



**Master of Public
Health Program**

PUBLIC HEALTH



Grand Rounds Series 2008-2009

NH Health Data at Your Fingertips!

Tuesday, February 17th, 4:30-5:30 PM

**Room 7, Center for Graduate & Professional Studies,
UNH Manchester, 286 Commercial Street, Manchester, NH**

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Lecture Objectives

Participants will be able to:

1. Understand the history of NH HealthWRQS
2. Access reports in the website library
3. Request reports from www.nhhealthwrqs.org
4. Understand future plans for NH HealthWRQS

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http://www.chhs.unh.edu/hmp/grandround_regform.html or call 862-2733.

Biography of Josephine Porter, MPH

Josephine Porter, MPH, serves as a project director for the NH Institute for Health Policy and Practice. Jo joined the Institute in December 2007. She is responsible for overall management of the CDC Assessment Initiative grant, a joint project with the NH Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). In addition to overseeing the general progress of the project, Jo is specifically working on the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) and performance measures focal areas of the project. She also works on other health data related projects for the Institute, including with the Regional All-Payer Health Information Council (RAPHIC). Jo brings several years of health care-related project management and program development experience to the Institute. She was most recently the manager of clinical programs at Health Dialog, Inc., a care management firm with offices in Manchester, NH. She also previously served as the Associate Director of the New Hampshire Health Information Center at UNH, and was the NH BRFSS state coordinator for the NH DHHS. Her research interests are in health data collection and dissemination, as well as health care quality.

Biography of Amy Costello, MPH

Amy Costello is a Project Director at the New Hampshire Institute for Health Policy and Practice. She works closely with the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services on a number of health data-related projects. She is assisting in the revision of the Hospital Discharge Data collection rules and also provides support to the NH HealthWRQS Project (web-based reporting and query system), a DHHS initiative to make consumer community health information more accessible to community health professionals. She is managing the development of a claims data module for HealthWRQS with funding from the CDC Assessment Initiative. Amy provides support for RAPHIC, Regional All-Payer Health Information Council, and for various projects for the Citizens Health Initiative. In addition, she coordinated the development and instruction of "Prove It" a Data 101 course for community health data users.