

Michigan Disease Surveillance System Syndromic Surveillance Project

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Project Overview

- Objective - rapidly detect unusual outbreaks of illness resulting from either naturally occurring or intentional events that pose potential public health threats and emergencies
- Using Real-time Outbreak Detection System (RODS) developed by the University of Pittsburgh
- Participants
 - 9 Pilot Sites - at least one pilot site in each of the 8 emergency preparedness regions
 - MDCH - Office of Public Health Preparedness
 - MDCH – Bureau of Epidemiology
 - Michigan Department of Information Technology
 - Altarum Institute



Project Overview (Continued)

- MDCH and participants exchange data in real-time using Virtual Private Networks (VPNs) to secure the data and HL-7 as the messaging format. This messaging is a type that is used routinely in healthcare.
- Each message consists of:
 - Patient date of birth, sex, Home ZIP code
 - Visit date, time, and class (ER, Urgent Care, etc.)
 - Chief Complaint
 - Data exchange and acknowledgement information



Project Overview (Continued)

- Currently receiving approximately 2500 emergent care registrations per day (primarily ED, some urgent care)
- Only State and Regional Epidemiologists can view the data



Project Overview (Concluded)

How does it work?

1. Patient registers with basic demographic info and “reason for visit” or “chief complaint”
2. Registration triggers a message with the necessary information which is sent securely to MDCH in Lansing
 - No changes necessary to your registration process
 - The message is not unlike other messages you currently send to your internal and external partners
3. Chief complaint is classified into one of 7 syndromic categories
4. Detection algorithm runs every hour and an email alert is sent to State and Regional epidemiologists if a deviation is detected
5. State and Regional epidemiologists can view charts, maps and registration data online



Why Participate?

- It's easy – no changes to the registration process
- Help MI provide timely recognition of an emerging infectious disease or deliberate release of a biological agent
- JCAHO Accreditation –
 1. Provides evidence of adherence with JCAHO 2005 Infection Control Standard IC.6.10
 2. EC.4.10 The hospital addresses emergency management.
 3. IM Planning IM.1.10 The hospital plans and designs information management processes to meet internal and external information needs.



Needed To Participate

- Capture the following data elements electronically:
 - Patient birth date, gender, home zipcode
 - Visit date and time
 - Chief complaint
- Ability to send this data across the Internet
 - Preferred method: HL-7 format secured via a Virtual Private Network (VPN)
 - Alternative: Formatted flat file sent periodically via Secure FTP (or other secure method)



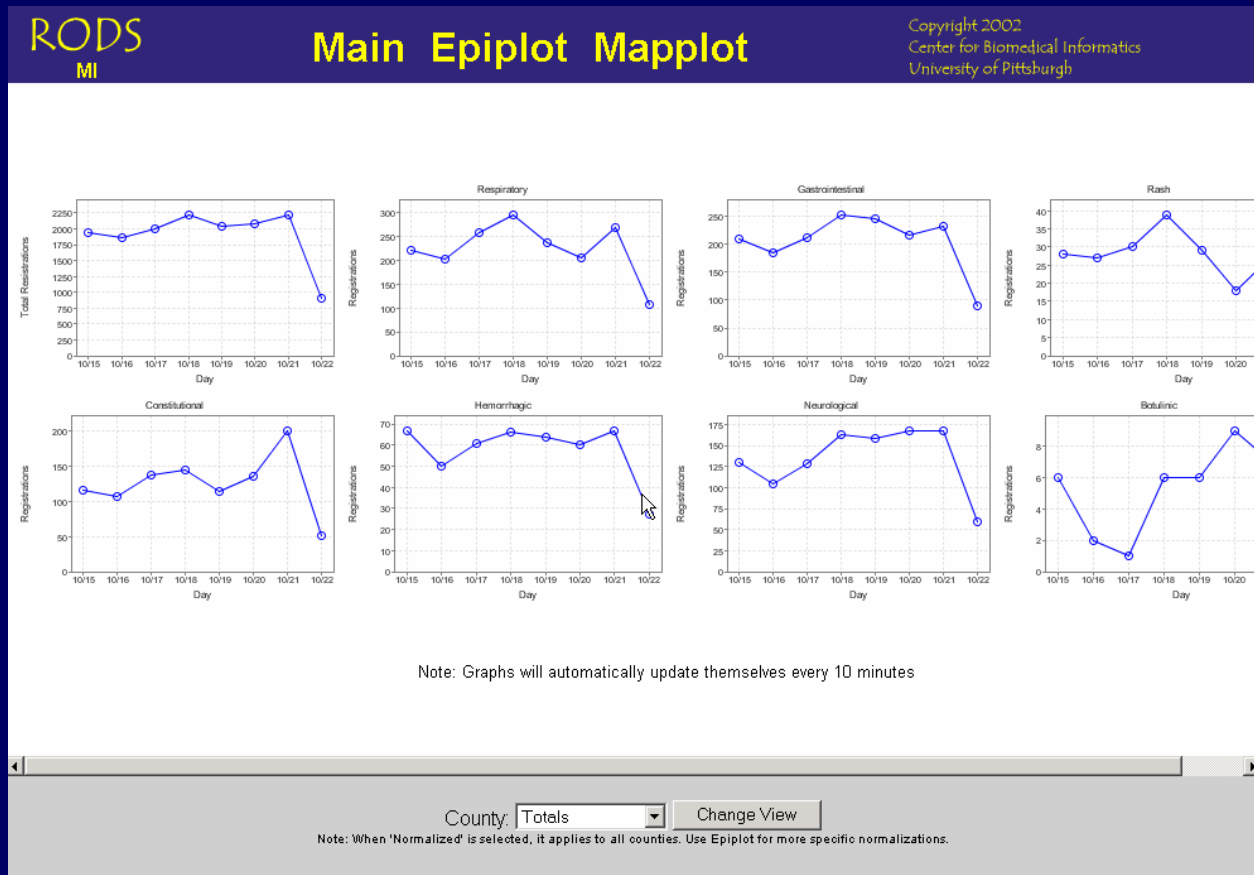
Needed To Participate (Continued)

