



The Reporter

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News and Tips for the DRSi User

Monthly Disease Surveillance Training “ESSENCE” (25 Oct 2016)

Learning Objectives:

1. Describe how to use ESSENCE to understand your population
2. Describe ways to optimally configure ESSENCE for routine surveillance
3. Describe how to use ESSENCE to track current public health events

Get your **CME/CNE credits** with us! Contact the DRSi Helpdesk or visit our website at <http://go.usa.gov/3K5kz> for instructions on how to register. Don't forget to obtain your certificate for the trainings you attended in FY16.

What's in the News?

What can ESSENCE do for you? Syndromic surveillance using ESSENCE is useful in quickly assessing public health threats from large outbreaks and assisting with timely recognition of select reportable medical events. Regular monitoring allows you to learn what to expect in your population. Some “noise” is unavoidable but you will learn to look past this.

Got a command SOP that includes ESSENCE? A command SOP can help standardize your approach to ESSENCE and how it fits into your daily surveillance and reporting activities. The SOP can include monitoring routine, investigation of alerts and reportable events, matching ESSENCE reportable events with what is reported in DRSi, and communication pathways with your lab, providers, and chain of command. If you don't have as SOP, consider creating one!

DRSi Tip of the Month

Upgraded to IE11? If your internet explorer was recently upgraded and certain pop-ups in DRSi aren't functioning, try viewing it in compatibility mode. Within internet explorer, go to Tools, click on Compatibility View Settings, and add the website to your list.

Contact the DRSi Helpdesk

Contact the helpdesk for assistance with DRSi, suggestions for future newsletters, ideas for improvement, or any other feedback on the system.

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Connect to “ ESSENCE”

- ◆ **DCS Link:** <https://conference.apps.mil/webconf/ESSENCEOctober>
- ◆ **Times:** 0900ET, 1500ET, & 1700ET
- ◆ **Dial-in:** COMM: (210) 249-4234, DSN: 421-3272, Overseas DSN (312)
- ◆ **Access Codes:**
 - 0900ET: 92726#
 - 1500ET: 91200#
 - 1700ET: 70976#

DRSi Resources

- ◆ **Policy and Guidance:** <http://go.usa.gov/3KdE5>
- ◆ **NMCPHC Influenza Surveillance Advisory:** <http://go.usa.gov/3e8uQ>
- ◆ **NMCPHC ESSENCE webpage:** <http://go.usa.gov/3ePJ4>