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Linda R. Washington, M.S., is Chief of the Records-Based Statistics Section in the Data Dissemination Branch of the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), an agency of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. She completed a Master's of Science degree in Public Relations from American University in Washington, D. C. She has also completed the Graduate Program in Epidemiology from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. In her current position, Ms. Washington's primary task is communicating the programs, services, and activities of NCHS to a variety of audiences. She is part of a committee that oversees the Internet activity at NCHS. She has been one of the major coordinators of NCHS' Data User Conference, which attracts over 1,000 participants. Ms. Washington joined NCHS in 1979 and since that time, she has served in a number of marketing and public relations positions. She co-authored two NCHS reports and has presented posters at several health related conferences, including the Epidemiology Society of America and the American Sociological Association. She has held memberships in the Population Association of America, the Public Relations Society of America, and the National Association of Government Communicators. She is married to Ernest S. Washington. They have two adult children.

Paul J. Placek, PhD

Dr. Placek has been a Statistician at the National Center for Health Statistics since 1974. He is a Senior Statistician in the Data Standards Branch of the Office of the Center Director, NCHS/CDC. His B.A. and M.S. degrees are from Florida State University and his PhD is from Vanderbilt University with concentrations in Biostatistics, Medical Sociology, and Demography. He worked for 18 years managing NCHS's national vital records followback surveys, conducting methodological, natality, and mortality studies. He has authored or coauthored nearly 100 scientific papers and books (including Predicting Fertility published by Lexington Books), and he has taught graduate level Demography and Medical Sociology at the University of Maryland, Catholic University, and Vanderbilt. Since 1992, he has worked on revision of the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF), which was approved by WHO's World Health Assembly in May 2001. With the ICD (International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision), the ICD and ICF comprise WHO's Family of International Classifications. Paul has the lead on ICF work in North America under Marjorie Greenberg, who is the Head, WHO Collaborating Centre for the Family of International Classifications in North America. Paul is an architect of the "NACC" (North American Collaborating Center) ICF meetings, and the ninth such meeting is planned for St. Louis June 17-19, 2003. He is the NCHS/CDC Project Officer on a number of ICF contracts and projects including the ICF Clearinghouse, DISTAB, CODE ICF, ICF Videos, and Teaching with ICF in North American Universities. He helped host the first ICF revision meeting held in Washington, D.C. in 1993 and also helped host the October 2001 Meeting of Heads WHO Collaborating Centres for the Family of International Classifications (ICD/ICF) held in Bethesda, Maryland. One a personal note, his hobbies include building custom cars and streetrods plus homework

projects/cubscouts/soccer/little league activities of his seven-year-old son Vincent. He has been married to Rebecca for 25 years.