



## WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S HEALTH UPDATE

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1. [NIHCM Foundation Focuses on Women's Health in Upcoming Meeting](#)

[NIHCM Foundation](#) is holding a forum, "Women's Health: Successes and Challenges in Health Prevention and Promotion," on Tuesday, December 14, 2004, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Park Hyatt (Park Ballroom), 1201 24th Street, NW, Washington, DC. Please see the [NIHCM Foundation website](#) for a detailed agenda and registration for the meeting.

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2. [Web-based Resources Available on Women's Health Issues](#)

- The Office of Women's Health (OWH) in the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the National Women's Health Information Center (NWHIC) recently launched the National Women's Health Indicators Database (NWHID), a free online tool containing extensive national health data from the year 2000 to the present. The database provides access to a breakdown of statistics on a national, regional, state

and county level for various topics. The tool can be accessed at <http://www.healthstatus2000.com/owh>.

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has developed a new website focused on women and diabetes in the workplace. The website provides resources on diabetes for human resource managers, supervisors and employees, including informational fact sheets, guides for employer's and a tool for assessing diabetes in the workplace. The website is: <http://www.womenanddiabetes.org>.

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### 3. [New Reports on Improving Quality of Breast Cancer Care](#)

- The Institute of Medicine (IOM) and National Research Council of the National Academies has published a report, "Saving Women's Lives: Strategies for Improving the Early Detection and Diagnosis of Breast Cancer," which builds upon previous IOM work examining the development of breast cancer detection and diagnostic technologies. More information about the report can be found at <http://www.iom.edu/report.asp?id=20721>.
- The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) has released a new report, "Measuring the Quality of Breast Cancer Care in Women." The report examines evidence on a range of measures assessing the quality of breast cancer care in women related to diagnosis, treatment, follow-up, and documentation of care. A summary of the report is available at: <http://www.ahrq.gov/clinic/epcsums/brcansum.htm>.

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### 4. [Interactive Tools to Combat Childhood Obesity Offered by HHS](#)

HHS has developed two DVDs to combat childhood obesity. The first, created through a partnership between HHS' AHRQ and FitTV, the newest network from Discovery Network, is a interactive 30-minute educational DVD for children ages 5 to 9 and their parents. The second DVD informs pediatricians, family physicians and providers about new methods for assessing and treating childhood overweight and obesity. For a preview of both DVDs, as well as information on ordering copies, visit <http://www.ahrq.gov/child/dvdobesity.htm>.

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## 5. [Electronic Resources on Child and Adolescent Mental Health](#)

- The Maternal and Child Health Library at Georgetown University had produced a knowledge path, "Mental Health in Children and Adolescents." The electronic guide, intended for use by health professionals, program administrators, policymakers, educators and families, provides resources for learning new developments in child and adolescent health and for conducting further research. The knowledge path can be accessed at [http://www.mchlibrary.info/KnowledgePaths/kp\\_mentalhealth.html](http://www.mchlibrary.info/KnowledgePaths/kp_mentalhealth.html).
- The Washington State Department of Health Children with Special Health Care Needs Program, in partnership with the Center for Children with Special Needs, has developed an online tool kit focused on anxiety and depression in children and adolescents. The website offers links to website resources and PDF files for download arranged into categories for families, caregivers, kids, teens and professionals, as well as Spanish language resources. The tool kit can be found at: <http://www.cshcn.org/resources/mentalhealthtoolkit.cfm>.

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## 6. [NACCHO and CityMatCH Announce Upcoming Conference Calls on Maternal and Child Health](#)

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) and CityMatCH have announced their 2004-2005 conference call series on emerging issues in maternal and child health. The calls highlight research, information and collaborative efforts between state and local public health agencies on MCH topics. For more detailed information on the topics and dates of the calls, please visit: <http://www.naccho.org/general1217.cfm>.

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