

SELECTED HEALTH DISPARITIES WEBSITES

Adventist HealthCare, Center on Health Disparities –

<http://www.adventisthealthcare.com/health-disparities>

The mission of the Center on Health Disparities is to reduce and eliminate disparities in health status, and healthcare access, treatment, quality and outcomes throughout the communities served by Adventist HealthCare.

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality - www.ahrq.gov

The Agency for Health Research and Quality (AHRQ), within the Department of Health and Human Services, is the lead Federal agency charged with improving the quality, safety, efficiency, and effectiveness of health care for all Americans. AHRQ publishes an annual Health Quality and Health Disparities Report.

American Hospital Association - Eliminating Racial and Ethnic Disparities -

www.aha.org/aha_app/issues/Disparities

The American Hospital Association is a national organization that represents and serves all types of hospitals, health care networks, and their patients and communities.

The Applied Research Center - www.arc.org

The Applied Research Center is a public policy institute advancing racial justice through research, advocacy and journalism.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities -

<http://www.cdc.gov/omhd/default.htm>

The Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities (OMHD) aims to accelerate CDC's health impact in the U.S population and to eliminate health disparities for vulnerable populations as defined by race/ethnicity, socio-economic status, geography, gender, age, disability status, risk status related to sex and gender, and among other populations identified to be at-risk for health disparities.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – Office of Minority and Women's Health -

www.cdc.gov/ncidod/omwh

The mission at the Office of Minority and Women's Health in the National Center for Infectious Diseases is to assure that the burden and impact of infectious diseases among racial and ethnic minorities and women is acknowledged and addressed through research, surveillance, education, training, and program development. Of major concern are racial, ethnic, and gender health disparities in infectious diseases. The Office works to help improve the health and well-being of minority and under-served populations through a wide-ranging program that includes research, training, and prevention.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - REACH U.S. - www.cdc.gov/reach

REACH Across the U.S. (REACH U.S.) is a national, multilevel program that serves as the cornerstone of CDC's efforts to eliminate racial and ethnic disparities in health. Through REACH U.S., CDC supports 40 grantee partners that establish community-based programs and culturally-appropriate interventions to eliminate health disparities among the following racial and ethnic groups: African Americans, American Indians, Hispanics/Latinos, Asian Americans, Alaska Natives, and Pacific Islanders.

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Closing the Health Gap - <http://omhrc.gov/healthgap/>

Closing the Health Gap is a national campaign designed to help improve the health of racial and ethnic minority populations, who are affected by serious diseases and health conditions at far greater rates than other Americans.

The Commission to End Health Care Disparities, American Medical Association – <http://www.ama-assn.org>

The Commission to End Health Care Disparities, inspired by the Institute of Medicine Report, “Unequal Treatment,” recognizes that health care disparities exist due to multiple factors, including race and ethnicity. It will collaborate proactively to increase awareness among physicians and health professionals; use evidence-based and other strategies; and advocate for action, including governmental, to eliminate disparities in health care and strengthen the health care system.

The Commonwealth Fund - www.cmwf.org

The Commonwealth Fund is a private foundation that aims to promote a high performing health care system that achieves better access, improved quality, and greater efficiency, particularly for society's most vulnerable.

The Cross Cultural Health Care Program - www.xculture.org

Since 1992, the Cross Cultural Health Care Program (CCHCP) has been addressing broad cultural issues that impact the health of individuals and families in ethnic minority communities in Seattle and nationwide.

Diversity Rx - www.diversityrx.org

Diversity Rx promotes language and cultural competence to improve the quality of health care for minority, immigrant, and ethnically diverse communities.

Health Disparities Collaboratives - www.healthdisparities.net

The mission of the health disparities collaboratives is to improve access to high quality, culturally and linguistically competent primary and preventive care for underserved, uninsured, and underinsured Americans.

Health Power for Minorities - www.healthpowerforminorities.org

Health Power is a non-profit organization committed to minority health improvement through health information, health promotion, technical advice and assistance to organizations, and partnerships and networking.

