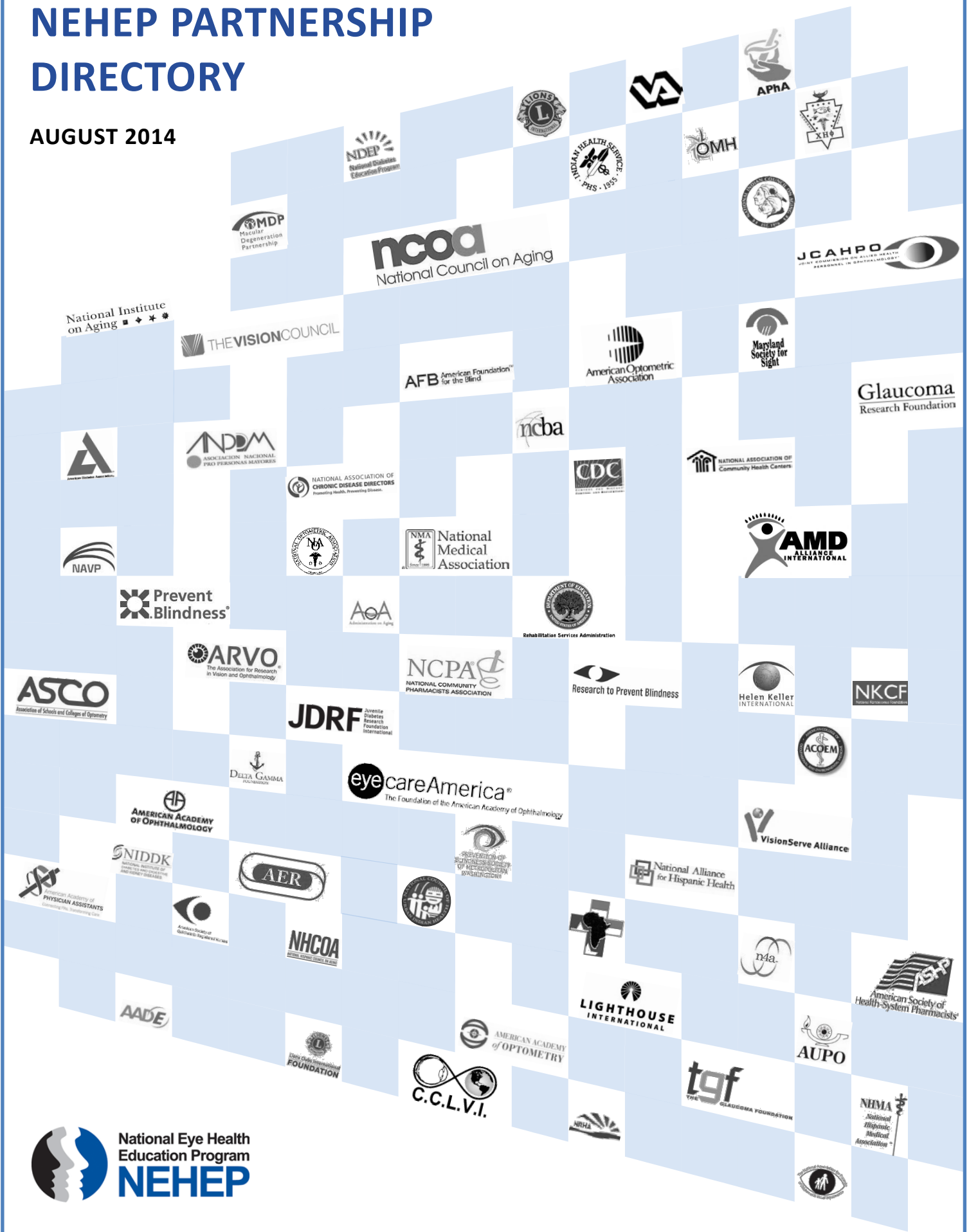


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Description

MISSION

Under the Older Americans Act, the Administration on Aging (AoA) is designated as the federal focal point and advocate agency for older persons. AoA works closely with a nationwide network of tribal, state, and local programs on aging to plan, coordinate, and develop community-level systems of services that meet the unique needs of older persons and their caregivers. Programs are targeted to older Americans in the greatest economic and social need, with particular attention to low-income minorities and individuals residing in rural areas. The Aging Service Provider Network includes 56 state and territorial units on aging, 655 area agencies on aging, 243 tribal organizations, and 29,000 service providers. The health promotion and disease prevention goals of AoA are the following:

- Make it easier for older people to access an integrated array of health and social supports.
- Help older people stay active and healthy.
- Support families in their efforts to care for their loved ones at home and in the community.

The health-related programs include the national Elderly Nutrition Program that provides congregate and home-delivered meals to more than 2.7 million elderly participants aged 60 and older. The program is intended to improve the dietary intakes of participants and to offer opportunities to form new friendships and to create informal support networks. The program

also provides nutrition screening, assessment, education, and counseling to help older participants meet their health and nutrition needs, which may include special health assessments for such diseases as hypertension and diabetes.

The preventive health service program targets the medically underserved areas of each state where large numbers of elderly with the greatest economic need for services reside. Services include health risk assessments and screenings (e.g., glaucoma and vision), health promotion, fitness and exercise, injury control, mental health, medication management, and other education and counseling efforts.

The National Family Caregiver Support Program has reached out to more than 3.8 million individuals with information about caregiver programs and services. The program provided assistance in accessing services to approximately 436,000 caregivers, significantly exceeding the agency target of 250,000 caregivers. It served almost 180,000 caregivers with counseling and training services and provided respite to more than 70,000 caregivers. Also, the Native American and American Indian tribal organizations have a program where at least 4,230 caregivers received one or more caregiver support services.

AoA, through the National Resource Center on Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Aging, funded a multisite demonstration project to implement and evaluate the “Eat Better, Move More” Community Guide. Ten grantees were selected, and these sites represented local programs that were large and small; were urban, rural, and suburban; were racially and ethnically diverse; and included individuals with mobility problems. Programs were implemented in a variety of settings, such as senior centers, senior housing, and community centers. Approximately 500 to 600 older adults finished the program. The Center is in the final stages of data compilation and analysis. Preliminary results indicate that there were significant changes in nutrition, physical activity, and stages of change.

AoA-awarded Evidence-Based Prevention Program for the Elderly grants, totaling more than \$2 million as part of a public/private partnership to increase access for older people to programs, have proven to be effective in reducing the risk of disease, injury, and disability. The partnership involves a variety of federal agencies and private foundations that are coordinating their efforts to help implement evidence-based prevention programs through aging-services providers at the community level. The areas of focus include disease self-management, nutrition, physical activity, falls prevention, and medication management. The

Evidence-Based Prevention Program for the Elderly grants are in their second year of a three-year cycle.

Area agencies on aging also fund a wide range of home- and community-based services that are non-health-related, such as access, in-home, and home repair, which assist older persons in their efforts to remain in their own homes. AoA funds a toll-free service (1-800-677-1116) to assist callers with information about programs and services in their own community. AoA maintains a website that contains information for professionals and consumers:

<http://www.aoa.gov>.

MEMBERSHIP/AFFILIATES

To access state and local aging organizations serving your area, call the AoA National Elder Care Locator at 1-800-677-1116.

PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

See the description above on programs and services.

PUBLICATIONS

For information about available printed materials, as well as other resources, contact the Aging Information and Resource Services Library. They house an extensive collection of current and historical aging-related resource and reference materials. The library can be reached at 202-357-3565, or by e-mail at library@aoa.gov.

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MISSION

AMD Alliance International is the only international organization in the world dedicated exclusively to promoting awareness, treatment, and research into macular degeneration, the leading cause of vision loss in the developed world. With more than 70 members in 26 countries, we are a membership organization comprising the world's leading vision and research organizations.

About AMD Alliance and its Science Board

AMD Alliance International is a nonprofit coalition of vision, research, and seniors organizations working to raise awareness of age-related macular degeneration (AMD), of treatment and rehabilitation options, and of the importance of early detection. Alliance membership currently includes more than 70 nonprofit organizations from 26 countries, including world-renowned leaders in ophthalmology, vision rehabilitation, patient and senior advocacy, and research.

With its growing international network, influence, and organizational capacity, AMD Alliance International is frequently looked to as a reliable, independent source of information about macular degeneration.

Our mission is the following:

- Generating awareness and understanding of AMD.
- Increasing the number of people over age 50 who receive regular eye examinations by promoting the importance of education, early detection, and knowledge of treatment and rehabilitation options.
- Preserving vision and improving the quality of life of individuals affected by AMD and increasing the percentage of people with AMD who receive treatment and rehabilitation.

AMD Alliance International produces a global research report on AMD awareness levels, which we use in several ways (i.e., as a source of reference for media, as a public education tool, and as a valuable tool for member organizations around the world), to use in advocacy efforts to influence government decisions on AMD-related social and health policy.

Our recent Global Cost of Blindness report (<http://www.amdalliance.org/cost-of-blindness.html>) was the first worldwide report outlining how visual impairment imposes a massive burden on healthcare systems and economies worldwide.

One of our most prominent public education tools is our website, <http://www.amdalliance.org>. We continually update and refine our website to continue to provide visitors with comprehensive information about prevention, warning signs, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation of AMD, as well as about our organization and worldwide resources for vision care information. Since its launch in September 1999, more than 13 million visitors, more than 70 percent of them from the United States, have accessed our website.

AMD Alliance International is honored to be advised by a Scientific Advisory Panel consisting of internationally renowned clinicians and researchers. We are able to access expertise and insight to the latest medical findings and formulate responses for the public and media. The participation of the Panel members enables AMD Alliance International to provide up-to-date, scientifically sound information.

Visitors to our website are able to request written information about AMD from us. We have educational materials in several languages.

The Alliance is the originator of AMD Week, an international week dedicated to promoting awareness of AMD. A comprehensive list of global activities for AMD Week is available on our website, <http://www.amdalliance.org>.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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MISSION

The mission of the American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) is to advance the lifelong learning and professional interests of ophthalmologists to ensure that the public can obtain the best possible eye care. Membership/Affiliates

28,000 members

PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

AAO provides professional and public education as well as ophthalmic advocacy, practice, and relations for its members.

AAO supports EyeCare America, a public service foundation (listed below).

MEETINGS

Annual meeting

PUBLICATIONS

EyeNet: Trusted clinical magazine

Ophthalmology: Monthly journal

Professional and patient education materials are available by request from eyemd@aao.org.

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MISSION

The American Academy of Optometry (AAO) is a professional organization of optometrists, vision scientists, and optometric students in more than 40 countries. The mission of AAO is to promote the art, science, and research of vision care by supporting research and educational programs in optometry and related sciences.

MEMBERSHIP/AFFILIATES

AAO has more than 5,000 members in local chapters in 20 geographic regions around the world.

PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

AAO provides continuing education to member and nonmember optometrists and vision scientists.

AAO fosters research and disseminates knowledge in vision science internationally. In addition to admitting Fellows through demonstrated competence, AAO provides earned Diplomate

programs in seven fields. The sister organization of AAO is the American Optometric Foundation.

MEETINGS

Annual meeting in October/November every year

PUBLICATIONS

Newsletter: Published three times a year

Eye-Mail Monthly®: Email newsletter available to members and nonmembers

Student Eye-Mail®

Optometry and Vision Science: Monthly peer-reviewed scientific journal

Annual Report

President's Calling: Monthly communication from the President

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MISSION

To ensure the professional growth, personal excellence, and recognition of physician assistants, and to support their efforts to enable them to improve the quality, accessibility, and cost-effectiveness of patient-centered health care.

MEMBERSHIP/AFFILIATES

The American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA) represents a profession of more than 81,000 certified physician assistants (PAs) across all medical and surgical specialties. As of January 2012, the membership of AAPA totaled more than 43,000 worldwide. Of these, more than 31,426 are Fellow members (graduate PAs) and approximately 10,435 are student members. The Academy has a federated structure of 57 chartered chapters representing PAs in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, and the federal services. Distinct but affiliated organizations include the PA Foundation, the PA History Society, and the Student Academy of the AAPA. There are also 23 PA specialty organizations and 12 caucuses and special interest groups.

PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

The Academy sponsors numerous activities for PAs, including many Continuing Medical Education programs. The Academy engages in research on the PA profession and health

workforce issues in general. The Academy develops policy for the PA profession; advocates on behalf of PAs to Congress; responds to local, state, and national health issues; assists state organizations on legislative and regulatory issues; offers employment assistance services; and sponsors leadership development opportunities. AAPA works jointly with many physician organizations on issues of mutual interest.

