



THE EMERGING MAJORITY AND THE US. HEALTH CARE SYSTEM: SYSTEM: *THE PARADIGM SHIFT BEGINS*

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HEALTH DISPARITIES OF CERTAIN CONDITIONS IN SELECTED POPULATIONS

HEALTH CONDITION AND SPECIFIC EXAMPLE	INDEX IN SELECTED POPULATIONS				
	WHITE	AFRICAN AMERICAN	HISPANIC or LATINO	ASIAN or PACIFIC ISLANDER	AMERICAN INDIAN or ALASKA NATIVE
Infant mortality rate per 1000 live births ¹	5.8	13.8	5.8	5.1	9.1
Cancer mortality rate per 100,000 ²	199.3	255.1	123.7	124.2	129.3
Lung Cancer - age adjusted death rate ³	38.3	46.0	13.6	17.2	25.1
Female Breast Cancer age adjusted death rate	18.7	26.1	12.1	9.8	10.3
Coronary Heart Disease mortality rate per 100,000 ²	206	252	145	123	126
Stroke mortality rate per 100,000	58	80	39	51	38
Diabetes diagnosed rate per 100,000	36	74	61	DSU	DSU
End-Stage Renal Disease rate per million ²	218	873	DNA	344	589
AIDS – diagnosed rate per 100,000 ⁴					
Female	2	48	13	1	5
Male	14	109	43	9	19

DSU = Data are statistically unreliable

DNA = Data have not been analyzed

¹ *Chartbook on Trends in the Health of Americans*. Excerpted from Health, United States 2002. Department of Health and Human Services. National Center for Health Statistics. DHHS Publication No. 1232-1. August 2002.

² *Healthy People 2010. Understanding and Improving Health (Second Edition)*. Department of Health and Human Services. November 2000.

³ Keppel, Kenneth, Jeffrey Percy and Diane Wagener. *Trends in Racial and Ethnic-Specific Rates for the Health Status Indicators: United States, 1990-98*. Statistical Notes. Number 23. January 2002, pgs. 1-16.

⁴ HIV/AIDS Surveillance Report. *U.S. HIV and AIDS Cases Reported Through December 2001 Year-End Edition*. Slides 13 & 14. (Available at URL: <http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/graphics/surveill.htm>)

⁵ *National Vital Statistics Reports. 2002 Deaths: Leading Causes for 2000*. Vol. 50:16:1-41.

“Of all the forms of inequality, injustice in health care is the most shocking and. Inhumane.”

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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The initiative must:

- Apply equitably to American Indian tribes and the Territories.
- Make elimination of health disparities a central goal
- Extend to all legal residents

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- Engage communities in planning and implementation of reform
- Equally include mental and dental health services
- Create and expand diversity in the health care workforce

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- Protect the interests of health care providers of color and their practices
- Increase primary care providers, improve reimbursement and foster concept of medical homes
- Ensure that HIT is universally accessible

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- Increase research that is community based, looks at the causes of disparities and includes minorities in clinical trials.
- Elevate NCNHDR to an Institute
- Address the social, ambient and built environmental issues affecting health.

THE HEALTH EQUITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT



- Culturally and linguistically appropriate care
- Health workforce diversity
- Data collection porting
- Accountability and evaluation
- Improvement of health care services
- Supporting our health institutions
- Programs reaching special populations
- Health Empowerment Zones

HEALTH EMPOWERMENT ZONES

- Provides communities with the ability to effectively access existing federal programs to improve the health.
- Establishes a coordinating committee that provides technical assistance and evidence-based strategies.

CLOSING THE GAP REPORT (2005)

“Inequities within the health care system and within larger social, environmental and economic structures persist not because of a dearth of solutions, but because of a failure of political will”



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