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## Federal Government Agencies

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Web site: [www.cdc.gov/od/admh](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, Asian American and Pacific Islander, Hispanic American, and Native American and Alaska Native citizens and, where appropriate, members of similar ethnic/racial subgroups both in and outside the United States, through policy development and program analysis at the CDC and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.*

Office of Women's Health  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
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Atlanta, GA 30033  
Phone: 404-639-7230, Fax: 404-639-7331  
Web site: [www.cdc.gov/od/owh](http://www.cdc.gov/od/owh)

*The Office of Women's Health is dedicated to in-depth research and dissemination of information and public policy regarding women's health.*

Office of Minority Health  
Division of Information and Education  
Rockwall II Building, Suite 1085  
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Rockville, MD 20852  
Phone: 301-443-5224, Fax: 301-443-1426  
Web site: [www.omhrc.gov](http://www.omhrc.gov)

*The Office of Minority Health, which operates under the Department of Health and Human Services, 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  
Rockwall II Building, Suite 1000  
5600 Fishers Lane  
Rockville, MD 20857  
Phone: 1-800-444-6472  
Web site: [www.omhrc.gov](http://www.omhrc.gov)

*The Office of Minority Health Resource Center was established to assist in the exchange of information and analyses 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  
Web site: [www4.od.nih.gov/orwh/index.html](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.*

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute  
National Institutes of Health  
Building 31, Suite 4A10, MSC 2480  
31 Center Drive  
Bethesda, MD 20892  
Web site: [www.nhlbi.nih.gov/nhlbi/nhlbi.htm](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, as well as sleep disorders.*

Indian Health Service  
Special Initiative Branch  
Division of Legislation and Regulations  
The Reyes Building  
801 Thompson Avenue, Suite 440  
Rockville, MD 20852-1627  
Phone: 301-443-1083, Fax: 301-443-4794  
Web site: www.ihs.gov

*The Indian Health Service (IHS) is an agency within the 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 these populations, and its goal is to ensure that comprehensive, culturally acceptable personal and public health services are available and accessible to American Indians and Alaska Natives.*

National Center of Minority Health and Health Disparities  
Office of Research on Minority Health  
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Bethesda, MD 20892-5465  
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*The Office of Research on Minority Health (ORMH) was founded in 1999 by the National Institutes of Health to help solve research questions that result from the disparity of health status among Americans. The ORMH's mission is to support and promote biomedical research aimed at improving the health status of minority Americans across the life span and programs aimed at expanding the participation of under-represented minorities in all aspects of biomedical and behavioral research.*

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality  
Center for Cost and Financing Studies  
2101 East Jefferson Street, Suite 500  
Rockville, MD 20852  
Phone: 301-594-1406, Fax: 301-594-2166  
Web site: 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 operates under the Department of Health and Human Services and 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.*

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## Minority Health Organizations

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Web site: [www.minorityhealth.org](http://www.minorityhealth.org)

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

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People  
4805 Mt. Hope Drive, Baltimore, MD 21215  
Phone: 410-358-8900, Fax: 410-580-5771  
Web site: [www.naacp.org](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

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Web site: [www.abcardio.org](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, quality of life, and culturally sensitive clinical management of cardiovascular diseases.*

Association of Black Psychologists  
PO Box 55999, Washington, DC 20040-5999  
Phone: 202-722-0808, Fax: 202-722-5941  
Web site: [www.abpsi.org](http://www.abpsi.org)

*The Association of Black Psychologists (ABPSI) is an independent, not-for-profit organization of over 1,400 members. The goal of the ABPSI is to have a positive impact on the mental health of the national black community by means of planning, programs, services, training, and advocacy.*

International Society on Hypertension in Blacks, Inc.  
2045 Manchester Street NE, Atlanta, GA 30324  
Phone: 404-875-6263, Fax: 404-875-6334  
Web site: [www.ishib.org](http://www.ishib.org)

*The International Society on Hypertension in Blacks (ISHIB) is a not-for-profit professional and 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, Inc.  
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Phone: 301-589-3200, Fax: 301-589-3223  
Web site: [www.nbna.org](http://www.nbna.org)

*The National Black Nurses Association (NBNA) 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.*

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National Association of Black Social Workers  
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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  
Phone: 202-347-1895, Fax: 202-842-3293  
Web site: [www.nmanet.org](http://www.nmanet.org)

*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.*

## American Indian and Alaska Native Health Organizations

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*The Native American Women's Health Education Resource Center is operated by the Native American Community Board (NACB). The 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.*

National Indian Health Board  
1385 S. Colorado Blvd, Suite A707, Denver, CO 80222  
Phone: 303-759-3075, Fax: 303-759-3674  
Web site: [www.nihb.org](http://www.nihb.org)

*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 NIHB is a nonprofit 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.*

Association of American Indian Physicians  
1225 Sovereign Row, Suite 103, Oklahoma City, OK 73108  
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Web site: [www.aaip.com](http://www.aaip.com)

*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.*

Association of Native American Medical Students  
1225 Sovereign Row, C-9, Oklahoma City, OK 73108  
Phone: 405-946-7072  
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*The Association of Native American Medical Students was founded to provide support and a resource network for all Native Americans 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  
University of North Dakota  
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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.*