MEETINGS

The national annual conference, IMPACT, is typically held around Memorial Day weekend. Future IMPACT meeting sites are Boston (2014) and San Francisco (2015). Approximately 6,000 to 8,000 PAs attend each year. Each chapter holds its own meetings. Other meetings include an advocacy and constituent organization meeting in February and a strategic planning meeting in October.

PUBLICATIONS

PA Professional: Monthly news magazine.

Journal of the American Academy of Physician Assistants (JAAPA): Monthly, peer-reviewed, clinical journal.

Publications on regulatory, legislative, and reimbursement issues, as well as statistics, are available.

SOCIAL MEDIA

AAPA Facebook pages:

- AAPA – <http://www.facebook.com/AAPA.org>
- Student Academy – <http://www.facebook.com/AAPAstudents>
- PA Foundation – <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=237078285921>

AAPA Twitter Pages:

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Founded in 1973, the American Association of Diabetes Educators (AADE) is a professional membership organization dedicated to promoting the professional expertise of the diabetes educator, ensuring the delivery of quality diabetes self-management training to the patient, and influencing and contributing to the future content and direction of the profession.

MEMBERSHIP/AFFILIATES

The more than 14,000 members of AADE are healthcare professionals who specialize in helping people with diabetes self-manage their disease. They include nurses, dietitians, pharmacists, physicians, social workers, exercise physiologists, and other members of the diabetes care team.

PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

Annual Meeting: A four-day event that draws nearly 4,000 educators, it offers the opportunity to learn from experts in diabetes self-management training, participate in educational

sessions, and network with colleagues. The program also includes exhibits of diabetes-related products and services.

Core Concepts Course, The Art and Science of Diabetes Education: Designed to complement AADE's "A Core Curriculum for Diabetes Education," this course provides an in-depth review of the fundamental concepts that support diabetes self-management training.

Online Courses and Webinars: This is an opportunity to earn continuing education credit from home or the office. Courses cover the latest issues in diabetes self-management training and give diabetes educators the opportunity to learn new skills and sharpen existing ones.

Awards, Grants, and Scholarships: Awards and grants are given for a variety of projects, including the development of patient education tools and research in diabetes education. Scholarships allow diabetes educators to participate in professional development activities.

AADE Education and Research Foundation: Established in 1988, the foundation is dedicated to enhancing the quality of education and care for persons with diabetes by supporting activities in the areas of continuing education for health professionals, research in diabetes education, and public education about diabetes management.

PUBLICATIONS

The Diabetes Educator: A bimonthly journal (online and hard copy) that presents patient education research, lesson plan ideas, management strategies, book reviews, practical columns, and self-study offerings with continuing education credit.

AADE e-FYI: A monthly newsletter providing members with relevant AADE news.

AADE in Practice: A bi-monthly practice-focused journal offering tools and strategies for the practical application of current research and best practices in diabetes education.

The Art and Science of Diabetes Self-Management Education, A Desk Reference for Healthcare Professionals, 2nd Edition: A single-volume desk reference guide representing the most comprehensive compilation of diabetes self-management education training information.

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VISION

The (ACOEM) is the preeminent organization of physicians who champion the health and safety of workers, workplaces, and environments.

MISSION

ACOEM provides leadership to promote optimal health and safety of workers, workplaces, and environments by doing the following:

- Educating health professionals and the public
- Stimulating research
- Enhancing the quality of practice
- Guiding workplace and public policy
- Advancing the field of occupational and environmental medicine (OEM)

OEM MISSION

OEM is the medicine specialty devoted to prevention and management of occupational and environmental injury, illness, and disability; and promotion of health and productivity of workers, their families, and communities.

ACOEM, an international society of more than 4,500 occupational physicians, provides leadership to promote the optimal health and safety of workers, workplaces, and environments.

MEMBERSHIP/AFFILIATES

ACOEM represents more than 4,500 physicians and other healthcare professionals specializing in the field of OEM.

Founded in 1916, ACOEM is the largest medical society in the Nation dedicated to promoting the health of workers through preventive medicine, clinical care, research, and education. A dynamic group of physicians encompassing specialists in a variety of medical practices is united via the College to develop positions and policies on vital issues relevant to the practice of preventive medicine both within and outside of the workplace. While national in scope, the College is composed of local component societies in the United States and Canada.

HEALTH PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION, WORKSITE HEALTH PROMOTION, LEGISLATION

ACOEM Advocacy

- ACOEM Files Comments with Food and Drug Administration Regarding Opioid Education for Prescribers (NEW)
- ACOEM and International Association of Industrial Accident Boards and Commissions Express Concern to Workers' Comp Officials Regarding Opioid Abuse
- Working Relations With Occupational Safety and Health Administration, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health Related to Occupational Medicine Issues
- Council on Public Affairs Update
- Public Policy Recordings
- Public Comments
- Advocacy Center

Sectional Educational Resources

- Web Conference on Who Survives? How Benefit Costs Are Killing Your Company
- Web Conference on Holistic Approach to Controlling Opioid Abuse in Workers' Compensation

- Web Conference on Federal Employees' Compensation Act
- Free Continuing Medical Education (CME)
- MOC Part IV: What Re-certifying American Board of Preventive Medicine Diplomates Need To Know
- Point of Care Learning
- Webinars/Distance Learning
- Courses

MEETINGS/EDUCATIONAL

Component society members hold scientific meetings and network on a regular basis. ACOEM sponsors the annual American Occupational Health Conference (AOHC), the largest conference in the Nation of its kind. Each spring, component societies have regional/national meetings.

Distance Learning/Online Opportunities

ACOEM is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to sponsor CME for physicians. The following programs offer CME and detailed information may be found in each of the specific programs.

- Audio Training – Podcast
- OEM Practice Settings and Career Opportunities
- American Occupational Health Conference (AOHC) Annual Recording & CME/Maintenance of Certification – Even if one could not attend the yearly meeting, one can still participate in the AOHC recent meeting and earn up to 96 CME/MDO (MD Osteopathy) credits. In partnership with our recording company, Mobiltape, ACOEM is providing an online library of AOHC recent session recordings.

Other Distance-Learning Opportunities

- *Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine*/CME
- Commercial Drive Medical Examiner (CDME) Self-Assessment
- Past ACOEM Meetings/Mobiltape

PUBLICATIONS

ACOEM publishes the monthly *Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine*; *ACOEM E-News*; *MRO Update* newsletter; *CDME Review* newsletter; and books, including the *Occupational Medicine Practice Guidelines*.

The College periodically issues position papers and committee reports that set practice guidelines for a variety of workplace/environmental settings. These position papers and committee reports cover topics such as spirometry, mold, environmental tobacco smoke, noise-induced hearing loss, multiple chemical sensitivities, workplace drug screening, confidentiality of medical information, depression screening, and reproductive hazards. ACOEM has also established a Code of Ethical Conduct to guide occupational and environmental physicians.

ACOEM members are knowledgeable and capable of treating job-related diseases, recognizing and resolving workplace hazards, instituting rehabilitation methods, and providing well-managed care. The continual emergence of new chemicals, complex tools, manufacturing methodologies, pollution and environmental-impacting activities, and healthcare reform have focused and mandated the need for trained occupational and environmental medical specialists.

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To prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes.

To fulfill this mission, the American Diabetes Association (ADA) perform the following:

- Funds and advocates for scientific research to prevent, cure, and manage diabetes.
- Publishes scientific findings.
- Fights for the rights of people with diabetes.
- Provides information and services to people with diabetes, their families, health professionals and the public.

The Association acts on its mission through a number of critical programs and activities that are directed to a broad range of constituents encompassing consumers, research scientists, healthcare professionals, corporations, and communities.

MEMBERSHIP/AFFILIATES

ADA has more than 1 million volunteers, including a membership of 445,000 diabetes patients and their families, as well as a professional society of more than 14,000 health and medical professionals.

PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

Research activities involve learning more about the causes of diabetes, treatment, factors leading to complications, and, ultimately, a cure.

Information activities address improving the quality of life for people with diabetes by providing educational programs and publications; informing the public about the risk factors, the warning signs, and the seriousness of diabetes; and keeping health professionals up-to-date on the latest developments in diabetes treatment through professional education programs and journals.

Advocacy efforts involve increasing public awareness and aiming to improve health care and the lives of everyone affected by diabetes.

MEETINGS

Annual Scientific Sessions (June), Postgraduate Course (February), and other symposia provide opportunities for diabetes specialists and researchers to share information.

PUBLICATIONS

- Consumer magazine *Diabetes Forecast*
- Professional journals including *Diabetes Care*, *Diabetes Spectrum*, *Diabetes*, and *Clinical Diabetes*
- For professional books, consumer books, cookbooks, and health education materials, please visit <http://www.shopdiabetes.org>

SOCIAL MEDIA

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promoting independent and healthy living for people with vision loss by providing them and their families with relevant and timely resources. Our website serves as a gateway to a wealth of vision loss information and services. We are proud to house the Helen Keller Archives and honor the more than 40 years that Helen Keller worked tirelessly with AFB. For more information, visit us online at <http://www.afb.org>.

MEMBERSHIP/AFFILIATES

Atlanta: National Literacy Center

Dallas: AFB Center on Vision Loss

Washington, DC: Public Policy Center

Huntington, VA: AFB Technology and Employment Center

MEETINGS

AFB Leadership Conference: Annual national leadership conference

PUBLICATIONS

Journal of Visual Impairment and Blindness: Monthly

Access World: Monthly

AFB eNews: Monthly newsletter

AFB Directory of Services for Blind and Visually Impaired Persons in the U.S. and Canada (hardcover and CD-ROM). Patient education materials are available.

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MISSION

The American Optometric Association (AOA) seeks to advance the availability and accessibility of quality eye, vision, and related health care; to represent the profession of optometry; to enhance and promote the independent and ethical decisionmaking of its members; and to assist doctors of optometry in practicing successfully in accordance with the highest standards of patient care. AOA supports year-round programming to educate Americans about their vision and eye health and encourages people to take steps to preserve and protect their vision.

MEMBERSHIP/AFFILIATES

AOA has 33,000 members with affiliates in 50 states and the District of Columbia. The American Optometric Student Association and the Armed Forces Optometric Society are affiliated with AOA.

PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

AOA administers the Healthy Eyes Healthy People™ initiative with a Memorandum of Understanding with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to help implement the objectives of Healthy People 2010.

AOA supports year-round programming to educate Americans about their vision and eye health and to encourage people to take steps to preserve and protect their vision. AOA creates eye care awareness among the public during Save Your Vision Week each March.

AOA develops clinical practice guidelines, which include guidelines on diabetes and glaucoma, to define the appropriateness and quality of optometric care.

AOA supports the coordination and development of research proposals to improve eye care through the Council on Research.

AOA offers quality continuing education for eye care providers.

AOA sponsors a Seal of Certification and Acceptance Program to impartially evaluate ophthalmic-related products voluntarily submitted by manufacturers.

MEETINGS

June 25–29, 2014—Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

PUBLICATIONS

AOA News: Semimonthly newsletter

Journal of the American Optometric Association: Monthly clinical reference articles

Professional and patient education materials are available. Contact the Order Department at <http://www.aoa.org>.

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Description

MISSION

Improving medication use. Advancing patient care.

MEMBERSHIP/AFFILIATES

The American Pharmacists Association (APhA) represents more than 62,000 practicing pharmacists, pharmaceutical scientists, student pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and others interested in advancing the profession.

PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

APhA provides education and training programs and materials, advocacy, and information resources to pharmacists throughout the United States and internationally.

MEETINGS

Annual conference in March

Annual Joint Forces Pharmacy Seminar - Department of Defense pharmacy conference in October

Eight regional meetings per year for student pharmacists, in October/November

Regional certificate training programs, all year

PUBLICATIONS

Journal of the American Pharmacists Association: Bimonthly professional practice journal

Journal of Pharmaceutical Sciences: Monthly scientific and research journal

Student Pharmacist: Bimonthly journal

Pharmacy Today: Monthly profession-wide newspaper (circulation 140,000)

Textbooks and professional resources, including PharmacyLibrary.com

Professional, scientific, and patient education materials are available.

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MEMBERSHIP/AFFILIATES

ASHP has 35,000 members.

PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

ASHP provides continuing education, information on drugs, practice standards, and accreditation of professional training sites to its members.

ASHP supports research.

MEETINGS

Summer meeting

Midyear clinical meeting

PUBLICATIONS

American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy (AJHP): Bimonthly peer-reviewed journal

Inter Sections: Quarterly member magazine

Numerous professional education materials are available.

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MISSION

To foster excellence in ophthalmic patient care while supporting the ophthalmic team through individual development, education, and evidence-based practice.

MEMBERSHIP/AFFILIATES

Regular members (includes active members): Registered Nurses (RNs) presently engaged in ophthalmic nursing in offices and clinics, community health, management, research, and surgical settings. International Members: RNs working in ophthalmology who are not registered in the United States. Associate Members: RNs interested in, but not currently practicing, ophthalmic nursing.