- Signed Data Use Agreement
- Contact information needed by facility:
 - Project leader, Interface person (message contents), and Network engineer
 - One person could fill multiple roles



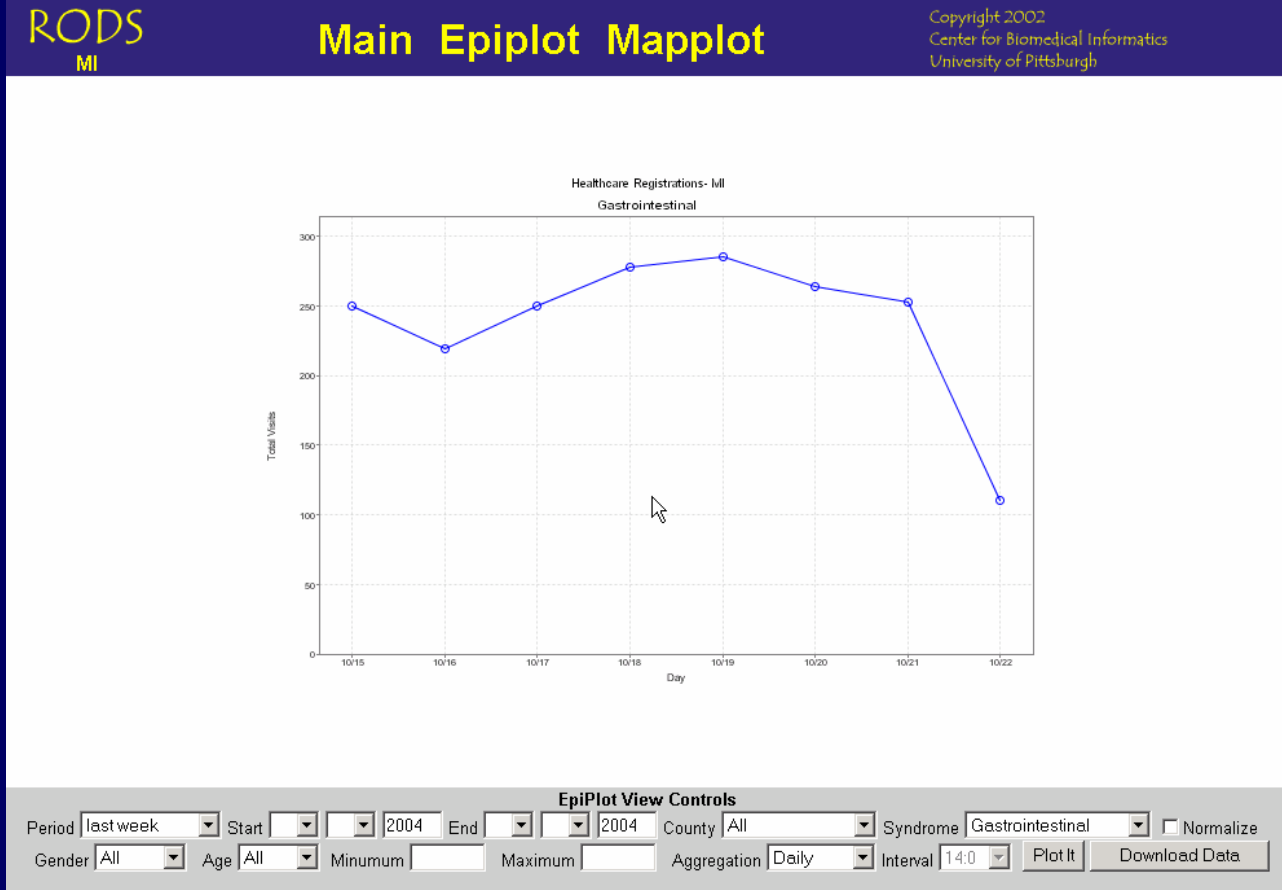
Screen Shot – Main Screen

Available to Regional and State Epidemiologists



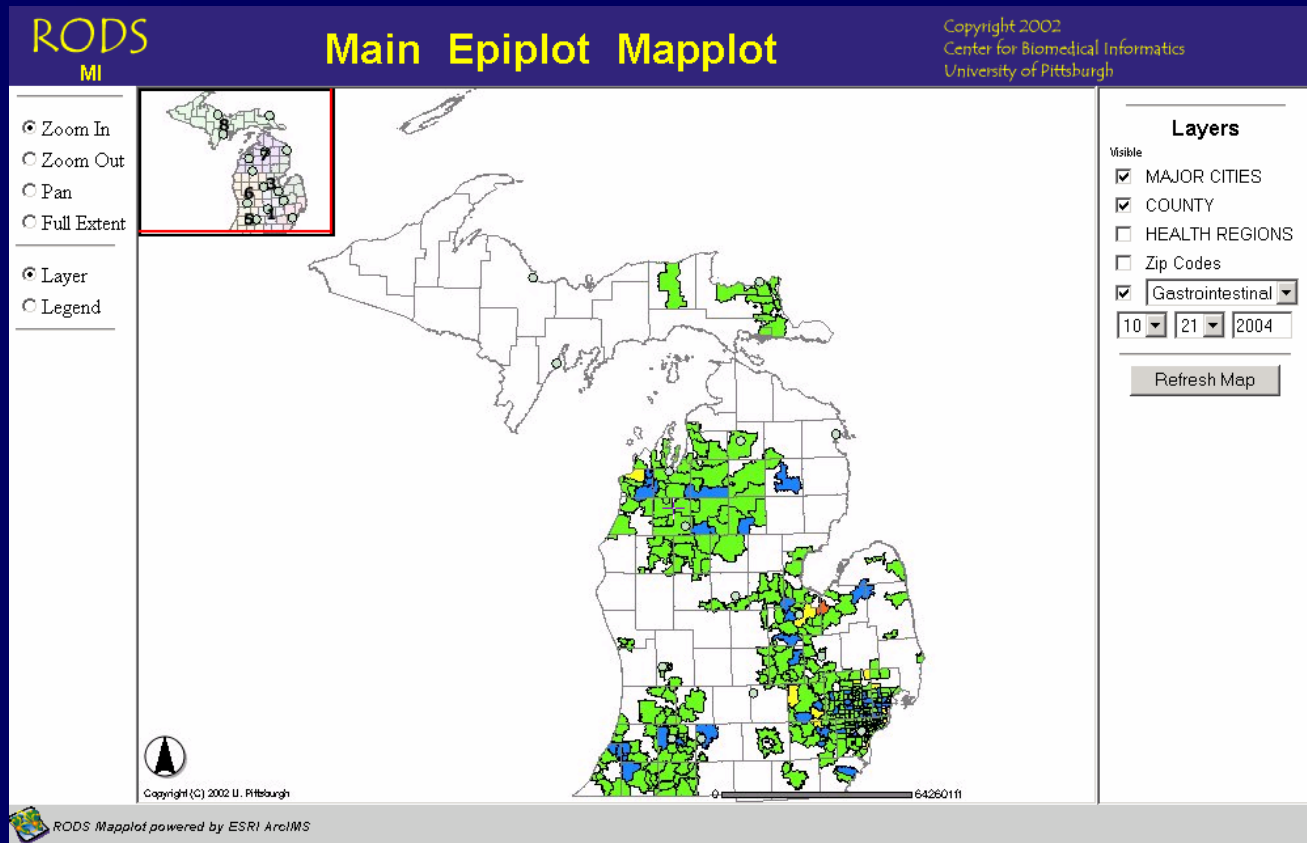
Screen Shot – EpiPlot Screen

Available to Regional and State Epidemiologists



Screen Shot – MapPlot Screen

Available to Regional and State Epidemiologists



Future Initiatives

- Add more emergent care reporting facilities:
 - hospitals
 - rural and migrant health agencies
- Addition of Poison Control Call Center Data
- Addition of Nurse Telephone Triage Data
- System Improvements for data analysis :
 - Facility-based charting and mapping
 - Easier alert viewing



More Information

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Questions?

