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Federal Government Agencies

Office of the Associate Director for Minority Health

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
1600 Clifton Road, Atlanta, GA 30333
Phone: 404-639-7210
Web site: <http://www.cdc.gov/od/admh>

The mission of the Office of the Associate Director for Minority Health is to improve the health of African American, Pacific Islander, Hispanic American, Native American, and Alaska Native citizens and, where appropriate, similar ethnic/racial subgroups both in and out of the United States.

Office of Minority Health

The Tower Building
1101 Wootton Parkway, Suite 600
Rockville, MD 20852
Phone: 240-453-2882 / Fax: 240-453-2883
Web site: <http://www.omhrc.gov>

Mailing Address:
Resource Center
P.O. Box 37337
Washington, DC 20013-7337

The Office of Minority Health works to improve collection and analyses of data on the health of racial and ethnic minority populations, and it monitors efforts to achieve Healthy People 2010 goals for minority health.

The Office of Minority Health Resource Center

Division of Information and Education
1101 Wootton Parkway, Suite 650
Rockville, MD 20852
Phone: 800-444-6472
Web site: <http://www.omhrc.gov>

The Office of Minority Health Resource Center was established to assist in the exchange of information and analysis of minority health issues. The center collects and distributes information on a wide variety of health topics and facilitates the exchange of information on minority health issues.

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute

NHLBI Office of the Director
P.O. Box 30105
Bethesda, MD 20824-0105
Phone: 301-592-8573 / Fax: 240-629-3246
Web site: <http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/index.htm>

The National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute is a national program dedicated to research related to the causes, prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of heart, blood vessel, lung, and blood diseases, and sleep disorders.

Indian Health Service

Chief, Special Initiative Branch
Division of Legislation and Regulations
Parklawn Building, Room 6-05
5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, MD 20857
Phone: 301-443-1083 / Fax: 301-443-4794
Web site: <http://www.ihs.gov>

The Indian Health Service (IHS) is an agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that is responsible for providing federal health services to American Indians and Alaska Natives. The IHS is the principal federal health care provider and health advocate for Indian people, and its goal is to ensure that comprehensive, culturally acceptable personal and public health services are available and accessible to American Indian and Alaska Native people.

National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities

National Institutes of Health
6707 Democracy Blvd, Suite 800
Bethesda, MD 20892-5465
Phone: 301-402-1366 / Fax: 301-480-4049
Web site: <http://www.ncmhd.nih.gov>

The mission of the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NCMHD) is to promote minority health and to lead, coordinate, support, and assess the NIH effort to reduce and ultimately eliminate health disparities.

In this effort, NCMHD will conduct and support basic, clinical, social, and behavioral research; promote research infrastructure and training; foster emerging programs; disseminate information; and reach out to minority communities and other population groups with health disparities.

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Center for Financing, Access, and Cost Trends
John M. Eisenberg Building
540 Gaither Road
Rockville, MD 20850
Phone: 301-427-1406 / Fax: 301-427-1276
Web site: <http://www.ahrq.gov>

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) was established in 1989 as the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research. Reauthorizing legislation passed in November 1999 established AHRQ as the lead federal agency on quality research. AHRQ, part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is the lead agency charged with supporting research designed to improve the quality of health care, reduce its cost, and broaden access to essential services.

AHRQ's broad programs of research bring practical, science-based information to medical practitioners and to consumers and other health care purchasers.

Office of Research on Minority Health

National Institutes of Health
Building 1, Room 258
1 Center Drive, MSC 0164
Bethesda, MD 20892-0164
Phone: 301-402-1366 / Fax: 301-402-7040

The Office of Research on Minority Health (ORMH) was founded in 1999 by the National Institutes of Health in order to help solve research questions that result from the disparity of health status among Americans. The ORMH mission is to support and promote biomedical research aimed at improving the health status of minority Americans across the lifespan and programs aimed at expanding the participation of underrepresented minorities in all aspects of biomedical and behavioral research.

Minority Health Organizations

Association of Minority Health Professions Schools, Inc.

1190 West Druid Hills Drive, Suite T-50
Atlanta, GA 30329
Phone: 678-904-4217 / Fax: 678-904-4518
Toll-free: 877-895-0902
E-mail: info@minorityhealth.org
Web site: <http://www.minorityhealth.org>

The mission of the Association of Minority Health Professions Schools (AMHPS) is to engage the collective resources, scholarship, and technology of its member institutions to facilitate and promote optimum health among poor and minority people.

