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The National Cancer Institute's (NCI) Cancer Information Service (CIS) educates the public about cancer prevention, risk factors, symptoms, diagnosis, treatment, and research.

- CIS specialists provide the latest, most accurate information about cancer by telephone, TTY, instant messaging, and e-mail.
- The CIS operates the NCI's Smoking Quitline (1-877-44U-QUIT).
- Through its Partnership Program, the CIS works with established national, regional, and state organizations to reach those most in need of cancer information.
- The CIS takes part in health communications research to find new and better ways to educate people about health.

For information and publications, call 1-800-4-CANCER (1-800-422-6237) or visit <http://www.cancer.gov>.

NCI Press Releases & Information

Available at <http://www.cancer.gov/newscenter> or as otherwise noted.

- Scientists Identify Genetic Cause of Previously Undefined Primary Immune Deficiency Disease (9/23/09)
- MicroRNAs in Blood May be Biomarkers of Pancreatic Cancer (9/1/09)
- NIH Study Reveals New Genetic Culprit in Deadly Skin Cancer (8/31/09)

Clinical trials results:

Available at <http://www.cancer.gov/clinicaltrials/results-all> or as otherwise noted.

- Weight Lifting Does Not Exacerbate and May Improve Lymphedema Symptoms After Breast Cancer (9/16/09)

National Health Observances

This calendar comes from the National Health Information Center Web site: <http://www.healthfinder.gov/nho/nhoyear.asp?year=2009>.

October observances:

Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day (13th)
National Mammography Day (16th)
Lung Health Day (28th)
Healthy Lung Month
National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Looking forward to November:

Great American Smokeout (19th)
Lung Cancer Awareness Month
National Family Caregivers Month
National Healthy Skin Month
National Hospice Palliative Care Month
Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month

NCI Fact Sheet Collection

New, revised and reviewed titles, from <http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/factsheet>.

In English:

- Ordering National Cancer Institute Publications (FS 1.20, 9/9/09)
- Cellular Telephone Use and Cancer Risk (FS 3.72, 9/9/09)
- Mammograms (FS 5.28, 8/14/09)

In Spanish:

- Exámenes selectivos de detección de cáncer colorrectal (FS 5.31s, 9/3/09)
- Pedido de publicaciones del Instituto Nacional del Cáncer (FS 1.20s, 8/31/09)

NCI Publications and Items of Interest

Available at <https://cissecure.nci.nih.gov/ncipubs> or as otherwise noted.

Beginning September 15, 2009, NCI began publishing the Boletín del Instituto Nacional del Cáncer, a modified Spanish-language translation of selected articles previously published in the NCI Cancer Bulletin. This new resource offers Spanish-speaking readers up-to-date articles on the latest research advances in the prevention, treatment, and understanding of cancer. To receive the monthly selection, E-mail nciboletin@mail.nih.gov or view the articles at <http://www.cancer.gov/espanol>.

Other Items of Interest

Chronic Disease Indicators Web Site Updated to include Large Metropolitan Areas

The Community Health and Program Services branch in the Division of Adult and Community Health at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), recently released updated data for the Chronic Disease Indicators Web site, providing users with an online tool that now allows them to compare data on the prevalence of chronic diseases in large metropolitan areas, as well as at state and national levels.

With the new version of the web site, users will be able to generate profiles comparing the prevalence of chronic disease in 38 large metropolitan areas.

The Web site draws upon numerous data sets to collect information on 98 chronic disease indicators, including measures related to physical activity, tobacco use, cancer, diabetes, arthritis, cardiovascular disease, and other conditions and behaviors. The information is used by state health departments, chronic disease directors, academic institutions, and researchers to guide and inform public health practice.

The large metropolitan areas recently added to the Chronic Disease Indicators Web site are: Arizona: Maricopa County; California: Alameda, Contra Costa, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego and Santa Clara counties; Florida: Broward, Hillsborough, Miami-Dade, Orange, Palm Beach and Pinellas counties; Georgia: Fulton County; Illinois: Cook and DuPage counties; Michigan: Oakland and Wayne counties; Minnesota: Hennepin County; Missouri: St. Louis County; Nevada: Clark County; New York: Erie, Monroe, Nassau and Suffolk counties, and New York City; Ohio: Franklin County; Pennsylvania: Allegheny and Philadelphia counties; Texas: Bexar, Harris and Tarrant counties; Utah: Salt Lake County; Virginia: Fairfax County; Washington: King County. Search data at: <http://apps.nccd.cdc.gov/cdi/>.

