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A. Federal Government Agencies

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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 Women's Health
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1600 Clifton Road, MS: D-51, Atlanta, GA 30033
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The Office of Women's Health is dedicated to in-depth research, dissemination of information and public policy regarding women's health.

Office of Minority Health
Division of Information and Education
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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 2000 goals for minority health.

The Office of Minority Health Resource Center
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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.

Office of Research on Women's Health
National Institutes of Health
Building 1, Room 201, Bethesda, MD 20892
Website: <http://www4.od.nih.gov/orwh/index.html>

The goal of the Office of Research on Women's Health is to ensure that research conducted and supported by the National Institutes of Health addresses issues of women's health, and that there is appropriate inclusion of women in clinical research, especially in clinical trials.

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute
National Institutes of Health, Building 31
31 Center Drive, Bethesda, Maryland 20892
Website: <http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/nhlbi/nhlbi.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
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Division of Legislation and Regulations
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Website: <http://www.ihs.gov>

The Indian Health Service (IHS) is an agency within the US 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 assure that comprehensive, culturally acceptable personal and public health services are available and accessible to American Indian and Alaska Native people.

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The Office of Research on Minority Health (ORMH) was founded in 1999 by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) 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.

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
Minority Health Coordinator
Center for Cost and Financing Studies
2101 East Jefferson Street, Suite 500, Rockville, MD 20852
Phone: 301-594-1406, ext. 1477 Fax: 304-594-2157
Website: <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. Re-authorizing 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.

B. State and Territorial Agencies

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C. Minority Health Organizations

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The Minority Health Professions Foundation is a non-profit educational, scientific and charitable organization that provides support for professional education, research and community service that promote optimum health among poor and minority people.

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
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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 non-violence and relies upon the press, the petition, and the ballot to fulfill its mission.

D. African American Health Organizations

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

Association of Black Psychologists
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The Association of Black Psychologists is an independent not-for-profit organization of over 1400 members. The goal of the ABPSI is to have a positive impact upon the mental health of the national Black community by means of planning, programs, services, training, and advocacy.

International Society on Hypertension in Blacks
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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
1511 K Street, NW, Suite 415, Washington, DC 20005
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Website: <http://www.nbna.org>

The National Black Nurses Association was founded to develop a better health care system for black people, where black nurses and other nurses of color played 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
8436 W. McNichols Street, Detroit, MI 48221
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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
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Website: <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 impact 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.

E. American Indian and Alaska Native Health Organizations

Native American Women's
Health Education Resource Center
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Phone: 605-487-7072
Website: <http://www.nativeshop.org/nawherc.html>

The Native American Community Board (NACB) was formed in 1985 by a group of Native Americans living on or near the Yankton Sioux Reservation in South Dakota to address pertinent issues of health, education, land and water rights, and economic development of Native American people. The NACB operates the Native American Women's Health Education Resource Center.

National Indian Health Board
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The National Indian Health Board (NIHB) represents Tribal Governments that operate their own health care delivery systems through contracting and compacting, as well as those that receive health care directly from the Indian Health Service. The National Indian Health Board is a non-profit organization that conducts research, policy analysis, program assessment and development, national and regional meeting planning, project management, and training and technical assistance programs. These services are provided to Tribes, Area Health Boards, Tribal organizations, Federal agencies, and private foundations.

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The Association of American Indian Physicians was founded to pursue excellence in Native American health care by promoting education in the medical disciplines, honoring traditional healing practices and restoring the balance of mind, body, and spirit.

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The Association of Native American Medical Students was founded to provide support and resource network for all Native Americans currently enrolled in the various allied health professions schools, to increase the number of Native American students in medicine and other health professions, and to promote its exposure and recognition on a national level throughout the medical community.

Indians into Medicine
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Indians into Medicine addresses three major problem areas: (1) too few health professionals in American Indian communities, (2) too few American Indian health professionals, and (3) the substandard level of health and health care in American Indian communities.

F. Asian and Pacific Islander Health Organizations

National Asian Women's Health Organization
250 Montgomery Street, Suite 410, San Francisco, CA 94104
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The National Asian Women's Health Organization is dedicated to public health advocacy for Asian Americans and empowerment of Asian American women beyond accessing existing opportunities. Programs focus on providing research data and changing public policy to address the reproductive health status of under-served Asian communities.

The Asian and Pacific Islander American Health Forum
942 Market Street, Suite 200, San Francisco, CA 94102
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The Asian and Pacific Islander American Health Forum is a national advocacy organization dedicated to promoting policy, program and research efforts for the improvement of health status of all Asian and Pacific Islander Americans.

The Association of Asian Pacific Islander Community Health Organizations
1440 Broadway, Suite 510, Oakland CA 94612
Website: <http://www.aapcho.org>

The Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations is a national association representing community health organizations dedicated to improving the health status of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States and its territories, especially the medically under-served.

Chinese American Medical Society
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The Chinese American Medical Society is dedicated to promoting the scientific association of medical professionals of Chinese descent, to advancing Chinese medical knowledge and scientific research, to establishing scholarships and endowments to medical and dental students, and to providing endowments to medical schools and hospitals of good standing.

G. Hispanic Health Organizations

National Coalition of Hispanic
Health and Human Services Organizations
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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
1111 19th, NW Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20036
Website: <http://www.nclr.org/>

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

National Association of Hispanic Nurses
1501 16th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006
Phone: 202-387-2477 Fax: 202-483-7183
Website: <http://www.incacorp.com/nahn>

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
1700 17th Street, NW, Suite 405, Washington, DC 20009
Phone: 202-265-4297 Fax: 202-234-5468
Website: <http://home.earthlink.net/~nhma/>

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
915 Broadway, Suite 1105, New York, NY 10010-7108
Phone: 212-777-3642 Fax: 202-505-7984
Website: <http://www.icps.org>

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 healthcare field.

H. Women's Health Organizations

National Women's Health Network
514 10th Street NW, Suite 400
Washington, DC 20004
Phone: 202-347-1140

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.

Jacob's Institute of Women's Health
409 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20024-2188
Phone: 202-863-4990
Website: <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
120 Albany Street, Suite 820, New Brunswick, NJ 08901
Phone: 877-986-9472 Fax: 732-828-8575
Website: <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 healthcare 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
801 N. Fairfax Street, Suite 400, Alexandria, VA 22314
Phone: 703-838-0500 Fax: 703-549-3864
E-mail: info@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.

I. Heart Disease Organizations

American Heart Association, National Center
7272 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, TX 75231
Website: <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
Website: <http://www.iahf.org>

The goals of the InterAmerican Heart Foundation are to promote an environment throughout North, Central and South America and the Caribbean 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.

J. Patient Resources

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute
National Institutes of Health, Building 31
31 Center Drive, Bethesda, Maryland 20892
Website: <http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/nhlbi/nhlbi.htm>

The National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute can supply a wealth of information regarding heart, blood and lung diseases for patients. Resources are available on the internet as well as via telephone and direct mail.

American Heart Association, National Center
7272 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, TX 75231
Website: <http://www.americanheart.org/>

The American Heart Association offers resources for heart disease patients regarding health, fitness and dietary guidelines. Information may be obtained via internet, telephone or direct mail.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
1600 Clifton Road, Atlanta, GA 30033
Phone: 404-639-7000
Website: <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 website provides information about a variety of health topics including women's, cardiovascular, and minority health.