## Asian and Pacific Islander Health Organizations

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250 Montgomery Street, Suite 410, San Francisco, CA 94104  
Phone: 415-989-9747  
Web site: [www.nawho.org](http://www.nawho.org)

*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 underserved Asian communities.*

Asian and Pacific Islander American Health Forum  
942 Market Street, Suite 200, San Francisco, CA 94102  
Phone: 415-954-9959

*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.*

Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations  
1440 Broadway, Suite 510, Oakland CA 94612  
Web site: [www.aapcho.org](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 underserved.*

Chinese American Medical Society  
281 Edgewood Avenue, Teaneck, NJ 07666  
Phone: 201-833-1506, Fax: 201-833-8252  
Web site: [www.camsociety.org](http://www.camsociety.org)

*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.*

## Hispanic Health Organizations

National Alliance for Hispanic Health  
1501 16th Street NW, Washington, DC 20036  
Phone: 202-387-5000, Fax: 202-797-4353  
E-mail: [alliance@hispanichlth.org](mailto:alliance@hispanichlth.org)

*The National Alliance for Hispanic Health 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.*

National Council of La Raza  
1111 19th Street NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20036  
Web site: [www.nclr.org](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  
Web site: [www.thehispanicnurses.org](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  
1700 17th Street NW, Suite 405, Washington, DC 20009  
Phone: 202-265-4297, Fax: 202-234-5468  
Web site: [home.earthlink.net/~nhma](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, Inc.  
233 Broadway, Suite 770, New York, NY 10010  
Phone: 212-777-3642, Fax: 202-505-7984  
Web site: [www.icps.org](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 health care field.*

## 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.*

Jacobs Institute of Women's Health  
409 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20024-2188  
Phone: 202-863-4990  
Web site: [www.jiwh.org](http://www.jiwh.org)

*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  
Web site: [www.healthywomen.org](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  
801 N. Fairfax Street, Suite 400, Alexandria, VA 22314  
Phone: 703-838-0500, Fax: 703-549-3864  
E-mail: [info@amwa-doc.org](mailto: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.*

## Stroke Organizations

American Stroke Association, National Center  
7272 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, TX 75231  
Web site: [www.americanheart.org](http://www.americanheart.org)

*The American Stroke Association is a division of the American Heart Association, which 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.*

Brain Attack Coalition  
National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke  
Building 31, Room 8A-16, 31 Center Drive, MSC 2540  
Bethesda, MD 20892  
Phone: 301-496-5751, Fax: 301-496-0296  
Web site: [www.stroke-site.org](http://www.stroke-site.org)

*The Brain Attack Coalition is a group of professional, voluntary, and governmental entities dedicated to reducing the occurrence of and the disabilities and death associated with stroke. The goal of the coalition is to strengthen and promote the relationships among its member organizations in order to help people who have had a stroke or are at risk for a stroke.*

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)  
National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention  
and Health Promotion  
Division of Adult and Community Health  
4770 Buford Highway NE, MS K-47, Atlanta, GA 30341  
Phone: 770-488-2424, Fax: 770-488-2564  
Web site: [www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/cvd](http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/cvd)

*The CDC has established cardiovascular health programs in 30 state departments of health across the nation. These state programs are committed to reducing the burden of heart disease and stroke by promoting heart-healthy and stroke-free working and living environments. In addition, the Cardiovascular Health Branch at CDC performs extensive monitoring of recent trends in cardiovascular disease and conducts applied research to prevent cardiovascular disease.*

Health Care Financing Administration  
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
7500 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21244-1850  
Phone: 410-786-3000  
Web site: [www.cms.hhs.gov](http://www.cms.hhs.gov)

*The mission of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services is to serve Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries. The goal is to launch and*

*enhance the Medicare education campaign to help beneficiaries and their caregivers become active and informed participants in their health care decisions.*

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: [www.americanheart.org](http://www.americanheart.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.*

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke  
NIH Neurological Institute  
PO Box 5801, Bethesda, MD 20824  
Phone: 800-352-9424  
Web site: [www.ninds.nih.gov](http://www.ninds.nih.gov)

*The goal of the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS) is to reduce the burden of neurological disease—a burden borne by every age group, by every segment of society, and by people all over the world.*

National Stroke Association  
9707 E. Easter Lane, Englewood, CO 80112  
Phone: 303-649-9299 or 1-800-STROKES (787-6537)  
Fax: 303-649-1328  
Web site: [www.stroke.org](http://www.stroke.org)

*The mission of the National Stroke Association is to reduce the incidence and impact of stroke, to save lives, and to improve the quality of care among stroke survivors.*

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## Patient Resources

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute  
National Institutes of Health  
Building 31, 31 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892  
Web site: [www.nhlbi.nih.gov/index.htm](http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/index.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 Stroke Association, National Center  
7272 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, TX 75231  
Web site: [www.strokeassociation.org](http://www.strokeassociation.org)

*The American Stroke Association is a division of the American Heart Association, which offers resources for heart disease patients regarding health, fitness, and dietary guidelines. Information may be obtained via the Internet, telephone, or direct mail.*

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)  
1600 Clifton Road, Atlanta, GA 30033  
Phone: 404-639-7000  
Web site: [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

*The 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, cardiovascular, and minority health.*

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