The AMHPS works to improve the health status of African Americans, underrepresented minorities, and the underserved; increase the representation of well-qualified African American and underrepresented minorities in the health professions; and strengthen member institutions and programs, as well as other programs throughout the nation. These efforts are intended to improve the role of minorities in the provision of health care.

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

4805 Mt. Hope Drive
Baltimore, MD 21215
Phone: 410-358-8900 / Fax: 410-486-9255
Web site: <http://www.naacp.org>

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is the oldest, largest, and strongest civil rights organization in the United States. The principal objective of the NAACP is to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of minority group citizens of the United States. The NAACP is committed to nonviolence and relies upon the press, the petition, and the ballot to fulfill its mission.

African American Health Organizations

Association of Black Cardiologists

5355 Hunter Road
Atlanta, GA 30349
Phone: 404-201-6600 / Fax: 404-201-6601
Toll-free: 800-753-9222
Web site: <http://www.abcardio.org>

The mission of the Association of Black Cardiologists is to unite health providers, particularly those who provide cardiovascular care to African Americans, as a group to promote primary prevention and culturally sensitive clinical management of cardiovascular diseases and to improve quality of life for African Americans.

Association of Black Psychologists

P.O. Box 55999
Washington, DC 20040-5999
Phone: 202-722-0808 / Fax: 202-722-5941
Web site: <http://www.abpsi.org>

The Association of Black Psychologists is an independent, not-for-profit organization of more than 1,400 members. Its goal is to have a positive impact on the mental health of the national black community through planning, programs, services, training, and advocacy.

International Society on Hypertension in Blacks

157 Summit View Drive
McDonough, GA 30253
Phone: 404-880-0343 / Fax: 404-880-0347
Web site: <http://www.ishib.org>

The International Society on Hypertension in Blacks (ISHIB) is a not-for-profit, professional, medical membership society devoted to improving the health and life expectancy of ethnic populations. ISHIB was founded in 1986 to respond to the problem of high blood pressure among ethnic groups. Its organizational scope includes diabetes, stroke, lipid disorders, renal disease, and other related cardiovascular diseases.

National Black Nurses Association

8630 Fenton Street, Suite 330
Silver Spring, MD 20910-3803
Phone: 301-589-3200 / Fax: 301-589-3223
Toll-free: 800-575-6298
Web site: <http://www.nbna.org>

The National Black Nurses Association (NBNA) was founded to develop a better health care system for black people, with black nurses and other nurses of color playing a prominent role in the system. The NBNA encourages African American nurses to take the lead in order to make a difference in the quality of life in communities of color.

National Association of Black Social Workers

P.O. Box 02623
Detroit, MI 48202
Phone: 313-758-0150
Web site: <http://abswofgreaterdetroit.org>

The National Association of Black Social Workers was formed in response to issues related to providing human services in the black community, educating social workers for effective service in the black community, and providing opportunities for participation of black social workers in the social welfare arena.

National Medical Association

1012 10th Street NW
Washington, DC 20001
Phone: 202-347-1895 / Fax: 202-842-3293
Web site: <http://www.nmanet.org/index.asp>

The National Medical Association is committed to preventing the diseases, disabilities, and adverse health conditions that disproportionately or differentially affect African American and underserved populations; supporting efforts that improve the quality and availability of health care to poor and underserved populations; and increasing the representation and contribution of African Americans in medicine.

Hispanic Health Organizations**National Coalition of Hispanic Health and Human Services Organizations**

1501 16th Street NW
Washington, DC 20036
Phone: 202-387-5000 / Fax: 202-797-4353
E-mail: info@cossmho.org

The National Coalition of Hispanic Health and Human Services Organizations is dedicated to connecting communities and creating change to improve the health and well-being of Hispanics in the United States, through consumer education and outreach, training programs, policy analysis, development and dissemination, and advocacy.

The National Council of La Raza

1126 16th Street NW
Washington, DC 20036
Phone: 202-785-1670 / Fax: 202-776-1792
Web site: <http://www.nclr.org>

The National Council of La Raza, with more than 200 formal affiliates who together serve 37 states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia, was established to reduce poverty and discrimination and to improve life opportunities for Hispanic Americans.

