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Concurrent Breakout Session B*

Realities of Moving from a Paper Surveillance System to an Online System – Tips for those who want to go there

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In the ongoing and ever present effort to improve birth defect registry efficiency and effectiveness, a program can do small to significant changes. In this session, we will hear from several programs which made a very significant change. Specifically, these programs moved from a system where the data were collected on paper and then entered into the registry to a system where the data are entered directly into the registry. Three programs will describe their experiences with the planning for, transitioning to, and lessons learned when moving from a paper surveillance system to an online system.