



# Suggested Public Health Resources

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# General Public Health Information

- Department of Health and Human Services. Healthy People 2010. <http://www.healthypeople.gov/Publications/>
- Garrett, Laurie. Betrayal of Trust: The Collapse of Global Public Health.
- Garrett, Laurie. The Coming Plague: Newly Emerging Diseases in a World Out of Balance.
- Rhyne, Robert. Community Oriented Primary Care: Health Care for the 21st Century.
- Film Series: *Rx for Survival*. Check your local PBS station for future airings. <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/rxforsurvival/>
- The American Journal of Public Health. <http://www.ajph.org>
- Healthy States. <http://www.healthystates.csg.org/Public+Health+Issues/>
- American Public Health Association. <http://www.apha.org>
- National Public Health Week. <http://www.nphw.org>





# Access to Care: The Uninsured



- Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured. *Medicaid: A Primer*. (2005). Available at <http://www.kff.org/medicaid/7334.cfm>
- Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured. *Ten Myths about the Uninsured*. (2005). Available at <http://www.kff.org/uninsured/7307.cfm>
- Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured. *The Uninsured and Their Access to Health Care*. (2003). Available at <http://www.kff.org/uninsured/142004-index.cfm>
- Access to Dental Care. <http://www.ada.org/public/topics/access.asp>
- Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment for Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Wilma. <http://www.a2care.com/>
- JAMA “Access to Care” theme issue: Vol. 297 No. 10, pp. 1031-1154, March 14, 2007.
- Millman, Michael, *Access to Health Care in America*. (Free Online!) [http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record\\_id=2009](http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=2009)





# Health Disparities & Cultural Competency



- Fadiman, Anne. The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down: A Hmong Child, Her American Doctors, and the Collision of Two Cultures.
- Institute of Medicine. "What Health Care Providers Need to Know About Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health Care." Report brief from *Unequal Treatment: Confronting Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health Care*. Available at <http://www.iom.edu/file.asp?id=4175>
- Johnson, R. L., D. Roter, et al. (2004). "Patient race/ethnicity and quality of patient-physician communication during medical visits." American Journal of Public Health **94**(12): 2084-90.
- Kaiser Family Foundation, M. Lillie-Blanton, O.E. Rushing, S. Ruiz (2003). Key Facts: Race, ethnicity and medical care. Available at <http://www.kff.org/minorityhealth/6069-index.cfm>
- Scott, Janny. "Life at the Top in America Isn't Just Better, It's Longer." The New York Times. May 16, 2005.
- van Ryn, M. and S. S. Fu (2003). "Paved with good intentions: do public health and human service providers contribute to racial/ethnic disparities in health?" American Journal of Public Health **93**(2): 248-55.
- Health Disparities Collaboratives. <http://www.healthdisparities.net/hdc/html/home.aspx>
- CDC Office of Minority Health. <http://www.cdc.gov/omh/AboutUs/disparities.htm>
- National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities. <http://ncmhd.nih.gov/>
- AMA: Eliminating Health Disparities. <http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/7639.html>





# HIV/AIDS



- Barnett, Tony and Alan Whiteside. *Aids in the 21st Century: Disease and Globalization.*
- Mann, Jonathan, et al. *Aids in the World*
- Shilts, Randy. *And the Band Played On: Politics, People, and the AIDS Epidemic*
- Film: *And the Band Played On*. HBO Films. (1993)
- Film: *A Closer Walk*. Worldwide Documentaries. (2004)  
[www.acloserwalk.org](http://www.acloserwalk.org)
- Office of HIV/AIDS Policy.  
<http://www.osophs.dhhs.gov/aids/>
- Kaiser Family Foundation Report on HIV/AIDS.  
<http://www.kff.org/hivaids/>



# Health & Human Rights



- Briggs, Susan, Ed., et al. Humanitarian Crises: The Medical and Public Health Response.
- Fagen, Patricia, et al. The Uprooted: Improving Humanitarian Responses to Forced Migration.
- Farmer, Paul. Infections and Inequalities: The Modern Plagues.
- Farmer, Paul. Pathologies of Power: Health, Human Rights, and the New War on the Poor.
- Gourevitch, Philip. We Wish to Inform You That Tomorrow We Will Be Killed with Our Families: Stories from Rwanda.
- Kidder, Tracy. Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer: A Man Who Would Cure the World.
- Kim, Jim et al. Dying for Growth: Global Inequality and the Health of the Poor
- Mann, Jonathan ed., et al. Health and Human Rights.
- WHO: Health and Human Rights. <http://www.who.int/hhr/en/>
- Amnesty International. <http://web.amnesty.org/pages/health-index-eng>
- Physicians for Human Rights. <http://physiciansforhumanrights.org/>





## Environmental Health & Population Growth



- Harr, Jonathan. [A Civil Action.](#)
- Moffett, George D. [Critical Masses: The Global Population Challenge.](#)
- Environmental Health Perspectives Journal  
<http://www.ehponline.org/>
- CDC Environmental Health  
<http://www.cdc.gov/node.do/id/0900f3ec8000e044>
- National Environmental Health Association  
<http://www.neha.org/>
- Online Environmental Health Journal  
<http://www.ehjournal.net/>
- National Institute of Environmental Health Services  
<http://www.niehs.nih.gov/>





# Databases



- Combined Health Information Database (CHID). A bibliographic database produced by health-related agencies of the Federal Department, this database focuses on health information and health education resources.

<http://chid.nih.gov/welcome/welcome.html>



- ERIC Education Database. Information on health education and health in schools. <http://www.eduref.org/cgi-bin/res.cgi/Subjects/Health>

- Institute of Development Studies. Resources on development issues, including health. Eldis and ID21 databases are recommended. <http://www.ids.ac.uk/ids/info/index.html>



- Popline. Database for reproductive and sexual health, fertility/family planning, and population issues.

<http://www.popline.org>

- Data Resource Center for Child & Adolescent Health <http://www.childhealthdata.org/content/Default.aspx>

- Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System <http://www.cdc.gov/brfss/>





## Further Reading



- Bortolotti, Dan. Hope in Hell: Inside the World of Doctors Without Borders.
- Diamond, Jared. Guns, Germs, and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies.
- Gawande, Atul. Complications: A Surgeon's Notes on an Imperfect Science.
- Hilfiker, David. Not All of Us Are Saints: A Doctor's Journey with the Poor.
- Kotlowitz, Alex. There Are No Children Here: The Story of Two Boys Growing Up in the Other America.
- Kozol, Jonathan. Savage Inequalities.
- Turnock, Bernard J. Public Health: Career Choices That Make a Difference
- Werner, David B., Maxwell, Jane, Thuman, Carol L. Where There Is No Doctor: A Village Health Care Handbook