National Association of Hispanic Nurses

1050 17th Street NW, Suite 510
Washington, DC 20036-5558
Phone: 202-387-2477 / Fax: 202-483-7183
Web site: <http://www.thehispanicnurses.org>

The National Association of Hispanic Nurses is the only national organization representing Hispanic registered nurses in the United States. Its goal is to increase the leadership development of Hispanic nurses and to improve the quality of health of Latino communities.

National Hispanic Medical Association

1411 K Street, Suite 1100
Washington, DC 20005
Phone: 202-628-5895 / Fax: 202-628-5898
Web site: <http://www.nhmamd.org>

The National Hispanic Medical Association was organized to address the interests and concerns of 26,000 licensed physicians and 1,800 full-time Hispanic medical faculty dedicated to strengthening health service delivery to Hispanic communities across the nation.

Interamerican College of Physicians and Surgeons

233 Broadway, Suite 954
New York, NY 10279
Phone: 212-777-3642 / Fax: 202-505-7984
Web site:
<http://www.healthfinder.gov/orgs/HR3341.htm>

The Interamerican College of Physicians and Surgeons was founded to improve the health of the Hispanic community, reduce the incidence of preventable diseases, improve educational and leadership opportunities for Hispanic physicians, and encourage Hispanic youths to pursue careers in the health care field.

Women's Health Organizations**National Women's Health Network**

1413 K Street NW, 4th floor
Washington, DC 20005
Phone: 202-682-2640 / Fax: 202-682-2648
Web site: <http://www.nwhn.org>

The National Women's Health Network serves two purposes. One arm of its organization is a policy-making and advocacy group for women's health issues. The other component is a clearinghouse and research service for women across the United States.

Jacobs Institute of Women's Health

2021 K Street NW, Suite 800
Washington, DC 20006
Phone: 202-994-4184
Web site: <http://www.jiwh.org/index.htm>

The Jacobs Institute of Women's Health is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to advancing knowledge and practice in the field of women's health. Members of the Jacobs Institute are a multidisciplinary group of health care providers, researchers, policy makers and advocates.

National Women's Health Resource Center

157 Broad Street, Suite 106
Red Bank, NJ 07701
Phone: 877-986-9472 / Fax: 732-530-3347
Web site: <http://www.healthywomen.org>

The National Women's Health Resource Center is a national clearinghouse for information and resources about women's health. Its primary goal is to educate health care consumers and empower them to make intelligent decisions by providing easy-to-understand and easy-to-reach information and services.

American Medical Women's Association

100 North 20th Street, 4th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19103
Phone: 215-320-3716 / Fax: 215-564-2175
Web site: <http://www.amwa-doc.org>

The American Medical Women's Association is a national organization of women physicians and medical students dedicated to promoting women's health, improving the professional development and personal well-being of its members, and increasing the influence of women in all aspects of the medical profession.

Heart Disease Organizations**American Heart Association, National Center**

7272 Greenville Avenue
Dallas, TX 75231
Phone: 800-242-8721
Web site: <http://www.americanheart.org>

The American Heart Association is a not-for-profit, voluntary health organization funded by private contributions. Its mission is to reduce disability and death from cardiovascular diseases and stroke.

InterAmerican Heart Foundation

American Heart Association, National Center
7272 Greenville Avenue
Dallas, TX 75231
Phone: 214-706-1218 / Fax: 214-373-0268
or 972-562-3807
Web site: <http://www.interamericanheart.org>

The goals of the InterAmerican Heart Foundation are to promote an environment throughout North, Central, and South America and the Caribbean that is conducive to the prevention of heart diseases and stroke; to facilitate the development and growth of heart foundations; and to foster partnerships between health professionals and other sectors of society, including business and government, for the accomplishment of its mission.

Patient Resources

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute

National Institutes of Health
31 Center Drive, Building 31
Bethesda, Maryland 20892
Web site: <http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/nhlbi>

The National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute has a wealth of information on heart, lung, and blood diseases for patients. Resources are available on the Internet as well as by telephone and direct mail.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

1600 Clifton Road
Atlanta, GA 30033
Phone: 404-639-7000
Web site: <http://www.cdc.gov>

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is a government agency dedicated to the promotion of health and quality of life by preventing and controlling disease, injury, and disability. The CDC Web site provides information about a variety of health topics, including women's health, cardiovascular health, and minority health.