



Welcome to *OAHPP Bulletin*, an e-update to keep our partners in the health system informed about OAHPP activities and projects. Updates are also published on our website at www.oahpp.ca, so please be sure to check it regularly.

OAHPP news

2010-13 Strategic Plan We are pleased to present our first three-year [strategic plan](#). The overarching goal of our plan can simply be summed up as helping Ontario have rapid access to the relevant information, knowledge and timely support required to advance the protection and promotion of the health of Ontarians. Through this work, our partners in government, public health and the health system will be able to promote the health of Ontarians and reduce inequities.

OAHPP's **H1N1 seroprevalence study** is now complete. In total, almost 1,600 participants were recruited through a province-wide campaign. The [study](#) was designed to determine risk factors for infection by the pandemic H1N1 flu virus, and to establish Ontario's baseline seroprevalence. This information has important implications for infection control, vaccination policies and future epidemiological research. Lab testing is underway and results should be available towards the end of the month.

Fall H1N1 symposium OAHPP hosted a scientific session, *Preparing for the fall flu season*, on September 21. If you missed the symposium, all the speakers' presentations are [available on our website](#).

Wind turbines and health On September 10, OAHPP's Dr. Ray Copes, director of Occupational and Environmental Health, presented a discussion on wind energy and potential health concerns. You can view his *Wind Turbines and Health* [presentation](#) on our website if you were unable to attend.

Building our organization

New staff OAHPP continues to build its leadership and support staff. Our new chief human resources officer, [Venita Indewey](#), joined OAHPP on September 28 and in her new role, will develop and implement a comprehensive human resources strategy and operational infrastructure for OAHPP.

Looking ahead

Ontario HPV vaccine experience forum In partnership with the [Gairdner Foundation](#) and Cancer Care Ontario (CCO), OAHPP will be presenting *From evidence to practice: the Ontario HPV vaccine experience* on October 30, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The purpose of the forum is to provide an opportunity for a multi-disciplinary group of Ontario public health leaders, policy-makers and research leaders to engage in discussion with internationally-recognized HPV scientists regarding policy and research directions to prevent and control HPV and HPV-related disease.

Speakers include:

- Dr. George Pasut, vice-president, Prevention and Screening, Cancer Care Ontario (CCO)
- Dr. Harald zur Hausen, German Cancer Research Centre, Heidelberg
- Dr. Nubia Munoz, National Cancer Institute, Bogota, Colombia

The event is by invitation only, but will be available by teleconference. For more information, please visit <http://hpv.eventbrite.com>

Developing the OAHPP website

We've been hard at work redesigning our website to make it a friendlier and more useful resource for you, our partners in government and public health as well as those who provide health services. Please be sure to keep visiting www.oahpp.ca as we will be launching our new website soon.

OAHPP welcomes your comments, questions and suggestions at info@oahpp.ca or send a letter to:

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