Affiliate members: Includes non-RNs active in the field of ophthalmic health care, such as Licensed Practical and Vocational Nurses, Certified Surgical Technologists, and Certified/Non-Certified Ophthalmic Medical Personnel, physicians, and anyone committed to fostering the ophthalmic team concept and collaboration among all who work in our specialty, and are NOT Registered Nurses. (Affiliate members have all the rights and privileges of regular members except they cannot chair committees, hold national office, or vote.)

Retired RN members: Includes regular and affiliate members, age 62 or older, who are interested in ophthalmic patient care but have retired from active practice, and who have been ASORN members for at least two years immediately prior to retiring from active nursing practice.

PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

ASORN provides certification for ophthalmic nurses, publications, webinars, live meetings, networking opportunities, online continuing education, a quarterly journal, and volunteer opportunities.

MEETINGS

Annual meeting held each year in conjunction with the American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) meeting and two to three ASORN regional meetings in Fort Worth, Texas; San Antonio, Texas, and a third rotating location.

PUBLICATIONS

Journal:

INSIGHT: The Journal of the American Society of Ophthalmic Registered Nurses

Books:

Ophthalmic Procedures in the Operating Room and Ambulatory Surgery Center

Ophthalmic Procedures in the Office and Clinic

Care and Handling of Ophthalmic Microsurgical Instruments

Core Curriculum for Ophthalmic Nursing

Standards of Ophthalmic Clinical Nursing Practice

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MISSION

The mission of the Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired (AER) is to support professionals who provide education and rehabilitation services to people with visual impairments, offering professional development opportunities, publications, and public advocacy.

MEMBERSHIP/AFFILIATES

AER has six geographical districts and 13 typical divisions.

PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

AER organizes professional conferences and seminars, publishes journals and other publications, provides professional development opportunities for vision professionals, and promotes legislative efforts for vision issues.

MEETINGS

International conferences in even-numbered years

Webinars

More than 25 annual chapter conferences

PUBLICATIONS

AER Report: Quarterly newsletter

Insight: Research and Practice in Visual Impairment and Blindness: Quarterly peer-reviewed journal

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MISSION

ARVO is a community of more than 12,750 vision and ophthalmology researchers from 80 countries; we are the largest, most respected eye and vision research organization in the world. Our aim is to help cure and prevent blindness by encouraging and assisting research, training, publication and knowledge-sharing.

ARVO advances the progress of eye research worldwide by doing the following:

- Encouraging professional development through practical and informative educational activities, including the ARVO Annual Meeting.
- Publishing the highly regarded, peer-reviewed journals, *Investigative Ophthalmology & Visual Science*, *Journal of Vision*, and *Translational Vision Science & Technology*.
- Funding research and travel grant programs worldwide.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/arvoinfo>

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MISSION

The mission of the [Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry](#) (ASCO) is to serve the public through the continued advancement and promotion of all aspects of academic optometry.

In support of this mission, ASCO is committed to fulfilling the leadership role in the optometric education enterprise by doing the following:

- Serving as an advocate and spokesperson at the national level.
- Providing leadership in education policy and research.
- Supporting member institutions in the advancement of common goals.

- Encouraging and facilitating interaction and cooperation among member institutions.
- Serving as a liaison to the larger community of optometric organizations, health professions, education associations, other healthcare professions and industry.
- Promoting ethnic and cultural diversity and by supporting member institutions' embrace of diversity in their practices and programs as it embodies the idea of an open and multicultural society.
- Supporting the international development of optometric education.

MEMBERSHIP/AFFILIATES

ASCO represents all accredited [schools and colleges of optometry](#) in the 50 states and Puerto Rico. Our organization's [affiliate members](#) include the Canadian schools of optometry, other foreign schools, allied organizations, and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

ASCO program activities cover a wide range of programs including applicant development and diversity, cultural competency, faculty and executive development, government affairs, residency promotion, data development and analysis, strategic communications and publications, centralized application and residency matching services, and other activities.

MEETINGS

Annual Meeting, always in June

Board Meetings, three times a year

PUBLICATIONS

Optometric Education: Peer-reviewed journal published three times a year

Eye on Education: Online newsletter published three times a year

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The mission of the Association of University Professors of Ophthalmology (AUPO) is to serve, strengthen, and represent departments of ophthalmology; to provide support and information to departmental chairs and other faculty members; to promote excellence in ophthalmic education; to foster vision research; and to promote excellence in eye care in order to ensure the best possible vision for the public.

MEMBERSHIP

AUPO members include ophthalmologists who are Chairs of departments/divisions of ophthalmology in medical schools accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) in the United States; heads of departments/divisions of ophthalmology with ophthalmology residency training programs accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) in other teaching institutions in the United States, and heads of departments/divisions of ophthalmology accredited by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons in Canada and affiliated with a Canadian medical school.

Other members include ophthalmologists who are heads of departments/divisions of ophthalmology with ophthalmology residency programs that have merged or otherwise

combined departments/divisions of ophthalmology in situations where at least one of the merged or combined departments/divisions of ophthalmology was either affiliated with a medical school accredited by the LCME or had an ophthalmology residency training program accredited by the ACGME.

MEETINGS

AUPO Annual Meeting

AUPO Program Director's Council

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MISSION

The Vision Health Initiative (VHI) is designed to improve our Nation's vision health through a coordinated public health approach organized around assessment, application, and action principles aimed at preventing and controlling eye disease, eye injury, and vision loss, thereby improving quality of life and reducing disability for all populations during all life stages.

MEMBERSHIP/AFFILIATES

Data indicates that vision loss and eye diseases disproportionately affect specific population subgroups within the United States. Therefore, VHI will continue forming new partnerships to identify and target populations at greater risk of preventable vision loss. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention/VHI stands ready to join with others committed to vision

health to create a multilevel network for vision loss prevention through collaborating, convening, and leading the efforts.

PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

The core elements of the VHI-coordinated public health approach to improving the Nation's vision health include the following: engaging key national partners, collaborating with state and local health departments, implementing vision surveillance and evaluation systems, eliminating eye health disparities by focusing on at-risk populations, integrating vision health interventions into existing public health programs (e.g., systems and policy changes that support vision health), addressing the role of behavior in protecting and optimizing vision health, ensuring professional workforce development, and establishing an applied public health research agenda for vision health.

Highlights of current VHI activities:

Assessment

VHI has been active in the pursuit of national data collection, including the assembly of key vision and eye health measures. VHI has supported the eye evaluation component of the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey that will provide current, nationally representative data. VHI developed the first optional Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System vision module and introduced it into state use in 2005 to gather information about access to eye care and prevalence of eye disease and eye injury. These efforts are critical to identifying data gaps among subgroups requiring special attention and to tracking outcomes.

Applied Public Health Research

VHI uses applied public health research to address the economic costs of vision disorders and develop cost-effectiveness models for eye diseases among various populations. Estimating the true economic burden is essential for informing policymakers and for obtaining necessary resources to develop and implement effective interventions. Other VHI work that informs future planning efforts includes data analyses and systematic reviews of critical topics.

Programs and Policy

In the area of programs and policy, VHI works collaboratively with the National Eye Institute and other government agencies, nonprofit organizations, community-based organizations, and faith-based organizations. As an example, our work with Prevent Blindness America, the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD) and federal, state, and local

agencies has sought to improve and expand health systems and provide solutions in the delivery and quality of effective interventions. This work has led to support for vision surveillance systems, enhanced design of future health information technologies, enhanced vision screening programs, and new collaborative modalities as exemplified by the formation of an NACDD Vision Health Interest Group.

MEETINGS

Annual Division of Diabetes Translation Conference

Annual National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Meeting

PUBLICATIONS

Professional and public education materials are available.

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Chi Eta Phi is an international organization of registered professional nurses and nursing students that seeks to encourage the pursuit of continuing education, to maintain excellence in nursing practice, to stimulate a close and friendly relationship among members, and to network and develop working relationships with allied and other professional groups for the improvement and delivery of quality healthcare services, both nationally and internationally.

MEMBERSHIP/AFFILIATES

Chi Eta Phi has more than 8,000 members in 110 chapters (83 graduate and 36 undergraduate), located in 30 states and the District of Columbia; and St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Island.

PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

Chi Eta Phi coordinates health screening and consumer health education programs.

Chi Eta Phi sponsors special programs designated to improve the care of youth, young adults, and seniors.

Chi Eta Phi sponsors special health promotion events in conjunction with National Nurses Week (May).

Chi Eta Phi sponsors leadership development programs.

Chi Eta Phi provides educational scholarships to nursing students who meet established criteria.

Chi Eta Phi maintains a speakers' bureau on health education and issues related to the role of nursing in healthcare delivery services.

Chi Eta Phi sponsors nursing conferences in collaboration with other nurses and healthcare providers.

Chi Eta Phi sponsors nursing conferences on the local, regional, and national levels.

MEETINGS

Biannual meeting, always in July

Yearly regional meetings, usually March through April

PUBLICATIONS

Chi Line: Semiannual newsletter

Glowing Lamp: Annual

Journal of Chi Eta Phi Sorority (JOCEPS): Annual

Professional and patient education materials are available.

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The Council of Citizens with Low Vision International is a nonprofit, all-volunteer organization that addresses the needs of people with low vision. The Council is affiliated with the American Council of the Blind. The mission of the Council is to establish the right of people with low vision to make full use of their vision through all necessary aids, services, and technology; to provide a means through which people with low vision can express their individual needs, interests, and preferences; to educate the public, professionals, and people with low vision themselves about the potentialities, capabilities, and needs of people with low vision; to establish outreach programs to ensure that everyone with low vision has access to necessary services; to promote needed research to prevent loss of vision and improve maximum use of sight; and to support the development of preservice and in-service professional training programs to expand comprehensive low vision services throughout the country.

MEMBERSHIP/AFFILIATES

The Council has about 350 members, as well as members at large. It also has six chapters.

PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

The Council sponsors Project Insight, a peer-support network that offers outreach to people experiencing vision loss by members throughout the country who volunteer to offer information and support to people who call the Council's toll-free number.

The Council provides competitive scholarships to college and graduate students who have low vision or who are preparing for careers in which they will offer services to people who are visually impaired.

The Council offers a memorial award of technology program in honor of the President.

The Council focuses on advocacy.

The Council has a monthly conference call entitled "Let's Talk Low Vision", available to the public, coordinated by a low vision doctor as well as guest speakers on various low vision related topics.

MEETINGS

Annual convention in July in conjunction with the American Council of the Blind

State and local affiliates schedule meetings and conferences

PUBLICATIONS

Vision Access: Quarterly magazine, available in large-print, cassette, e-mail, audio CD, and data CD

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MISSION

Incorporated in 1951, Delta Gamma Foundation continues its long history of providing a means through which members may work together to further charitable, scientific, literary, and educational objectives. Delta Gamma Foundation is the philanthropic arm of Delta Gamma Fraternity, which was founded in 1873.

MEMBERSHIP/AFFILIATES

Delta Gamma Foundation has 143 chapters on college campuses and approximately 300 organized alumnae groups in cities across the United States, Canada, and Great Britain.

PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

Delta Gamma Foundation provides assistance to those who are blind or visually impaired and sponsors sight-preservation activities.

Delta Gamma Foundation coordinates community service projects.

Delta Gamma Foundation promotes eye exams through its own groups and through collaboration with other groups.

MEETINGS

Biennial meeting, always in June and held in various cities in the United States and Canada

PUBLICATIONS

Anchora: quarterly magazine

SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/DeltaGammaFoundation>

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The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is the federal agency that provides benefits to veterans of military service and their dependents.

PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

VA compensates veterans for disabilities related to military service and their families for death related to military service.

VA administers programs that include educational assistance; vocational rehabilitation; home loan guarantees; insurance; and comprehensive dental and medical care in outpatient clinics, medical centers, and nursing homes for eligible veterans.

VA trains some 100,000 health professionals yearly in VA medical centers through affiliations with the nation's medical schools.

VA maintains a national clinic research program based in 172 VA medical centers.

VA sponsors a network of diabetes educators who coordinate patient education programs.

VA manages programs of special benefits, health care, and informational outreach to meet the needs of particular groups of veterans such as former prisoners of war, Vietnam veterans, Gulf War veterans, women veterans, and homeless veterans.

VA operates the National Cemetery System, which provides internment for veterans and their spouses.

PUBLICATIONS

Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents: This document describes the eligibility requirements and application procedures for current federal benefits programs for veterans, and lists all VA facilities.

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MISSION

EyeCare America, the public service program of the Foundation of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, provides eye care to medically underserved seniors and those who are at increased risk for eye disease.

