

*Tuesday, February 24, 3:30PM-5:00PM  
Concurrent Breakout Session D*

***Remote Access to Electronic Medical Records***

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The era of electronic medical records (EMR) is upon us. As technology advances and health care facilities transition from paper to electronic records, the methods and procedures used by birth defect surveillance staff to access medical records is also changing. Some facilities, using EMR technology, have the ability to grant outside reviewers remote access to medical records. Ms. Phelps, Ms. Dant-Warmerdam, and Ms. Clary will share the experiences their programs have had using remote access. The benefits and barriers for both the hospital and the birth defect surveillance program will be discussed.