



What is the Muscular Dystrophy Surveillance, Tracking and Research Network (MD STARnet)?

A CDC-funded program established in 2002 to collect vital data on muscular dystrophy (MD) for improving patient care.

Goals of MD STARnet

- Identify geographical distribution of MD patients and their access to care
- Describe the natural history and treatment factors of various MDs
- Monitor adherence to care standards
- Share findings with service providers and policy makers

How does DPH support MD STARnet's Goals?

DPH conducts long-term, population-based surveillance of 8 types of MD to better understand health outcomes and address health disparities. To gather accurate and comprehensive information, MD STARnet uses multiple sources, including:

- **Healthcare facilities** where individuals with MD receive care
- **Administrative datasets** such as hospital discharge records and vital records

All information collected is used to identify opportunities to improve the health of individuals living with muscular dystrophies.



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