Our mission is to prevent avoidable blindness and severe visual impairment by raising awareness, providing education, and facilitating eye care for the public. Since its inception in 1985, EyeCare America has helped more than 1.7 million people through the services of 7,000 volunteer ophthalmologists (Eye M.D.s) nationwide. More than 90 percent of the care provided is at no out-of-pocket cost to the patient.

To determine your eligibility for a referral to an EyeCare America volunteer Eye M.D., visit our Online Referral Center at <http://www.eyecareamerica.org>. The referral center is also a convenient way for friends, family members, social services, and nonprofit volunteers to find out if their loved ones or clients are eligible.

Referrals are provided to U.S. citizens and legal residents who are without an Eye M.D. and do not belong to an HMO or already have eye care through the VA.

To be eligible for the program, an individual should fall into one of the two categories below:

1. **Those who are age 65 or older and have not seen an Eye M.D. in three or more years.** These patients may be eligible to receive a comprehensive medical eye exam and up to one year of care at no out-of-pocket cost for any disease diagnosed during the initial exam. Volunteer ophthalmologists will waive copayments and unmet deductibles, and accept Medicare and/or other insurance reimbursement as payment in full; patients without insurance receive this care at no charge.

OR

2. **Those determined to be at increased risk for glaucoma (by age, race, and family history) and have not had an eye exam in 12 months or more.** These patients may be eligible to receive a free glaucoma eye exam if they are uninsured. Those who are eligible and covered by insurance will be billed for the exam and are responsible for any copayments.

Whether or not you are eligible for a referral, <http://www.eyecareamerica.org> also offers resources and medication assistance information.

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The Glaucoma Foundation is the premier international nonprofit organization dedicated to eradicating glaucoma, the leading cause of preventable blindness affecting 3 million Americans. The mission of the Foundation is to raise public awareness about the need for regular, comprehensive eye exams and to fund critical research seeking new treatments and cures for glaucoma.

The Glaucoma Foundation is ready with resources to partner with other organizations and community groups that share our vision of a world without blindness. Together, we can help eradicate blindness from glaucoma.

PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

The International Think Tank on Optic Nerve Rescue and Restoration.

Scientific grants, awarded semiannually for innovative research to improve the diagnosis and treatment of the disease.

Lunch and Learn Program for educational outreach on glaucoma with talks by a physician and a patient.

Glaucoma Awareness Month in January. Poster, literature, media press kits.

PUBLICATIONS

Glaucoma at a Glance: A statistical fact sheet providing an overview of the disease and those whom it affects.

Glaucoma—The Leading Cause of Preventable Blindness: A bi-fold brochure detailing risk factors, diagnoses, procedures, and treatments.

Share Our Vision: A tri-fold brochure explaining the programs, research, and educational services of the Foundation that can be accessed worldwide.

Doctor, I Have a Question: a 28-page patient booklet outlining aspects of the disease, medications, and treatments, as well as surgical procedures.

You and Your Glaucoma Medication: a how-to-guide on taking eye drops most effectively, with diagrams and patient tips.

Eye to Eye: quarterly newsletter providing updates on medical news and research, treatment information, and answers to commonly asked hotline questions.

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The Glaucoma Research Foundation (GRF) mission is to prevent vision loss from glaucoma by investing in innovative research, education, and support with the ultimate goal of finding a cure.

PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

GRF funds innovative research and offers education and support for people with glaucoma and their families.

Gleams, a free newsletter with research updates, treatment information, and more, is distributed three times a year in print, and monthly by e-mail.

The GRF website, <http://www.glaucoma.org>, offers comprehensive glaucoma information and resources including treatment options, low vision and financial assistance resources, and research updates.

GRF publishes the free guidebook, *Understanding & Living with Glaucoma*, which provides facts and answers for people with glaucoma and their families. An excellent resource for newly diagnosed patients, the guidebook is available in English and Spanish.

Successful research grants funded by the Glaucoma Research Foundation include the Collaborative Normal Tension Glaucoma Study, the first controlled clinical trial to establish that lowering eye pressure preserves vision. Another research grant identified one of the first genes responsible for glaucoma. Today, a major collaborative study, Catalyst For a Cure, is redefining how glaucoma research is conducted. The Catalyst For a Cure research scientists — specialists in genetics, nerve regeneration, and neurodevelopment — work in real-time collaboration to understand neuronal loss in glaucoma and identify new targets for intervention.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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MISSION

Founded in 1915, Helen Keller International's (HKI) mission is to save the sight and lives of the most vulnerable and disadvantaged. HKI combats the causes and consequences of blindness and malnutrition by establishing programs based on evidence and research in vision, health, and nutrition. The organization is known for sustainability, reliability, efficiency, and the highest level of technical expertise in preventing blindness and reducing malnutrition. HKI is headquartered in New York City, and has programs in 21 countries in Africa and Asia as well as in the United States, addressing malnutrition (including vitamin A deficiency), cataract, trachoma, onchocerciasis (river blindness), and refractive error.

MEMBERSHIP/AFFILIATES

Membership:

National Eye Health Education Program (NEHEP), CORE Group, Global Health Council, USAID Health Research Program, International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (VISION 2020), InterAction, International Coalition for Trachoma Control, Nongovernmental

Development Organization, GET2020, African Programme for Onchocerciasis Control, International Zinc Nutrition Consultative Group, and Global Alliance to Eliminate Lymphatic Filariasis.

Affiliates:

Cornell University, Johns Hopkins University, Tufts University, Wageningen University

PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

Cataract:

Cataract causes the clouding of the normally transparent lens of the eye and is the single largest cause of treatable blindness worldwide. It affects more than 18 million people, or 48 percent of all blind adults. While the cause of cataract is unknown, it can be effectively treated by surgery. HKI works to improve the accessibility, efficiency, and quality of cataract treatment and surgical care. HKI trains surgeons, nurses, and community health workers, as well as develop basic eye health education programs with government counterparts and local nongovernmental organizations. HKI also provides the equipment and technology necessary for program implementation.

Onchocerciasis Control:

Also known as river blindness, onchocerciasis is the second-leading infectious cause of blindness in the world. It is caused by a parasitic worm transmitted through the bite of the black fly. In Africa, 37 million people are infected with onchocerciasis, and 90 million worldwide are at risk of infection. An annual dose of the drug Mectizan® (ivermectin), generously donated by Merck & Co., Inc., prevents symptoms of onchocerciasis for one year. HKI encourages communities to take responsibility for their health by providing them with training, information, and education about preventing and treating the disease.

HKI and their partners developed a delivery system called Community-Directed Treatment with Ivermectin (CDTI) that places the power to control this disease in the hands of community members themselves. Partnerships are created between communities and healthcare systems so that intervention will continue after initial technical assistance and training are provided. Community-Directed Distributors are trained to administer and track the annual doses of the drug within their own communities. CDTI systems now cover more than 60 million people in Africa.

Trachoma Control

Trachoma is the leading infectious cause of preventable blindness in the world. Resulting from a bacterium, this painful infection of the eye leads to the buildup of scar tissue and can eventually cause blindness. Endemic in 57 countries, with 75 percent of the afflicted in Africa, trachoma has left more than 7.5 million people irreversibly blind and almost 50 million in need of treatment. In an effort to help control trachoma, HKI implements the WHO-endorsed SAFE strategy (surgery, antibiotics, face cleanliness, and environmental improvements) through community-based programs. Interventions include training surgeons and nurses; providing necessary antibiotic supplies and surgical materials; having school health programs teach children to practice frequent face washing; and supporting environmental improvements, like improving the water supply and latrine construction of schools.

ChildSight® "Bringing Education into Focus™"

ChildSight®, HKI's domestic program, serves children living in urban and rural poverty, addressing their refractive errors—commonly known as nearsightedness, farsightedness, and astigmatism. Every year in the United States, 2 million children live with uncorrected refractive errors. ChildSight® works to overcome the two biggest barriers to childhood vision care: prohibitive cost and limited access. ChildSight® offers free vision screenings and eyeglasses to children who need them. The connection between vision and academic improvement is dramatic and life changing. Since 1994, ChildSight® has screened more than 1.4 million students in the United States and has provided free eyeglasses to more than 186,000 of the nation's most vulnerable children. This proven success led HKI to expand their services internationally.

Diabetic Retinopathy Treatment

Diabetic Retinopathy (DR) is a leading cause of preventable blindness worldwide and is a frequent cause of new cases of blindness among adults ages 20–74. Early diagnosis and treatment of DR is critical to stave off vision loss, as 75 percent of people with diabetes will develop some form of retinopathy within 15 years of their diagnosis. To improve access to, and long-term compliance with, DR treatment and care among the urban poor in Bangladesh and Indonesia, HKI and their partners initiated a program establishing a collaborative network that identifies and refers DR cases, provides high-quality treatment, and keeps patients in the healthcare system once identified.

Vitamin A Supplementation

The leading cause of childhood blindness is vitamin A deficiency. Every year, it is estimated that 670,000 children will die of vitamin A deficiency and that 350,000 children will go blind. Vitamin A supplementation is one of the most cost-effective methods of preventing blindness, costing just \$1 per child per year. Biannual treatments of vitamin A can prevent blindness in children and save their lives; last year, HKI delivered more than 85 million vitamin A capsules to children. HKI is a leader in designing, implementing, and monitoring programs that ensure annual delivery of vitamin A to vulnerable populations worldwide, preventing blindness and reducing malnutrition. These programs save the sight and lives of thousands of people every year. In addition, HKI also promotes the consumption of foods rich in vitamin A, encourages food fortification with micronutrients, and teaches homestead food production.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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MISSION

The Indian Health Service (IHS) seeks to provide comprehensive health services (i.e., medical, dental, and environmental health programs) through IHS facilities, tribally contracted hospitals, health centers, school health centers, and health stations.

MEMBERSHIP/AFFILIATES

Indian health organizations across the United States.

PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

IHS provides optometric and ophthalmologic doctors in hospital and clinical settings, generally in remote areas with a substantial number of patients needing care, and provides special programs in disease prevention and health promotion.

MEETINGS

As announced: An eye care IHS-wide meeting is held during even-numbered years.

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MISSION

JDRF is the leading global organization focused on type 1 diabetes (T1D) research. Driven by passionate, grassroots volunteers connected to children, adolescents, and adults who have this disease, JDRF is now the largest charitable supporter of T1D research. The goal of JDRF research is to improve the lives of all people affected by T1D by accelerating progress on the most promising opportunities for curing, better treating, and preventing T1D. JDRF collaborates with a wide spectrum of partners who share this goal.

Since its founding in 1970, JDRF has awarded more than \$1.6 billion to diabetes research. Past JDRF efforts have helped to significantly advance the care of people with this disease and have expanded the critical scientific understanding of T1D. JDRF will not rest until T1D is fully conquered. More than 80 percent of JDRF's expenditures directly support research and research-related education.

MEMBERSHIP/AFFILIATES

More than 100 chapters and affiliates worldwide

MEETINGS

Annual conference in June

PUBLICATIONS

Countdown magazine

Countdown for Kids magazine

Partners newsletter

Annual report

Educational brochures and fact sheets are available.

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JOINT COMMISSION ON ALLIED HEALTH PERSONNEL IN OPHTHALMOLOGY

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MISSION

The Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology (JCAHPO) serves to enhance the quality and availability of ophthalmic patient care by promoting the value of qualified allied health personnel and by providing certification and education.

PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

JCAHPO conducts international certifying examinations and provides continuing education programs. JCAHPO also develops standards of education and training in the field.

E-Learning Website: <http://www.actioned.org>

MEETINGS

In addition to the annual meeting conducted with the American Academy of Ophthalmology (October/November), JCAHPO holds year-round regional continuing education programs for ophthalmic personnel.

PUBLICATIONS

Eye Lights: A newsletter that is published quarterly

President's Report: An annual activity report

Criteria for Certification: A booklet that describes certification requirements for three core levels and two subspecialties ([PDF](#))

SOCIAL MEDIA

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MISSION

Lighthouse International, a worldwide resource on vision impairment and rehabilitation, is dedicated to enabling people of all ages to overcome the challenges of vision loss. Lighthouse provides services in the greater New York region. Its education and research are national and international.

Lighthouse International's state-of-the-art continuing education programs are available in clinical low vision care and vision rehabilitation for new and experienced professionals and paraprofessionals. Low vision is an urgent and growing public health issue that is impacting *everyone's* practice. Lighthouse International has worked hard to ensure that you'll find something in their program offerings to help you enhance your services and meet patients' needs - no matter what your specialty or area of practice.

MEMBERSHIP/AFFILIATES

Lighthouse International has more than 18,000 low vision continuing education alumni, located throughout the United States and abroad.

PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

Lighthouse International offers the most extensive, multidisciplinary continuing education programs available in the field, including clinical training opportunities; self-paced, accessible online courses; and timely webinars. Lighthouse has taken a fresh look at the needs of today's professionals and revamped their offerings to bring new topics in new ways. This gives you the opportunity to learn what you need, when you need it.

Many of the Lighthouse programs are accredited by a wide range of organizations, including the Council on Optometric Practitioner Education, the American Occupational Therapy Association, the Academy for Certification of Vision Rehabilitation and Education Professionals, and JCAHPO.

You will benefit from the vast experience and expertise of the Lighthouse faculty—an internationally recognized group of clinicians in the fields of low vision care and vision rehabilitation—whose up-to-the-minute knowledge and practical suggestions can help you save time and money as you apply what you learn to your own practice.

MEETINGS

Lighthouse International offers online courses and clinical training programs.

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MISSION

Lions Clubs International is a service organization whose mission is "to empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs." Individual clubs work with the local community to provide needed and useful health-related programs for sight, diabetes awareness, and hearing.

MEMBERSHIP/AFFILIATES

There are approximately 46,000 Lions clubs worldwide, including 1.35 million members.

PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

Volunteers operate and/or support a wide variety of projects, such as recreational camps for the visually impaired, eye banks, used-eyeglass recycling centers, international health missions, guide dog schools, research facilities, clinics, and more.

Clubs may provide vision and/or diabetes screenings through collaboration with community healthcare professionals; many support mobile-screening units; and clubs may provide assistance for eye examinations, eye care, and eyeglasses for people in need.

The international office provides area program chairpersons and club volunteers with resources and information for conducting eye health and diabetes awareness programs. Lions Clubs International supports many other programs that may or may not be health related, such as Hearing Preservation, Awareness and Action, Disaster Preparedness and Relief, Environmental Services, International Relations, Lions Services for Children, and Lions Opportunities for Youth programs.

MEETINGS

Annual Meeting: Always in June/July
Area Forums: Annually
Three board meetings a year
Clubs: Meet once or more per month

PUBLICATIONS

THE LION Magazine: Published 10 times/year; distributed to all members
Chairperson Newsletter: Distributed two to three times a year to district and state chairpersons for the programs, Sight Preservation, Awareness and Action, Lions Services for Children, and Diabetes Awareness
Lions Eye Health Program: IAD 419
Lions Recycle for Sight: IAD 403
Club Guide for Collecting Used Eyeglasses: IAD 401
Strides...Lions Walk for Diabetes Awareness Activity Guide for Clubs: IAD 184
Lions Services for Children: IAD 303

SOCIAL MEDIA

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MISSION

Lions Clubs International Foundation's (LCIF) mission is to support the efforts of Lions clubs worldwide in serving their local communities and the world community as they carry out essential humanitarian service projects.

MEMBERSHIP/AFFILIATES

In the United States, there are approximately 11,887 Lions clubs with more than 332,894 members. Worldwide, there are more than 1.35 million members in 46,206 clubs in more than 208 countries.

PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

SightFirst is the Lions global vision program that supports the development of comprehensive eye care systems to fight the major causes of blindness and vision loss and to care for the blind and visually impaired. This program funds high-quality, sustainable projects that deliver eye care services, develop infrastructure, train personnel, and/or provide rehabilitation and

education in underserved communities. Moving forward, SightFirst will support eye health education efforts in two ways:

- By developing national-level eye health education initiatives in middle- and high-income countries, where adequate eye care services exist, yet eye care materials do not.
- As an education component of SightFirst comprehensive eye care projects in low-income countries.

The LCIF Core 4 Diabetes program enables Lions to address the growing epidemic of diabetes, while in collaboration with healthcare providers in their community.

PUBLICATIONS

New Lions eye health materials will be cobranding with NEHEP for release in 2011.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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Macular Degeneration Partnership's mission is to provide comprehensive, easily understood, and up-to-the-minute information about macular degeneration for everyone who needs it.

PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

AMD.org (<http://www.amd.org>)—This comprehensive website has information on macular degeneration; tips for living with age-related macular degeneration (AMD); and updates on clinical trials, research, and treatment.

AMD Warm Line (888-430-9898)—This toll-free line offers a caring and informed professional who can provide information, support, and resources to those in need.

AMD News Update—This free monthly e-newsletter offers the latest news on macular degeneration, lifestyle changes, and treatments. Subscribe at www.AMD.org

MEETINGS

The AMD Patient Support Group of Beverly Hills meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at

the Beverly Hills Library.

The AMD Patient Support Group of Santa Monica meets the second Tuesday of each month at the Santa Monica YMCA.

The AMD Patient Support Group of Orange County meets the second Monday of each month at the Michael E. Rodgers Senior Center in Huntington Beach.

Annual AMD Public Education Seminars are held in Southern California.

AARP Vision Pavilion: The annual AARP Expo hosts a variety of organizations and exhibitors sharing information about healthy eyes and aging.

PUBLICATIONS

AMD Toolkit™: Everything a patient needs to understand AMD and find resources.

AMD News Update: A monthly online newsletter containing in-depth articles on research, experimental treatments, nutrition, and clinical trials.

Macular Degeneration: What You Need to Know: An award-winning brochure that explains AMD, dry and wet; warning signs; and what you can do to protect yourself.

Amsler Grid: A self-test for AMD, magnetized to use on the refrigerator, with instructions.

All materials and services are free.

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MISSION

The Maryland Society for Sight is a nonprofit health education agency that works to prevent blindness and preserve sight for all Marylanders. The Maryland Society for Sight has been providing unique eye health education and screening services for Marylanders since 1909.

PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

- Provides vision screenings for preschoolers and adults.
- Provides eye examinations and glasses for the homeless.
- Conducts worksite health and community-based programs.
- Maintains a speakers' bureau.
- Works to prevent sports eye injuries in children.
- Provides the public with information on eye health and safety.

PUBLICATIONS

Eye Openers: A newsletter published twice a year.

Patient education materials are available.

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MISSION

The National Alliance for Hispanic Health is dedicated to connecting communities and creating change to improve the health and well-being of Hispanics/Latinos in the United States. The National Alliance for Hispanic Health fulfills its mission by working with community organizations; universities; federal, state, and local governments; foundations; and corporations.

MEMBERSHIP/AFFILIATES

4,000 organizational members

PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

The National Alliance for Hispanic Health focuses on four program goals: (1) building a comprehensive knowledge base, (2) increasing public awareness, (3) fostering strong collaborative networks, and (4) strengthening community-based infrastructures.

As the action forum for the Hispanic/Latino community, the National Alliance for Hispanic Health provides the following services:

- Consumer education and outreach
- Training programs
- Technical assistance
- Model community-based programs
- Policy analysis, development, and dissemination
- Research (i.e., data analysis)
- Advocacy
- Infrastructure support and development
- Development and adaptation of materials

Priority areas include women's health, environmental health, health system reform, and welfare reform. Long-standing programs address HIV/AIDS, cancer, diabetes, heart disease, chronic diseases, maternal and child health, immunizations, adolescent health, mental health, human services, alcohol abuse, inhalant abuse, traffic safety, nutrition, and juvenile justice. Managing the balance of technology, information access, and patient confidentiality are just a few of the areas the Alliance monitors and represents on behalf of Hispanic/Latino communities and their concerns.

PUBLICATIONS

For a list of National Alliance for Hispanic Health Resources, visit the website:

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SOCIAL MEDIA

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MISSION

The National Association for Hispanic Elderly/Asociación Nacional Pro Personas Mayores (NAHE) is committed to achieving social change by focusing on the needs of low-income minority and Hispanic/Latino older persons, thus impacting the Hispanic/Latino community and the nation as a whole. NAHE believes in the right of each human being to have a decent and dignified life. Because of this belief, NAHE attempts to provide some visible means of achieving such a way of life, especially for low-income older persons, many of whom, because of language and cultural differences, are more vulnerable than their contemporaries. In response to the needs of these low-income older persons, NAHE is committed to providing bicultural models of service through economic development programs, health education, housing, employment, and training programs. NAHE is also committed to working in partnership with public and private organizations that are also willing to advocate with us to guaranty access to all benefits and services for those older persons with the greatest social and economic needs.

Aware of ongoing societal changes, NAHE attempts to remain open and creative in their commitment to serve Hispanics/Latinos and other low-income communities.

PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

The scope of NAHE's work includes older worker employment programs, direct services for the elderly, community economic development projects, affordable housing, health education programs, pioneering research, training and technical assistance, art and culture programs, model projects, and award-winning bilingual media productions. NAHE currently administers one of the national Senior Community Service Employment Projects funded through the U.S. Department of Labor, a Senior Environmental Employment Project funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the Agricultural Conservation Experienced Services program funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. NAHE is also the national grantee for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration on Aging's National Minority Aging/Hispanic Technical Assistance Center. NAHE has offices in five states and the District of Columbia, as well as subprojects in an additional seven states. NAHE has an extended national network of signed agreements with more than 500 public and private community-based organizations, nonprofit health providers, and faith-based churches and organizations. Over the past 36 years, NAHE has provided more than 60,000 paid jobs for low-income older workers and has generated an additional 14,000 jobs outside of their grant program in both the private and nonprofit sectors. These services are the best example of NAHE's impact on the life of thousands of Hispanics/Latinos and other low-income older persons and their families throughout the United States and Puerto Rico.

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The National Association for Parents of Children with Visual Impairments, Inc. (NAPVI) is a national parent organization that gives support, exchanges information, and refers resources to parents with children who are visually impaired. NAPVI reaches parents and families, community groups, and national and international agencies.

MEMBERSHIP/AFFILIATES

2,500 parents and families, community groups, and agencies

PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

NAPVI provides parents with information and support through a national toll-free number and administers an international information and support network that links parents of children with similar eye conditions. NAPVI also provides parent educational workshops, conferences, and publications; supports the development of parent associations and advocacy efforts to improve medical and educational services for children who are blind or visually impaired and their families; and connects families with resources and services.

MEETINGS

NAPVI collaborates with communities and existing resources on the local, state, regional, and national levels to provide workshops and conferences for families.

PUBLICATIONS

Awareness Newsletter

A Parent's Guide to Special Education for Children with Visual Impairments

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The National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a) is the leading voice on aging issues for area agencies on aging across the country and a champion for Title VI—Native American aging programs in our Nation’s capital. Through its presence in Washington, DC, n4a advocates on behalf of the local aging agencies to ensure that needed resources and support services are available to older Americans and their caregivers.

MEMBERSHIP/AFFILIATES

629 area agencies on aging

246 Title VI—Native American aging programs

PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

n4a works with and advocates for area agencies on aging to coordinate and support a wide range of home and community services, including information and referral, home-delivered and congregate meals, transportation, employment services, senior centers, adult daycare, and a long-term care ombudsman program.

n4a also provides general administrative, training, and technical assistance related to the management of programs to area agencies, as well as administers the Eldercare Locator

Service, a nationwide service to help families and friends find information about community services for older people (1-800-677-1116). The Eldercare Locator is funded by the U.S. Administration on Aging.

MEETINGS

Annual conference (in summer)

PUBLICATIONS

Annual report

National Directory of Aging Resources

Educational materials/consumer brochures/research

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The National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD) improves the health of the public by strengthening state-based leadership and expertise for chronic disease prevention and control in states and at the national level.

MEMBERSHIP/AFFILIATES

Representative membership is open to one chronic-disease program representative who is an employee of the health department of a state, commonwealth, territory, district, or possession of the United States and is officially appointed by the health officer from that jurisdiction.

Representative members have voting privileges at the annual or special membership meetings, may serve as officers and directors of the NACDD, and may serve on committees and councils. General membership is open to other health department employees who either direct or work with chronic disease prevention and control programs, including epidemiology units, from any state, commonwealth, territory, district, or possession of the United States, in addition to the officially appointed representative to the NACDD who is serving as the representative member from that jurisdiction. General members may serve as officers and directors of the NACDD and may serve on committees and councils.

NACDD addresses the vision needs of our nation through various councils including, but not limited to Diabetes & Healthy Aging. These groups provide leadership and expertise for the development of state-based vision programs, enhanced vision surveillance, and comprehensive and coordinated strategies in promoting eye health and vision preservation that can serve as the basis for collaborative initiatives at state and national levels.

PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

Policy and environmental interventions across the full spectrum of prevention.

Emphasize a Coordinated Team Approach:

- Epidemiology and surveillance
- Environmental approaches
- Health systems interventions
- Community-clinical linkages

Detection and treatment of risk factors, early identification, and treatment and prevention of vision loss.

