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This section of the journal provides a forum for sharing information about resources, such as conferences and written materials, which support health disparities research and practice.

This section may also be used for sharing methodological challenges, lessons learned, and good ideas. Research and practice questions may be posted for response by the journal readership.

We regret we are unable to post job announcements or product information at this time.

Upcoming Conferences

Fourth Annual State Promotora and Community Health Worker Conference: "Toward a Healthy and Dignified Life"

December 1–2, 2006

Los Angeles, CA — Hilton, Burbank

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- This fourth annual conference will feature workshops on immigrants' mental health, HIV and diabetes certification, early detection and prevention of cancer in the community, Alzheimer's disease and improving health access.

Connecting Americans to their Health Care

December 7–8, 2006

Washington, DC

Contact Info: <http://www.phrconference.org/register.php>

- Learn the lessons of real-world implementations
- Hear from experts on critical issues such as usability and business models
- Discuss ideas for expanding information access while protecting privacy
- Check out the latest strategies and innovations
- Meet with innovators and leaders in health information technologies

Quality Summit: Improving Health Care for Racially and Ethnically Diverse Populations

December 13–14, 2006

Miami Beach, FL

Contact Info: http://www.chcs.org/usr_doc/QS2006_Registration.doc

- Discover promising approaches developed by managed care organizations to reduce disparities and improve health care for racially and ethnically diverse populations
- Explore how multiple stakeholders can collaborate to identify and address health care disparities
- Learn how to engage providers and consumers to reduce health disparities
- Build the case to focus managed care resources on eliminating disparities and improving health quality

National Multicultural Conference and Summit

January 24–26, 2007

Seattle, WA — Sheraton Hotel

Contact Info: <http://www.multiculturalsummit.com/>

- The Psychology of Multiple Identities: Finding Empowerment in the Face of Oppression

Third Puerto Rican Conference on Public Health

May 8–10, 2007

San Juan, Puerto Rico — New Convention Center

Contact Info: (787) 758-2525 ext. 1410 or 1476; (787) 274-0582;

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- “Public Health, Social Justice and Human Rights: The Challenges of a Diverse Society”

Minority Women’s Health Summit: Addressing Disparities, Acknowledging Resilience, Providing Actions for Success

August 23–26, 2007

Washington, DC

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- Join the National Women’s Health Information Center at the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) at the Minority Women’s Health Summit. This year’s theme, “Addressing Disparities, Acknowledging Resilience, Providing Actions for Success,”

will address the unique health issues experienced by women who reflect disparities in the US population. Conference attendees will include community leaders representing all racial/ethnic populations, rural and urban communities, immigrant and migrant populations, and disabled communities. The event will provide tools that can be implemented by all participants in their communities. Among the scheduled topics are: obesity, mental health, gynecological cancers, HIV/AIDS, and obesity.

