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What's Going on Regarding Birth Defects

From Pregnancy and Birth Defects Task Force, CDC Zika Virus Response Team: Videos on measuring head circumference: Measuring Infant Head Circumference highlights the importance of measuring infant head circumference in the same way, consistently, to accurately identify if an infant has microcephaly. This is especially important in the midst of the Zika outbreak because correctly identifying infants who may have Zika-associated microcephaly can help health authorities connect them to the services they need. The video features a step-by-step demonstration of the recommended techniques for accurately measuring and recording infant head circumference and length. It is available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#), and can be found on these CDC webpages, in addition to YouTube:

- [Zika Training for Healthcare Providers](#)
- [Clinical Guidance for Healthcare Providers Caring for Infants and Children](#)
- [Zika Virus Infection and Microcephaly](#)

For additional information on caring for infants with possible congenital Zika virus infection, visit the [clinical guidance](#) section of CDC's Zika website.



27th International Conference on Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus – Turning Points

2016, held in Ghent (Belgium) on October 28-30, 2016. Full information at <http://www.ifglobal.org/en/37-temp-news/4797-registrations-are-open-for-the-27th-international-conference-on-spina-bifida-and-hydrocephalus>

News from the ICBDSR Centre and Executive Committee

43rd ICBDSR Annual Meeting and Gastroschisis Workshop (Magdeburg, Germany – September 18-21, 2016): On behalf of the Planning Committee of the 43rd Annual Meeting of the ICBDSR and Gastroschisis Workshop, we want to express our gratitude to lecturers, invited speakers, abstract presenters and to all the participants in both events. The meeting was very successful, and the organization by Dr. Anke Rissmann and her team in Magdeburg was excellent.



World Birth Defects Day – 2017 Edition: the Charter organizations of the World Birth Defects Day (WBDD) had their meeting in Magdeburg, before the ICBDSR Annual Meeting. The group is enthusiastically planning the 2017 Edition of the World Birth Defects Day (2017 WBDD), for next March 3, as usual. The participant Organization in the last year's Edition have been contacted in order to confirm their willingness to be one of the WBDD Participating Organizations also for the 2017 Edition of the WBDD.