Strategic Priorities—Influence the Ways Chronic Disease Prevention and Control Shapes the Future Health Landscape:

- Strengthen advocacy at the national and state level
- Define and implement a focused approach to health equity
- Engage stakeholders to implement state vision and eye health plans

MEETINGS

The association leadership meets every other month by phone and occasionally in person when convenient. Teams that have been established to address workgroup priorities meet more often.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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MISSION

To promote the provision of high-quality, comprehensive, and affordable health care that is coordinated, culturally and linguistically competent, and community directed for all medically underserved populations. To accomplish this, the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) works with a network of state health centers and primary care organizations to serve health centers in a variety of ways:

- Provide research-based advocacy for health centers and their clients
- Educate the public about the mission and value of health centers
- Train and provide technical assistance to health center staff and boards
- Develop alliances with private partners and key stakeholders to foster the delivery of primary healthcare services to communities in need

MEMBERSHIP/AFFILIATES

NACHC currently represents the program and policy interests of more than 1,000 community-based healthcare organizations in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Guam.

Membership is open to all community health centers, and various types of voting and nonvoting memberships are available. State and regional primary care associations are chartered members of NACHC.

PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

NACHC programs and services are designed to assist health centers in navigating today's complex and constantly changing healthcare environment. Membership in NACHC provides health centers with the following:

- Strong advocacy before Congress and with federal administrative and regulatory bodies on all major issues that affect health centers and their mission.
- Access to the most comprehensive source of information, training, and technical assistance designed specifically for health centers on all aspects of operations and governance.
- Leadership and professional development for staff and boards.
- Discounted services and products designed to save costs for health centers and enhance health services delivery and effectiveness.
- Direct input on issues affecting health centers via participation on committees, task forces, and workgroups.
- Peer/industry recognition through national awards programs.

MEETINGS

Community Health Institute and Expo
Financial Operations Management /IT Conference
National Farmworkers Health Conference
Policy & Issues Forum

PUBLICATIONS

Community Health Forum® Magazine
Various newsletters, including *Washington Update*, *Programs and Policy Update*, and *PCA Update*
Research and data reports, management tools, and other resource publications

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Description

MISSION

The National Association of Vision Professionals is an organization of people deeply concerned with the prevention, detection, and follow-up of vision services for preschool and school-age children and adults of all ages.

MEMBERSHIP/AFFILIATES

200

PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

Serves as a forum for ideas on vision conservation and eye health.

Provides leadership and planning to improve and expand vision conservation and eye health programs nationally.

Coordinates and cooperates with agencies and groups responsible for providing services aimed at vision conservation and eye health.

Develops and promotes educational programs for the public in vision conservation, eye safety, and eye health.

Promotes the development of training programs for individuals preparing for careers in the field of vision conservation and eye health.

Develops professional standards for employment in the field of vision conservation and eye health.

MEETINGS

Annual meeting (usually in the first week of August)

PUBLICATIONS

National Association of Vision Professionals: Quarterly newsletter

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NATIONAL BLACK NURSES ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Description

MISSION

The mission of the National Black Nurses Association, Inc. (NBNA) is to provide a forum for collective action by African American nurses to "investigate, define, and determine the healthcare needs of African Americans and implement change to make health care available to African Americans and others commensurate to that of the larger society."

MEMBERSHIP/AFFILIATES

There are 3,000 registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, licensed vocational nurses, and student nurses in 80 chapters.

PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

Provides educational forums for nurses throughout the Nation.

Coordinates and implements community healthcare service programs and collaborates with state and federal agencies.

Provides health prevention and advocacy programs for consumers, particularly for African Americans and minority communities.

MEETINGS

Annual institute and conference: July or August at a major city across the Nation

National Black Nurses Day on Capitol Hill: Second Thursday in February annually

National Black Nurses Foundation fundraising dinner: February

Celebration of National Black Nurses Day: First Friday in February annually

PUBLICATIONS

NBNA Annual Report

Journal of National Black Nurses Association: semiannual

NBNA Newsletter: Quarterly

NBNA History Book

Professional education materials are available

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MISSION

The National Caucus and Center of Black Aged, Inc., seeks to improve the quality of life for low-income elderly Americans, particularly African Americans.

MEMBERSHIP/AFFILIATES

More than 10,000 members in 26 chapters nationwide.

PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

Operates an employment program involving more than 3,000 workers over age 55 across the United States.

Sponsors, owns, and manages senior housing.

Sponsors health and wellness programs.

Offers onsite training in housing management, commercial property maintenance, and entitlement programs, and offers eligibility, caregiving, and eldercare.

Provides development assistance for nonprofit senior housing.

MEETINGS

Annual meeting

PUBLICATIONS

Website: <http://www.ncba-aged.org>

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MISSION

The National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA), founded in 1898 as the National Association of Retail Druggists, represents the pharmacist owners, managers, and employees of more than 24,000 independent community pharmacies across the United States. The Nation's independent pharmacies, independent pharmacy franchises, and independent chains dispense nearly half of the nation's retail prescription medicines.

- NCPA is dedicated to the continuing growth and prosperity of independent community pharmacies in the United States.
- NCPA is the national pharmacy association that represents the professional and proprietary interests of independent community pharmacists and vigorously promotes and defends those interests.
- NCPA is committed to high-quality pharmacist care and to restoring, maintaining, and promoting the health and well-being of the public they serve.
- NCPA believes in the inherent virtues of the American free enterprise system and will strive to ensure the ability of independent community pharmacists to compete in a free and fair marketplace.

- NCPA values the right to petition the appropriate legislative and regulatory bodies to serve the needs of those they represent.
- NCPA will use their resources to achieve these ends in an ethical and socially responsible manner.

The nation's independent pharmacists are small business entrepreneurs and multifaceted healthcare providers who represent a vital part of the United States' healthcare delivery system. They have roots in America's communities. They are community leaders actively involved in community-oriented public health, civic, and volunteer projects. Many hold local elected offices; others serve as state legislators.

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MISSION

The National Council of Urban Indian Health (NCUIH) was founded to support and develop quality, accessible healthcare programs for all American Indians and Alaska Natives living in urban communities through advocacy, training, education, and leadership development.

MEMBERSHIP/AFFILIATES

The membership of NCUIH comprises 34 Urban Indian Health Programs (UIHP) and three Alcohol Substance Abuse Treatment Centers. Urban American Indian primary care clinics and outreach programs provide culturally acceptable, accessible, affordable, and accountable health services to an underserved, off-reservation American Indian population. UIHP provides a variety of services, ranging from the provision of outreach and referral services to the delivery of comprehensive ambulatory health care.

NCUIH partners with national health organizations concerned with health issues that face American Indians/Alaska Natives.

PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

More than half of the American Indians/Alaska Natives in the United States live in urban areas. As the national American Indian health organization that represents this population, NCUIH

strives to create a broad awareness of Indian health issues. NCUIH maintains a visible presence in Washington, DC, and participates in national workgroups, committees, and advisory boards. The organization tracks legislation and provides congressional testimony.

NCUIH distributes weekly news and resource updates, legislative alerts, and an e-newsletter. Quarterly teleconferences and an interactive website give members detailed information on pertinent topics. NCUIH disseminates information and facilitates partnerships and program development, as well as provides webinar training and technical assistance and research assistance to the UIHPs.

MEETINGS

NCUIH hosts a national leadership conference, regional trainings, and quarterly membership teleconferences annually.

PUBLICATIONS

NCUIH advises and produces occasional position papers on American Indian health topics.

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MISSION

The National Council on Aging (NCOA) is the nation's leading nonprofit service and advocacy organization representing older adults and the community organizations that serve them. Our goal is to improve the health and economic security of 10 million older adults by 2020. For more than 60 years, NCOA has been a trusted voice and innovative problem-solver helping seniors navigate the challenges of aging in America. We work with local and national partners to give older adults tools and information to stay healthy and secure, and we advocate for programs and policies to improve the lives of all seniors, especially the most vulnerable.

MEMBERSHIP/AFFILIATES

No state or regional affiliates.

MEETINGS

NCOA's National Institute of Senior Centers sponsors an annual Senior Centers Conference.

PUBLICATIONS

NCOA Week: Weekly e-newsletter for aging service professionals.

Additional e-newsletters include Benefits Alert, Senior Center Voice, Center for Healthy Aging E-News, Economic Security Update. Sign up for any newsletter at <http://www.ncoa.org>

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MISSION

The mission of the National Diabetes Education Program (NDEP) is to reduce the morbidity and mortality of diabetes and its complications. The program is a federally sponsored initiative of the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and involves public and private partners to improve the treatment and outcomes for people with diabetes, to promote early diagnosis, and, ultimately, to prevent or delay the onset of type 2 diabetes.

PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

The program translates the latest science around diabetes into accurate, evidence-based messages for the public, patients, and healthcare professionals. NDEP also releases messages and materials to translate the science of diabetes prevention into clinical practice and to raise awareness among high-risk individuals.

NDEP works with more than 200 partners at the federal, state, and local levels to change the way diabetes is treated. In 2013, NDEP adopted a new five-year strategic plan with a commitment to expand its work with current and new partner organizations representing healthcare professionals, including community health workers, and community-based organizations. NDEP partners work with NDEP to do the following:

- Collaborate with local and national organizations to extend the reach of NDEP messages, materials, and tools.
- Adopt, adapt, cobrand and/or evaluate NDEP messages and materials for their audiences, as appropriate.
- Integrate NDEP's messages, materials, and tools into their ongoing activities and promote them within their organization and to partners and their constituents.
- Provide input to NDEP on how to effectively reach and engage the populations they serve.
- Work with NDEP to address community and diabetes-related social determinants of health to improve diabetes prevention and care.

PUBLICATIONS

NDEP tailors messages to minority populations that are disproportionately affected by the disease as well as to the general population. NDEP has a wide variety of educational materials for people with diabetes and their families; healthcare providers; and community, business, and managed care organizations. Visit the publications section of the website at <http://ndep.nih.gov/publications/index.aspx> to view and order materials.

News & Notes:

News & Notes is NDEP's monthly e-newsletter, and is designed to keep readers informed about NDEP activities and help them identify opportunities to incorporate NDEP messages, products, and activities into their programs.

To learn more or subscribe, visit <http://ndep.nih.gov/partners-community-organization/news-notes/index.aspx>.

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MISSION

The National Hispanic Council on Aging (NHCOA) is the leading national organization working to improve the lives of Hispanic older adults, their families, and their caregivers. Headquartered in Washington, DC, NHCOA has been a strong voice dedicated to promoting, educating, and advocating for research, policy, and practice in the areas of economic security, health, and housing for more than 30 years.

Hispanic seniors currently represent 7 percent of the U.S. older adult population; by 2050, they will make up 20 percent. In light of this rapid growth, NHCOA empowers Hispanic older adults and families through leadership development to enable them to age with dignity and become their own best advocates. It also works to ensure the Hispanic community is better understood and fairly represented in U.S. policies by encouraging a multicultural dialogue.

MEMBERSHIP/AFFILIATES

To achieve its mission, NHCOA has developed a Hispanic Aging Network (HAN) of community-based organizations across the continental United States, District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico that reaches millions of Latinos each year.

NHCOA works closely with HAN members to implement culturally, linguistically, and age-sensitive programs and conduct targeted research projects, as well as mobilize Hispanic older adults, their families, and caregivers around policy issues that impact their wellbeing. NHCOA works closely with the network to ensure it has access to the tools, resources, research, program models, and best practices to better serve Latino seniors across the country.

PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

Act Against AIDS Leadership Initiative (AAALI)

HIV/AIDS impacts Hispanics and other diverse communities disproportionately. However, one segment of the population that is often overlooked is Hispanic older adults and caregivers. Almost one-fourth of people living with HIV are 50 years and older, up from 17 percent in 2001. Through a partnership with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) AALI, NHCOA focuses on HIV/AIDS education and prevention efforts within the Hispanic community that targets these populations.

Vacunémonos (Let's Get Vaccinated) Program

NHCOA is working to increase adult vaccination rates among Hispanics through Vacunémonos, a culturally, linguistically, and age-sensitive community intervention program. Through CDC funding, NHCOA is expanding the program by training and sharing best practices with multiple community-based organizations located in five states with large Hispanic and elderly populations who experience a high level of disparity in adult vaccinations.

Salud y Bienestar (Health & Well-being) Program

Originally funded by the CDC, Salud y Bienestar is NHCOA's national flagship program that educates and informs Hispanic older adults, their families, and caregivers on how to prevent and/or manage diabetes and its complications.

National Hispanic SPM (Programa Nacional Hispano SMP para Prevenir el Fraude al Medicare)

Data show that Hispanic older adults are most vulnerable to fraud and more likely to not know what to do when they become targets for fraud against government entitlement programs like Medicare and Medicaid. The Administration on Aging granted NHCOA the funds to develop and implement the National Hispanic SMP (NHSMP), the only Medicare fraud prevention program

that uses culturally and linguistically appropriate tools and resources to educate Hispanic older adults, their families, and caregivers on Medicare fraud.

