Nuts & bolts: Evolving Databases for Birth Defects Systems
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Over time Birth Defects registries around the country update their electronic data systems. This session will explore the approach taken by three different states in the evolution of their systems as their needs, requirements and resources changed.

Each state will provide information about their registry model and how decisions were made for "recent" changes to their data systems. The speakers will describe how efficiencies were gained and lessons learned. Items to be covered include:

- Is the data system off the shelf or built from scratch for you?
- Is the data system an “add on” to another system?
- Is the data system actively linked to other systems?
- Case finding or case verification piece when in the hospital
- Issues working through
- What are the pros/cons of the way chosen?
- Lessons learned