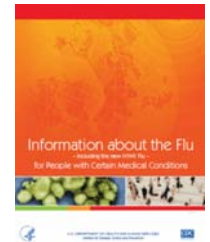
Other Items of Interest *(continued)*

- ***Your Input Is Needed!***



The National Cancer Institute is planning the next generation of the Cancer Control P.L.A.N.E.T. and the Research Tested Intervention Program (RTIPs) Web sites. Cancer Control P.L.A.N.E.T. staff are looking for researchers, program planners, and staff who plan, implement, and evaluate evidence-based interventions and would be interested in participating in user research. User research will consist of interviews that will help define the next generation of these web sites. These interviews will take about one hour to complete and will take place online and over the phone. If you are interested in participating, please feel free to send in your contact information by visiting <http://cancercontrolplanet.cancer.gov/contact.html>.

- ***Information about the Flu -including the new H1N1 Flu- for People with Certain Medical Conditions*** (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/freeresources/print.htm#certain>



- ***What's New at AHRQ's Health Care Innovations Exchange—Medical Home and Workplace Wellness***

During the month of September the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) Health Care Innovations Exchange Web site featured innovative health service delivery profiles and tools in the areas of the Medical Home and the promotion of Workplace Wellness. The site also explored the development of Medical Homes for a variety of populations (low-income, at-risk, special needs, disabled, elderly). The site featured Workplace Wellness innovations and tools that demonstrate the benefits of offering employee health screenings, counseling, and workshops. The Innovations Exchange contains more than 300 searchable innovations and 1,400 searchable Quality Tools. Don't forget to visit the Spotlight for expert commentary, human interest stories, and other opportunities to connect with this program. You can access past issues of "What's New" on topics such as mental health, women's health, management of asthma, obese and overweight youth, and culturally competent care. Visit <http://www.innovations.ahrq.gov/>.



- ***New AHRQ Toolkit Improves Study Participant Recruitment Process***

AHRQ has a free toolkit to help researchers obtain potential research participants' informed consent and authorization to use their health data in accordance with the Privacy Rule of the Health Insurance Portability and Accounting Act (HIPAA). The toolkit provides information on how to ensure that people of all health literacy levels understand what studies entail and to what they are consenting when they agree to participate. AHRQ developed the toolkit because researchers often use long consent forms that potential study participants can find difficult to comprehend. Research also shows that a large proportion of study participants did not understand what they had consented to when they joined a study. There is evidence that Institutional Review Boards often fail to meet their own standards for the reading level of consent and data-use forms. The AHRQ Informed Consent and Authorization Toolkit for Minimal Risk Research, which was developed by AHRQ and tested by researchers from Boston University, includes recommendations for improving the informed consent and authorization process; sample consent and HIPAA authorization documents in English and Spanish; recommendations for adapting and testing the documents; statutory requirements and exceptions; and a tool for researchers' certification of consent and authorization. Access at <http://www.ahrq.gov/fund/informedconsent/>.

Other Items of Interest *(continued)*

Press releases of interest:

- Candy and Fruit Flavored Cigarettes Now Illegal in United States; Step is First Under New Tobacco Law (Food and Drug Administration [FDA]) (9/22/09)
<http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm183211.htm>
 - Prostate Cancer Survival (HealthDay, National Library of Medicine [NLM]) (9/16/09)
http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/videos/news/prostate_091609.html
 - Medications Effective in Reducing Risk of Breast Cancer but Increase Risk of Adverse Effects (Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality [AHRQ]) (9/15/09)
<http://www.ahrq.gov/news/press/pr2009/brcanmedpr.htm>
 - FDA Clears a Test for Ovarian Cancer (9/11/09)
<http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm182057.htm>
 - Breast Cancer Relapse Risks (HealthDay, NLM) (9/9/09)
http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/videos/news/breast_cancer_relapse_090909.html
 - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Awards \$22 Million for Colorectal Cancer Screening Program (9/8/09)
<http://www.cdc.gov/media/pressrel/2009/r090908.htm>
 - Innovative Community-Based Prevention System Reduces Risky Behavior in 10-14 Year Olds (National Institutes of Health [NIH]) (9/7/09)
<http://www.nih.gov/news/health/sep2009/nida-07.htm>
 - New NIH Tool Makes Funding Data, Research Results and Products Searchable (9/4/09)
<http://www.nih.gov/news/health/sep2009/od-04.htm>
 - FDA Moves Forward on Implementation of Tobacco Law (8/25/09)
<http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm180109.htm>
 - Gardasil Vaccine Safety (FDA) (8/20/09)
<http://www.fda.gov/BiologicsBloodVaccines/SafetyAvailability/VaccineSafety/ucm179549.htm>
 - Life Expectancy at All Time High; Death Rates Reach New Low (CDC) (8/19/09)
<http://www.cdc.gov/media/pressrel/2009/r090819.htm>
 - Palliative Care Improves Quality of Life for Advanced Cancer Patients (HealthDay, NLM) (8/19/09)
http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/videos/news/palliative_081909.html
 - What Is a Tracheostomy? (National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute [(NHLBI)]) (August 2009)
http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/dci/Diseases/trach/trach_what.html
 - New Spanish-Language Consumer Guides Compare Treatments for Depression, Prostate Cancer and Other Conditions (AHRQ) (7/29/09)
<http://www.ahrq.gov/news/press/pr2009/spanguidepr.htm>
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National Funding Opportunities