Paid Family Leave

The Family and Medical Leave Act entitles eligible employees to take unpaid, job-protected leave for specified family and medical reasons without fear of dismissal, retaliation, or discrimination by their employers. In light of the growing number of intergenerational households and caregivers across diverse communities, NHCOA established [the Cuéntanos Tu Historia campaign](#) to highlight diverse populations and their perspectives on paid leave issues.

With Cuéntanos Tu Historia, NHCOA highlights the experiences of diverse groups to show that everyone has a stake in ensuring that everyone has access to paid sick and family leave policies.

Health Literacy

NHCOA has launched a pilot project to train and deploy promotores in community-based settings to improve the health literacy of older Hispanic adults with chronic diseases, as well as their caregivers and families. NHCOA seeks to address the critical issue of low health literacy among Hispanics, focusing primarily on older adults afflicted with chronic diseases. It includes the development of an e-learning platform, Portal E Comunidad, to provide educational opportunities not often accessible to promotores. During the pilot phase, Portal E Comunidad will be restricted to the community-based organizations and their promotores. Once the pilot phase is complete, NHCOA plans to expand Portal E Comunidad for free to promotores nationwide.

Cardiovascular Health

NHCOA is committed to keeping Hispanic older adults and their families free from heart and vascular disease by promoting healthy lifestyles including proper nutrition, daily exercise, smoking avoidance, moderate consumption of alcohol, and pursuit of a stress free lifestyle. It encourages regular visits with a primary care provider to ensure that diseases affecting the heart and blood vessels are detected and treated early. See more at <http://www.nhcoa.org/cardiovascular-health/#sthash.juBiBp0V.dpuf>.

NHCOA also educates and advocates for public policies and practices that enable Hispanic adults to age with dignity, economic security, and in the best possible health. Through its public policy efforts, NHCOA aims to ensure the Latino community is better understood and fairly represented in U.S. policies. NHCOA also encourages a multicultural national dialogue to build a stronger America that meets the cultural and linguistic needs of the Hispanic older adults, their families, and caregivers across the country.

NHCOA works with several coalitions and organizations to advance Hispanic and aging-related public policy:

- [Care giving Across Generations](#)
- [Diverse Elders Coalition](#)
- [Elder care Workforce](#)
- [Latinos for a Secure Retirement](#)
- [Leadership Council of Aging Organizations](#)
- [National Hispanic Leadership Agenda](#)

MEETINGS

NHCOA National Summit

This is an annual three-day event held in the nation's capital, convening key stakeholders and experts in Hispanic aging issues from across the country.

Regional Meeting Series

The Promoting Communities of Success Regional Meeting series was created in 2011 as an opportunity to bring the changing U.S. demographics to the forefront by leveraging the intergenerational bonds that characterize and strengthen the Latino community. Each year, NHCOA selects key cities with high concentrations of Hispanic older adults and Latino families to host these interactive, solutions-driven events.

Empowerment & Civic Engagement Training (ECET)

Each regional meeting is kicked off with NHCOA's signature ECET, a CEU-certified two-day course designed to train local, intergenerational leaders to mobilize their communities and create positive changes through grassroots advocacy campaigns. To date, more than 800 community leaders have successfully gone through the training.

Open Forum

Following each ECET is an Open Forum, which closes the Promoting Communities of Success Regional Meeting. The Open Forum is a culturally and linguistically sensitive space in which Hispanic older adults discuss issues impacting their lives and connect with local leaders, advocates, service providers, caregivers, family members, and policymakers to work towards solutions that address their specific needs. The Open Forum also provides Latino seniors, their

families, and caregivers with the opportunity to learn about and connect with local resources and pertinent information to advance their quality of life.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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Pinterest – <http://www.pinterest.com/nhcoa/>

You Tube – <https://www.youtube.com/user/NHCOA>

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MISSION

Established in 1994 in Washington, DC, the National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA) is a nonprofit association representing the interests of 45,000 licensed Hispanic/Latino physicians in the United States. The vision of NHMA is to be the national leader in improving the health of Hispanic/Latino populations. The mission of NHMA is to empower Hispanic/Latino physicians to lead efforts to improve the health of Hispanic/Latino populations in collaboration with the state, regional, and local level Hispanic/Latino medical societies, resident and medical student organizations, and other public and private sector partners.

As a rapidly growing national resource based in the Nation's capital, NHMA provides policymakers and healthcare providers with expert information and support in strengthening health service delivery to Hispanic/Latino communities across the Nation. At its inception, NHMA held strategic planning meetings with physicians in five regions of the country, identifying the most critical issues they faced and took steps to define a blueprint of future activities in the following areas: delivery system, medical education, research, policy, and communications.

In 1997, NHMA began convening its Annual Hispanic Health Conference in March each year in Washington, DC. The agenda includes expanding access to quality health care and increasing opportunities in medical education, cultural competence, and research for Hispanics/Latinos. Another focus is policy development and education efforts focused on eliminating health disparities faced by Hispanics/Latinos. The Board of Directors sets the priorities for NHMA's advocacy agenda. NHMA works closely with the White House, federal agencies and Congress, the private sector, and foundations as well as national Hispanic/Latino organizations. As a member of the National Hispanic Leadership Agenda, NHMA meets regularly with federal officials to hold them accountable on Hispanic/Latino issues. NHMA also works closely with the Congressional Hispanic Caucus on healthcare policy development. In addition, NHMA participates in coalitions with other organizations, focused on improving racial/ethnic disparities in health in the United States.

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MISSION

The National Indian Council on Aging's (NICOA) mission is to bring American Indian and Alaska Native elders improved, comprehensive services. NICOA's objectives are to (1) communicate and cooperate with service provider agencies and advocacy organizations in the aging network, (2) disseminate information on available resources to the national Indian community, (3) intercede with appropriate agencies to ensure access to these resources, (4) provide expert testimony to Congress on American Indian issues and needs, and (5) serve as a national clearinghouse for issues affecting American Indian and Alaska Native elders.

MEMBERSHIP/AFFILIATES

American Association of Retired Persons, American Society on Aging, National Indian Health Board, National Congress of American Indians, National Council on Aging, National Association of Title VI Organizations, National Association of Area Agencies on Aging, Indian Health Service, and other groups that focus on American Indian aging and health.

PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

NICOA is a national sponsor for the Senior Community Service Employment Program authorized under Title V of the Older Americans Act. As of October 1, 2006, NICOA has operated this program in seven states, serving more than 800 participants who receive employment training and experience. NICOA, funded by the Administration on Aging, also serves as a Technical Assistance Center on Health Disparities among American Indian and Alaska Native Elders. NICOA also operates the Diabetes Education Outreach Strategies Project through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention REACH 2010 Program.

MEETINGS

NICOA holds its national conference every two years, with the next conference in 2008. The organization just celebrated its 30-year history of advocacy and service to American Indian and Alaska Native elders in 2006.

PUBLICATIONS

NICOA publishes a quarterly newsletter, *Elder Visions*, and numerous other reports concerning American Indian elders related to diabetes, long-term care, and elder abuse.

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PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

Disseminates materials for the National Diabetes Education Program (NDEP),
<http://ndep.nih.gov>.

Hosts the National Diabetes Information Clearinghouse Website at
<http://www.diabetes.niddk.nih.gov>.

Responds to public inquiries about diabetes and its complications by phone, e-mail, and mail.

PUBLICATIONS

Diabetes Dateline: NDIC newsletter for health professionals

Program Update: NDEP newsletter

Other professional and patient education materials are available from NDIC and NDEP. For a full list, request a publications order form or visit <http://www.diabetes.niddk.nih.gov>.

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Go4Life, <http://www.nia.nih.gov/Go4Life>

Go4Life is a national exercise and physical activity campaign for people more than 50 years old. The primary goal of *Go4Life* is to encourage older adults to incorporate exercise and physical activity into their everyday lives. The campaign is based on research showing that exercise and physical activity can help people stay healthy and independent and can prevent some of the chronic conditions associated with aging. *Go4Life* offers exercises, success stories, and free materials to motivate the growing number of baby boomers—and their parents—to get ready, start exercising, and keep improving their health and achieving a better quality of life. The core of the program is an interactive website, which provides information for individuals, families and friends, participating organizations, and healthcare professionals. Follow this campaign on Twitter @NIAGo4Life.

NIH SeniorHealth, <http://www.NIHSeniorHealth.gov>

This senior-friendly website from NIA and the National Library of Medicine features popular health topics for older adults, including low vision, age-related macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma, and cataract. This website uses large type.

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MISSION

The National Keratoconus Foundation (NKCF) is dedicated to disseminating information about keratoconus to patients, their families, and eye care professionals. NKCF does this by publishing and circulating literature and by sponsoring local seminars to keratoconus patients and eye care professionals on the local level to foster mutual dialog and support and to raise funds and support for scientific research into the causes, treatment, and possible cure of keratoconus.

PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES:

Patient Information Guides

The booklet, "*What is Keratoconus? A Reference Guide for Patients and their Families,*" explains keratoconus in easy-to-understand language. It is available to patients and eye care providers worldwide (in English and Spanish).

The booklet, *"Corneal Transplant Surgery: A Reference Guide for Patients and their Families,"* offers a comprehensive overview of transplant surgery to help the individual better understand the surgery and what to expect both before and after the operation (in English and Spanish).

KC-link

KC-link is a free e-mail-based mail list for keratoconus (KC) patients and their family members. It offers those with keratoconus a unique opportunity to share their "KC" experiences and concerns with others who understand the frustrations of this condition. There are more than 2,300 members, posting more than 300 messages a month.

NKCF Newsletter

NKCF Newsletter is sent to more than 19,000 patients worldwide. It offers information on current research, new treatment options, and insight into how others cope with keratoconus.

NKCF Outreach Program/"Transplant Buddies"

NKCF maintains a list of volunteers for those individuals who want personal contact with other keratoconus patients.

NKCF Patient Education Seminars

NKCF sponsors Patient Education Seminars in cities throughout the United States.

NKCF Support Groups

NKCF offers information and guidance to individuals who wish to form local support groups.

NKCF Referral Service

NKCF offers a list of eye care providers who have special expertise in treating keratoconus.

NKCF Research Program

NKCF sponsors a KC Roundtable Discussion Group each year at the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO) annual meeting. This meeting offers an international group of scientists, ophthalmologists, and optometrists the opportunity to discuss the latest research in keratoconus as well as ongoing and future projects.

NKCF Tissue Procurement Program

The NKCF *Tissue Procurement Program* was developed to increase the number of keratoconus tissue samples available to scientific laboratories. Keratoconus only occurs in human corneas; an animal model cannot be used for research purposes. Human cornea tissue, which can be obtained only at the time of corneal transplant surgery, is needed for scientific research. NKCF provides a protocol and mechanism for tissue collection and distribution from the corneal surgeons and eye banks to the laboratories conducting keratoconus research. The NKCF also assists in the recruitment of participants for genetic and clinical research studies.

MEETINGS

Roundtable Discussion Group at ARVO (annual)

PUBLICATIONS

NKCF E-Update

NKCF E- Newsletter

What is Keratoconus? A Reference Guide for Patients and their Families (in English and Spanish)

Corneal Transplant Surgery: A Reference Guide for Patients and their Families (in English and Spanish)

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MISSION

The National Medical Association (NMA) is the collective voice of African American physicians and the leading force for parity and justice in medicine and the elimination of disparities in health. The largest and oldest organization of its kind, NMA is a 501(c) (3) national professional and scientific organization representing the interests of more than 30,000 African American physicians and the patients they serve. NMA is committed to improving the quality of health among minorities and disadvantaged people through its membership, professional development, community health education, advocacy, research, and partnerships with federal and private agencies. Throughout its history, NMA has focused primarily on health issues related to African Americans and medically underserved populations. However, its principles, goals, initiatives, and philosophy encompass all ethnic groups.

MEMBERSHIP/AFFILIATES

Representing the interests of more than 30,000 African American physicians and the patients they serve, with nearly 112 affiliated societies throughout the Nation and U.S. territories, NMA is firmly established in a leadership role in medicine.

PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

Programmatic Goals:

- Ensure that the disease prevention and health promotion efforts of NMA effectively address and develop successful strategies to changing lives and affecting health

outcomes as they apply to African Americans and other ethnic groups in the United States, Puerto Rico, and Caribbean.

- Promote health promotion initiatives through innovative scientific investigations and disease prevention to reduce the disproportionate burden of disease, illness, and morbidity in African Americans and other ethnic groups.
- Develop an effective internal and external communication network related to changing lives and affecting health outcomes.

