

HTL Annual Report 2008

Maps/Reports Developed:

All documents are available on the Resources Page of the Web Site

1. 2004-2006 City of Houston Fire Department/EMS - compiled a fact sheet and map on transportation-related transports of among patients (<16 y/o) in Houston.
2. 2005-2007 Crash Records Information System (CRIS) - geo-coded data on transportation-related crashes – pedestrian and pedalcyclists (<16 y/o) in Houston and Harris County.
3. TCH Unintentional Injury Surveillance Report 2007. Plan to continue year to year for surveillance. Combined hospital report desired by Coalition members.

Reports under Development:

4. TCH Unintentional Injury Surveillance Report 2008.

Subcommittees

5. Under the leadership of Mary Frost, the HTL is working with the State (TDSHS) in redeveloping the Submersion Data form for reporting of childhood submersion incidents. This is in keeping with the latest WHO definitions of submersion injuries.
6. SWIMMS - Designed a prototype of an online submersion data entry form. Working with data stakeholders – headed by Mary Frost and GETAC.
7. Multi-Institutional abstract presented “Are there any differences between deaths and near deaths in children involved in submersion incidents.” At the NCE, Annual meeting at Boston, MA on October 13, 2008

Community Outreach/Community Grass Roots:

8. Jennifer Jones maintains the Web page for Houston Trauma LINK. The address is: www.bcm.tmc.edu/traumalink. The web page is frequently updated, with meeting information, reports, and activities of the Coalition and Subcommittees. The resources page lists all the reports prepared by HTL and injury-related member organizations’ reports to date.
9. April Pools Day - 2008: Community awareness of childhood submersion injuries and prevention. April Pools Day Planning Committee is a dual subcomponent of Greater Houston Water Safety Coalition Houston/Harris Co. Child Fatality Review Team. Houston Trauma LINK members participate with this event.
10. Partnered with Regional Safety Council of the Houston Galveston Area to develop common strategies relating to child passenger and pedestrian safety.
11. Coordinated with the Regional Safety Council in the distribution of Child Passenger safety toolkits to educate local pediatricians on child passenger safety.
12. Dr Shenoi presented the HTL work (Injury reports, web-site and SWIMMS initiative) to the Texas Pediatric Society on November 2, 2008.
13. TraumaLINK data was used to identify zip codes with the highest frequency of child pedestrian injuries. This information was used to select an area in which to

focus the 2008 Safe Kids Walk This Way and Halloween pedestrian safety outreach efforts.

Projects Under Development or Ongoing (HTL Injury-Related):

14. "Assessment of child passenger safety knowledge among clients of Child Passenger Safety Inspection stations" proposed study with TCHCIP/SafeKids
15. "Trampoline Injuries in children – role of parental supervision with Dr Jacob Weinberg.

Presentations:

16. Dr. Shenoï presented "Safety and Teen Drivers" at Neurology Grand Rounds at Texas Children's Hospital on April 30, 2008.
17. Dr. Shenoï presented talk "EMS and injury surveillance at Regional Safety Council, Houston-Galveston Area on October 10, 2008
18. Dr. Shenoï presented "Boosting Child Passenger Safety" at annual Texas Pediatric Society meeting at The Woodlands on November 2, 2008
19. Rohit Shenoï, MD presented a talk: "Crash and EMS data Linkage: The Houston Trauma Link Experience."
20. Rohit Shenoï, MD presented Research and Surveillance agenda with respect to injury prevention to the Governor's Emergency and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC) for incorporation in their Strategic Plan
21. Seema Patel, MPH presented "Pedestrian Safety and Safe Kids Walk This Way" at the Texas Transportation Institute's 2008 Traffic Safety Conference on November 18, 2008.

Mentorships:

22. Student - Study factors associated with inappropriate belt positioning booster seat use.
23. Fellow - Analysis of ATV crashes in Texas. Ongoing study with Dr Sandhya Sasi.
24. Master's Student – Paper with Ingrid Udriș "Perpetrator characteristics in child abuse homicides"