American Recovery Reinvestment Act of 2009 Communities Putting Prevention to Work

Deadline: December 1, 2009

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement is to create healthier communities through sustainable, proven, population-based approaches such as broad-based policy, systems, organizational and environmental changes in communities and schools. Awardees funded under this FOA will work collaboratively to promote and sustain policy change efforts in communities and schools. It is recommended that awardees include a strong focus on the needs of populations who suffer disproportionately from the burden of disease.

Proposals should focus on implementing broad-based policy changes that are chosen from the prescribed set of evidence-based interventions. Each community will address all 5 evidence-based MAPPs strategies (Media, Access, Point of decision information, Price and, Social support services) for each application: tobacco and/or obesity/physical activity/nutrition. See full details at: <http://www07.grants.gov/search/synopsis.do;jsessionid=q1ZXK65DCLG1QQY1QXLjlvzxJtDbvZYNXmGgGfQZcJB8hzHXqpr!1685747439>

2009 NIH Summer Institute on Community Based Participatory Research Targeting the Medically Underserved (August 2-7, 2009, New Orleans, Louisiana)

In August 2009, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) sponsored a summer institute on Community Based Participatory Research (CBPR). Recommended readings and many of the institute presentations are now available online at <http://conferences.thehillgroup.com/si2009/agenda.html>. The Web site also includes links to a number of CBPR funding opportunities from NIH targeting the medically underserved which are pasted below.

Community Participation Research Targeting the Medically Underserved

- <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-08-074.html>
- <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-08-075.html>
- <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-08-076.html>

Behavioral and Social Science Research on Understanding and Reducing Health Disparities

- <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-07-379.html>
- <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-07-380.html>

Understanding and Promoting Health Literacy

- <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-07-018.html>
- <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-07-019.html>
- <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-07-020.html>

Impact of Health Communication Strategies on Dietary Behaviors

- <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-08-239.html>

Health Promotion Among Racial and Ethnic Minority Males

- <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-07-421.html>
 - <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-07-422.html>
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National Events of Interest

National Health Policy Training Alliance for Communities of Color – Health Policy Journalism Institute: Covering Health Disparities

October 8-9, 2009

Las Vegas, NV

http://www.healthpolicyalliance.org/trainings/upcoming-trainings_events.html



First Annual National Coalition of Oncology Nurse Navigators Conference - “Changing the Face of Cancer Care” ~ *NEW*

October 10, 2009

Baltimore, MD

<http://www.nconn.org/conference.php>

International Cancer Education Conference – The Art and Science of Cancer Education and Evaluation

October 15-17, 2009

Houston, TX

<http://aace.cpsonline.info>



National Conference to End Health Disparities II

November 3-6, 2009

Winston-Salem, NC

<http://www.ccehd.com>

American Institute for Cancer Research Annual Research Conference on Food, Nutrition, Physical Activity and Cancer

November 5-6, 2009

Washington, DC

http://www.aicr.org/site/PageNavigator/Research/ResearchConference/res_conference_home



Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE) 60th Annual Conference

November 5-7, 2009

Philadelphia, PA

http://www.sophe.org/singlenews.asp?item_ID=13414

American Public Health Association (APHA) 137th Annual Meeting and Exposition – Water and Public Health

November 7-11, 2009

Philadelphia, PA

<http://www.apha.org/meetings>

Rural Multiracial and Multicultural Health Conference, National Rural Health Association - Blueprints for Success: Ideas for Change

December 9-11, 2009

Memphis, TN

<http://www.ruralhealthweb.org/go/left/programs-and-events/nrha-conferences/rural-minority-and-multicultural-health-conference>



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