Brief Communications

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 technolo-
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; confsp@rcm.upr.edu


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.