Programmatic Objectives:

- Encourage NMA physicians to participate in health promotion and disease prevention efforts through continuing medical education, training, and other educational means with the purpose of improving health outcomes among their patients.
- Encourage investigative research of social/behavioral approaches to reducing adverse health and healthcare indices in African Americans and other ethnic groups.
- Increase the number of African Americans and minority students interested in and/or participating in health disparities research.
- Enhance the quality and increase the quantity of published scientific literature related to disparate health conditions of African Americans and similar ethnic groups.
- Develop effective internal and external provider–patient communications that address health disparities.
- Encourage the formation of information systems that eliminate the paucity of data relating to African Americans and other ethnic groups.

Programmatic Strategic Focus Areas:

NMA has identified several priority areas on which to focus its health disparities initiatives. The following represent those key areas in which the majority of our programmatic efforts take place. However, we also offer programs on other critical public health initiatives:

- Asthma
- Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke
- Cancer
- Clinical Trials
- Diabetes
- HIV/AIDS
- Kidney Disease/Renal Failure
- Obesity

MEETINGS

Annual Convention and Scientific Assembly

Regional Meetings:

http://www.nmanet.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=8&Itemid=9

PUBLICATIONS

The *Journal of the National Medical Association* has been published since its inception in 1909, with special emphasis placed on the application of medical science to improve health care.

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MISSION

The recruitment of minority students into the schools and colleges of optometry and their placement into appropriate practice settings upon graduation are two priorities of the NOA. Coincident with these priorities is the underlying purpose of the NOA -- advancing the visual health of minority populations through the delivery of effective and efficient eye and vision care services to the minority community. A continuing effort of the NOA is the promotion of greater cultural diversity within the schools and colleges of optometry. However, recent NOA efforts have focused on the Association's desire to better educate those populations who are at higher risk of developing sight-threatening conditions like glaucoma and diabetic eye disease—specifically urban, rural, and minority populations with poor access to eye health care—about the importance of early detection and timely treatment. The NOA's involvement in the National Eye Health Education Program (NEHEP) of the National Eye Institute helps demonstrate the ability and effectiveness of minority optometry as a natural intervener in the course of glaucoma and diabetic eye disease, particularly in minority populations.

MEMBERSHIP/AFFILIATES

500 members

PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

Recruits minority students into schools and colleges of optometry.

Provides assistance to new graduates, as well as established minority optometrists, in the enhancement and updating of their optometric knowledge, skills, and professional practice; their placement; and the procurement of financial aid.

Provides assistance to all established organizations of optometry toward the advancement of the art, science, and practice of professional optometry.

“Three Silent Killers That Can Rob You Blind” is a community-focused program of NOA targeted at the three sight-threatening conditions that affect the minority community more than any other community. The program is designed to increase awareness and promote the prevention and control of glaucoma, diabetic eye disease, and high blood pressure within minority communities, and particularly the African American community.

MEETINGS

Annual meeting

Regional meetings

PUBLICATIONS

NOA Newsletter: Biannually

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Description

MISSION

The National Rural Health Association's (NRHA) mission is to improve the health of rural Americans and to provide leadership on rural health issues through advocacy, communications, education, and research.

MEMBERSHIP/AFFILIATES

NRHA is a national, nonprofit membership organization with more than 18,000 members.

NRHA membership is made up of a diverse collection of individuals and organizations, all of whom share the common bond of an interest in rural health.

PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

NRHA's activities bring together residents of rural communities; rural health professionals of all specialties; representatives of state, local, and national governments; and the full range of private sector rural health organizations. Through workshops, conferences, technical assistance, and other outreach efforts, NRHA programs serve rural communities by providing

relevant and timely information and best practices to all people who care about the health of rural America.

MEETINGS

Rural Health Policy Institute
Annual Rural Health Conference
Rural Health Clinic Conference
Critical Access Hospital Conference
Quality and Clinical Conference
Rural Medical Educators Annual Meeting
Rural Minority and Multicultural Conference
Skill-Building Workshop

PUBLICATIONS

Rural Roads is a quarterly magazine that features human interest stories and successful rural programs.

Rural Clinician Quarterly focuses on patient and/or clinician education that pertains to the selected quarterly newsletter topic.

The Journal of Rural Health, a quarterly journal published by NRHA, offers original research encompassing evaluations of model and demonstration projects to improve rural health, statistical comparisons of rural and urban differences, and mathematical models examining the use of healthcare services by rural residents.

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MISSION

The Office of Minority Health (OMH) is a congressionally mandated program located within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and serves as the focal point for economically disadvantaged populations. One of its many activities is the sponsorship of the OMH Resource Center, through which the public can access accurate and timely information on minority health concerns.

MEMBERSHIP/AFFILIATES

OMH maintains a full-time regional minority health consultant in each regional health administrator's office in all 10 Public Health Service Regions in the United States. The regional minority health consultants serve as a focal point and technical resource on minority health issues within each region.

PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

Public access to materials and information is available through the OMH Resource Center:

Toll-free telephone: 1-800-444-6472

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FAX: 301-589-0884

PUBLICATIONS

OMH Newsletter: Quarterly

Professional and public education materials are available.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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MISSION

Founded in 1908, Prevent Blindness, the nation's leading voluntary eye health and safety organization dedicated to preventing blindness and preserving sight, is first and foremost a public health organization. As such, Prevent Blindness focuses on improving the Nation's vision and eye health by enhancing community capacity through their core competencies of education, advocacy, early detection, and research. Half of all blindness can be prevented, yet this can only occur through these essential interventions.

MEMBERSHIP/AFFILIATES

Prevent Blindness collaborates with its network of affiliate, divisions, regional offices, and program partners throughout the United States.

PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

Prevent Blindness Educates

Through our public awareness campaigns and health education initiatives, Prevent Blindness educates both the general public and specific populations about vision, eye health, and safety with a goal of arming them to take control of their own vision and eye health.

Prevent Blindness Advocates:

At Prevent Blindness, our organizational history is deeply rooted in the culture of advocating for public policy that advances the vision and eye health of all Americans. Since 1908, we have engaged advocates from across the country to support efforts to enhance eye health policy.

Prevent Blindness Promotes Early Detection:

Early detection of vision problems is a key to the prevention of vision loss and blindness. Prevent Blindness facilitates interventions such as vision screenings and risk assessments, which are an essential element of a strong public health approach to eye health care and serve as a complement to professional eye exams. We further assist individuals in accessing care and managing their vision and eye health problems.

Prevent Blindness Supports Research:

Prevent Blindness is committed to promoting laboratory, clinical, and epidemiological vision and eye health research. We do this by sponsoring a variety of public health research initiatives, supporting external clinical research efforts through our Investigator awards, and advocating for increased funding of research through the National Eye Institute.

MEETINGS

The board of Prevent Blindness gathers three times throughout the year, with one annual meeting and two interim meetings.

PUBLICATIONS

Cost of Vision Problems: The Economic Burden of Vision Loss and Eye Disorders in the United States, <http://costofvision.preventblindness.org/>

Vision Problems in the U.S.: Prevalence of Adult Vision Impairment and Age-Related Eye Disease in America

The Economic Impact of Vision Problems in the U.S.: The Toll of Major Adult Eye Disorders, Visual Impairment and Blindness on the U.S. Economy

Our Vision for Children's Vision: A National Call to Action for the Advancement of Children's Vision and Eye Health

The Vision Connection: Integrating Vision into State Health Programs

Vision Preservation and the National Prevention Strategy: A Call to Action

Prevent Blindness America: Working to Advance Public Health, Vision and Eye Care in the U.S.

UV and Our Nation's Vision—Insights from a Congressional Briefing

Prevent Blindness' newsletter, *Prevent Blindness News*, is published three times per year. A more frequent online version, *Prevent Blindness E-News*, is distributed monthly.

Prevent Blindness brochures are developed on a wide range of eye health and safety topics.

Single copies are available free to the public, and quantities are also sold via a catalog and the website.

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MISSION

Founded in 1936, the Prevention of Blindness Society of Metropolitan Washington® (POB) is the largest local prevention of blindness agency in the United States, dedicated to the improvement and preservation of sight by providing services, education, advocacy, and innovation. POB screens more than 8,000 children annually for vision loss and strabismus and 6,600 adults for glaucoma. POB also serves nearly thousands of low-income and homeless persons at its eyeglasses clinic each year.

PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

POB sponsors vision screenings, eye health information, safety education programs, and the Aging Eye, Macular Degeneration, and Stargardt's networks. POB also provides eye care to the low-income and homeless community.

PUBLICATIONS

Your Eyes Today: Monthly large-print newsletter

Insight: Annual newsletter

SOCIAL MEDIA

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MISSION

Section 752 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (PL 105-220), authorizes discretionary grants to state vocational rehabilitation agencies for programs to provide independent-living services for significantly visually impaired individuals who are 55 years of age or older. These programs are referred to in Title VII-Chapter 2 (VII-2) of the Rehabilitation Act as Independent Living Services for Older Individuals Who Are Blind. Among many older adults, vocational goals may be inappropriate, and significant visual impairments often interfere with normal activities of daily living. Services provided by the VII-2 Programs are targeted to those age 55 or older whose significant visual impairment makes gainful employment extremely difficult to obtain, but for whom independent-living goals are feasible. The targeted outcome of these independent-living goals is feasible. The targeted outcome of these independent-living services is to enhance a consumer's ability to maintain his or her desired level of personal independence. The outcome for society at large may be the avoidance of costly long-term care options.

MEMBERSHIP/AFFILIATES

The VII-2 Program is administered by the Independent Living Branch of the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) under the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services of the U.S. Department of Education.

PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

The core services most commonly provided by VII-2 Programs are related to the following:

- Purchase of adaptive aids, devices, or equipment (e.g., home appliances, low vision aids, and communication aids)
- Training (e.g., orientation and mobility skills; communication skills; daily-living skills; adaptive aids, devices, and equipment; advocacy; and management of secondary disabilities)
- Other individual services (e.g., low vision screening/services, counseling, transportation, readers and guides, restorative services, referral to other agencies, support groups, and community integration)
- Outreach services
- Community awareness
- Community capacity

MEETINGS

Annual Project Directors Meeting for State Directors is usually held in early March.

PUBLICATIONS

Recycle Your AT: Pamphlet

2005 Annual Review Reports of Each State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency

RSA Annual Report

Functional Limitations of Vocational Rehabilitation Consumers: Final Report

Longitudinal Study of the Vocational Rehabilitation Services Program: Substudy, article, and final and interim reports

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RPB's mission is to preserve and restore vision by supporting research to develop treatments, preventives, and cures for all conditions that damage and destroy sight.

PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

Supports eye research at 56 U.S. medical institutions.

Provides public information on eye diseases and eye research.

PUBLICATIONS

Eye Research News Briefs (newsletter), Eye Research e-News, vision research update fact sheets, and annual report.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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The Vision Council is a trade association that represents the manufacturers and suppliers of the optical industry. The Vision Council positions its members to be successful in a competitive marketplace through education, advocacy, consumer outreach, strategic relationship building, and industry forums.

Eyecessorize is the Vision Council's campaign to increase awareness of the fashion and lifestyle aspects of eyewear. By sharing the latest in eyewear trends, advances in technology, and advice from eyewear experts, the Vision Council educates millions of Americans about options in eyeglasses and sunglasses.

International Vision Expo & Conference is the largest fashion, medical, and technology eyewear and eye care event in the Americas, with shows in New York and Las Vegas.

Executive Summit is the Vision Council's annual must-attend business strategy and networking event for CEOs and senior management in the optical industry.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook Pages

- The Vision Council: <https://www.facebook.com/thevisioncouncil>
- Eyecessorize: <https://www.facebook.com/Eyecessorize>
- International Vision Expos: <https://www.facebook.com/visionexpo>

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Description

MISSION

Mission: To engage leaders in building a better world through services to people with vision loss.

Purpose: To build and nurture a healthy and vibrant network of nonprofit organizations throughout the United States and Canada whose services enrich the lives of those living with severe vision loss and to remove the barriers to the pursuit of opportunities.

Vision: We envision a time when people are seen for who they are and not for what they see!

MEMBERSHIP/AFFILIATES

National Association of Chronic Disease Directors—Vision & Eye Health Work Group

National Center for Leadership in Visual Impairment

PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES

Convening opportunities for leaders to work together on key issues related to services for people of all ages with vision loss.

Promoting best practices in services to people of all ages with vision loss.

Encouraging member organizations to meet the highest standards of ethical practice and effectiveness in governance, fiduciary responsibility, self-regulation, and financial accountability.

Serving as the voice of the nonprofit sector of services to people of all ages with vision loss.

MEETINGS

Twice annually in April and October (Members only)

PUBLICATIONS

Monthly e-newsletters to members

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