

VeCalifornia Area Indian Health Service & the IHS Clinical Support Center (Accredited Provider)

California Healthcare Best Practices Education Webinar Series

Vector Borne Disease

Monday, April 20, 2026 | 1:00pm – 2:00pm

Register here: <https://ihs.gov.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/Roj4AqAYRNiPP5W91pJYkw>

Target Audience:

Physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, behavioral health professionals, pharmacists, social workers, dietitians, health information management professionals, clinic support staff, GPRA coordinators, community outreach professionals, Tribal Leaders, healthcare program directors, other healthcare teams and interested community members

Presenter:

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Description

This webinar will provide an overview of the current landscape of vector-borne diseases in California, including regional and seasonal trends, diagnosis, and available resources. Participants will review the transmission cycles, risk factors, signs and symptoms, and prevention strategies for selected diseases—plague, hantavirus, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, and Chagas disease—with attention to impacts in Tribal and Urban Indian communities and application to local-level practice.

Overall Series Learning Outcomes/Objectives:

1. Incorporate updated medical best practices related to specific GPRA performance measures and IHS initiatives to improve clinical outcomes.
2. Implement new tools and techniques to communicate and engage with patients.
3. Utilize health information technology tools to improve documentation of care.

Instructions for Obtaining Continuing Education (CE) Credit:

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ACCREDITATION:



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Interprofessional Teams



This activity was planned by and for the health care team, and learners will receive up to 1.0 Interprofessional Continuing Education (IPCE) credits for learning and change.

Physicians

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This live activity provides 1.0 hours of knowledge-based pharmacy continuing education credit with the Universal Activity Number JA4008177-0000-26-007-L99-P.

Credit will be uploaded to the NABP CPE Monitor within 30 days after the activity completion. It is the responsibility of the pharmacist to provide the correct information (NABP ID and DOB (MMDD) in order to receive credit.

Nurses

This activity is designated 1.0 contact hour for each hour of participation.

Social Workers



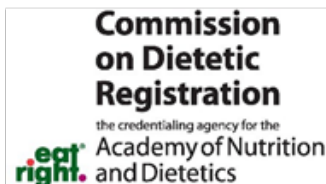
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Psychologists



Continuing Education (CE) credits for psychologists are provided through the co-sponsorship of the American Psychological Association (APA) Office of Continuing Education in Psychology (CEP) and the IHS Clinical Support Center. The IHS Clinical Support Center maintains responsibility for the content of the program. Psychologists completing this course receive 1.0 continuing education credit.

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RDs and DTRs are to select activity type 102 in their Activity Logs.

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