

## National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP)

Chronic diseases—such as heart disease, cancer, and diabetes—are the leading causes of death and disability in the United States, accounting for 70 percent of all deaths in the United States, which is 1.7 million each year. These diseases also cause major limitations in daily living for almost one out of ten Americans. Adopting healthy behaviors such as eating nutritious foods, being physically active, and avoiding tobacco use can prevent or control the devastating effects of these diseases.

NCCDPHP is at the forefront of the nation's efforts to prevent and control chronic diseases. The center conducts studies to better understand the causes of these diseases, supports programs to promote healthy behaviors, and monitors the health of the nation through surveys. Critical to the success of these efforts are partnerships with state health and education agencies, voluntary associations, private organizations, and other federal agencies. Together, the center and its partners are working to create a healthier nation.

**Mission.** The mission of NCCDPHP is to lead efforts that promote health and well-being through prevention and control of chronic diseases.

**Strategic Priorities.** NCCDPHP focuses on the following strategic priorities:

- ▶ **Focus on Well-Being:** Increase emphasis on promoting health and preventing risk factors, thereby reducing the onset of chronic health conditions.
- ▶ **Health Equity:** Leverage program and policy activities, build partner capacities, and establish tailored interventions to help eliminate health disparities.
- ▶ **Research Translation:** Accelerate the translation of scientific findings into community practice to protect the health of people where they live, work, learn, and play.
- ▶ **Policy Promotion:** Promote social, environmental, policy, and systems approaches that support healthy living for individuals, families, and communities.
- ▶ **Workforce Development:** Develop a skilled, diverse, and dynamic public health workforce and network of partners to promote health and prevent chronic disease at the national, state, and local levels.

**Activities.** NCCDPHP supports a variety of activities that improve the nation's health by preventing chronic diseases and their risk factors. Program activities include one or more of our major functions: supporting states' implementation of public health programs; public health surveillance; translation research; and developing tools and resources for stakeholders at the national, state, and community levels. Our major program areas are as follows:

- ▶ Arthritis
- ▶ Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System
- ▶ Cancer Control
- ▶ Diabetes
- ▶ Epilepsy
- ▶ Genomics
- ▶ Global Health
- ▶ Healthy Aging
- ▶ Healthy Youth
- ▶ Heart Disease and Stroke
- ▶ Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity
- ▶ Oral Health
- ▶ Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant
- ▶ Prevention Research Centers
- ▶ Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH)
- ▶ Reproductive Health
- ▶ Steps Program
- ▶ Tobacco
- ▶ Well-Integrated Screening and Evaluation for Women Across the Nation (WISEWOMAN)

### **Chronic Disease Cost Calculator**

<http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/resources/calculator.htm>:

A downloadable tool that generates state estimates for Medicaid spending on treating six chronic diseases: Congestive Heart Failure, Heart Disease, Stroke, Hypertension, Cancer, and Diabetes. The calculator also estimates how much each state spends on treating these six diseases within its Medicaid population.