Asian American Health

An information portal to issues affecting the health and well-being of Asian Americans in the United States

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Other NLM Links

http://MedlinePlus.gov

MEDLINE/PubMed—the NLM database of references and abstracts of published biomedical journal articles with links to some full-text articles. The NLM catalog is also available.
http://pubmed.gov

TOXNET®—collection of NLM databases that focus on toxicology and environmental Health.

DIRLINE—comprehensive directory of health-related organizations.

ClinicalTrials.gov—searchable database of clinical research studies from across the country and internationally.
http://clinicaltrials.gov

NLM Gateway—single entry point for many NLM databases.

PubMed Central—free digital archive of biomedical and life science journal literature.
http://www.pubmedcentral.nih.gov

Tox Town®—guide to commonly encountered toxic chemicals, environmental health risks, and the public’s health using color, graphics, sounds, and animation.
Reducing Health Disparities With Information

Eleven million Asian Americans live in the United States today, and this number is expected to triple by the year 2050. This diverse population comprises people from more than 50 Asian countries and ethnic groups, each with its own traditions, culture, and history. Although they suffer from the same health problems as other citizens, Asian Americans lead the country in cases of tuberculosis and hepatitis B and are disproportionately affected by cancer and cardiovascular disease.

To respond to the need for readily accessible health information, the National Library of Medicine created the Asian American Health Web site. This site provides links to medical, health and scientific resources in a central location.

The Asian American Health Web Site

Valuable Information for Health Professionals and Consumers

This Web site contains links to research and medical information specific to Asian Americans. Users can scroll through the health topic pages by category for easy viewing. Each topic page contains the following information:

Information Especially For You—search health information affecting the Asian American population.

Research and Tools—contains biomedical research and health tools such as public health campaigns that can be used by health professionals serving the Asian American community.

Materials in Asian Languages—links to fact sheets, brochures, flyers, Web sites, instructions and information that can be used with non or limited English speaking consumers.

Organizations and Programs—locate groups that offer specific programs for Asian Americans.

General Health Information—research general information about health topic symptoms, diagnosis, and treatment found at Web sites such as MedlinePlus from the National Library of Medicine.

Major Site Sections

Health and Diseases—valuable resources that address major health concerns of Asian Americans including blood diseases, cancer, diabetes, hepatitis, tuberculosis, osteoporosis and more.

Behavioral and Mental Health—links to information on about mental health and cultural issues relevant to the Asian American community.

Complementary and Alternative Medicine—provides reliable information on Eastern medicine, and complementary and alternative therapies such as acupuncture, herbal, and traditional medicine.

Health Organizations—includes links and descriptions to U.S. federal government, national, regional, and health associations related to Asian American Health.

Major Asian Populations Cultural Health Information and Resources—highlights unique characteristics of specific Asian American communities, cultural competencies, and community-based research.

Materials in Asian Languages—A to Z index of fact sheets, brochures, flyers, Web sites, instructions and information that can be used with non or limited English speaking consumers.