Year in review: communicable disease surveillance, New South Wales, 2006

Presents the trends in reports of notifiable diseases among NSW residents for 2006.

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Enhanced surveillance of hepatitis B infection in inner-western Sydney

A surveillance system for hepatitis B to improve the detection of newly acquired cases and to collect epidemiological data is described.

Bradley L. Forssman, Leena Gupta

Prevalence of Mantoux positivity and annual risk of infection for tuberculosis in Australian prisoners, 1996 and 2001

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Michael H. Levy, Tony G. Butler, Jialun Zhao

Recent substance use and high levels of psychological distress among secondary school students in New South Wales

An analysis of the data from the 2002 NSW School Students Health Behaviours Surveys suggests a significant minority of students appeared to be at high risk.

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A discussion of the potential benefits to injury surveillance through inclusion of date of injury in hospitalisation data in New South Wales and Australia

The availability of a 'date of injury' item in routine hospital separations data in NSW and Australia could provide improved injury surveillance, increasing the value of the information used to support injury prevention and control in NSW and Australia.

Andrew D. Hayen, Soufiane Boufous, James E. Harrison

A review of the efficacy of human Q fever vaccine registered in Australia

Despite the shortcomings of vaccine efficacy studies in this literature review, the Q fever vaccine registered in Australia has considerable protective benefit in established high-risk environments, particularly in occupational settings.

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Q Fever

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