The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation - www.kff.org

The Kaiser Family Foundation is a non-profit, private operating foundation focusing on the major health care issues facing the U.S., with a growing role in global health.

Institute for Alternative Futures – The Disparity Reducing Advances (DRA) Project - http://www.altfutures.com/home?q=health_disparities

The Disparity Reducing Advances Project (the DRA Project) is a multi-year, multi-stakeholder project developed by the Institute for Alternative Futures (IAF) to identify the most promising advances for bringing health gains to the poor and underserved and accelerating the development and deployment of these advances to reduce disparities.

Institute of Medicine - www.iom.edu

The Institute of Medicine's mission is to serve as adviser to the nation to improve health by working outside the framework of government to ensure scientifically informed analysis and independent guidance.

Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies – www.jointcenter.org

The Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies informs and illuminates the nation's major public policy debates through research, analysis, and information dissemination in order to: improve the socioeconomic status of black Americans and other minorities; expand their effective participation in the political and public policy arenas; and promote communications and relationships across racial and ethnic lines to strengthen the nation's pluralistic society.

Maryland Department of Health & Mental Hygiene – Minority Health and Health Disparities - www.dhmh.maryland.gov/hd

In fulfillment of the Department's mission to promote the health of all Maryland citizens, the Health Disparities Initiative shall focus the Department's resources on eliminating health disparities, partner with statewide organizations in developing policies and implementing programs and monitor and report the progress to elected officials and the public. The target ethnic/racial groups shall include African Americans, Hispanic/Latino Americans, Asian Americans and Native Americans.

The National Center for Cultural Competence, Georgetown University Center for Child and Human Development - <http://gucchd.georgetown.edu/nccc>

The mission of the National Center for Cultural Competence (NCCC) is to increase the capacity of health and mental health programs to design implement, and evaluate culturally and linguistically competent service delivery systems.

National Cancer Institute - Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities - <http://crchd.cancer.gov/index.html>

The Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities integrates studies across NCI's research divisions to identify scientific and policy areas that provide opportunities to reduce and eliminate cancer health disparities.

The National Health Law Program - www.healthlaw.org

The National Health Law Program is a national public interest law firm that seeks to improve health care for America's working and unemployed poor, minorities, the elderly and people with disabilities.

National Institutes of Health - National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities - <http://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.

The National Minority AIDS Council - www.nmac.org

The National Minority AIDS Council (NMAC) is dedicated to developing leadership within communities of color to address the challenges of HIV/AIDS.

National MultiCultural Institute - www.nmci.org

The mission of the National MultiCultural Institute (NMCI) is to work with individuals, organizations, and communities to facilitate personal and systemic change in order to build an inclusive society that is strengthened and empowered by its diversity.

The Quality Indicator Project - www.qiproject.org

The Quality Indicator Project (QIO) is a twenty-year-old endeavor of seven Maryland hospitals to collect and share outcomes data with the goal of improving quality of care.

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation - www.rwjf.org

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation focuses on the pressing health and health care issues facing our country. The Foundation works with a diverse group of organizations and individuals to identify solutions and achieve comprehensive, meaningful and timely change.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services – Health Resources and Services Administration – Cultural Competence Resources for Health Care Providers - www.hrsa.gov/culturalcompetence

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Cultural Competency Resources site provides tools, resources, and other materials for a variety of health care providers and educators.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Office of Minority Health - www.omhrc.gov

The mission of the Office of Minority Health (OMH) is to improve and protect the health of racial and ethnic minority populations through the development of health policies and programs that will eliminate health disparities.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Office of Minority Health – Think Cultural Health - www.thinkculturalhealth.org

The Think Cultural Health Website, sponsored by the Office of Minority Health (OMH), offers the latest resources and tools to promote cultural competency in health care. You may access free online courses accredited for continuing education credit as well as supplementary tools to help you and your organization promote respectful, understandable, and effective care to your increasingly diverse patients.