from the 2012-13 grant year.
- Substance abuse poisoning-related calls accounted for 3% of exposures (n = 276). This was a 17% decrease from the 2012-13 grant year. The decrease was largely driven by a 34% decrease in cases involving teenage patients.
- Adults age 60 years and older accounted for 9% (n = 830) of exposures. Nationally, this age group accounted for 7% of exposures in 2012.
- The NNEPC responded to 246 calls related to potential hepatitis A exposure in August 2013 on behalf of the NH Department of Health and Human Services.

Poison Information Calls

- The NNEPC answered 824 New Hampshire poison information calls. This was a 15% decrease from the 2012-13 grant year. Information calls are down substantially in the last few grant years as a result of funding cuts that required the NNEPC to stop taking most substance abuse-related information calls.

Education Activities

- The NNEPC provided 27 education sessions and other outreach for the general public, health care providers, educators, the media and others.
- Education activities were funded by a Health Services and Resources Administration grant and focused on older adults, those in rural areas and those with limited English proficiency.