New report ranks top cancer issues for Latinos

A new report ranked the top five cancer-related issues facing Hispanics/Latinos in the United States. It was created by the National Hispanic/Latino Cancer Network (NHLMIN), which is a major Special Populations Networks initiative supported by the National Cancer Institute (NCI). The report, titled *Redes En Acción: The National Hispanic/Latino Cancer Network’s Top Five Cancer Issues for 2004*, aimed to identify and prioritize the most significant cancer-related issues for Hispanic/Latino communities.

**New report:**

The report was developed by NHLMIN and featured contributions from leading researchers and community leaders. It is the fourth in a series of annual reports that have been published since 2001, providing a comprehensive overview of the cancer-related issues facing Hispanic/Latino communities.

**Key findings:**

1. **Screening and Follow-Up:** The report emphasized the importance of cancer screening for early detection and prevention. It highlighted the need for increased access to screening services, particularly among vulnerable groups such as young Latinos and rural communities.
2. **Education and Communication:** The report emphasized the importance of effective communication strategies to improve awareness of cancer risks and the importance of early detection and treatment. It called for the development of culturally appropriate educational materials and resources.
3. **Access to Care:** The report highlighted the challenges faced by Hispanic/Latino individuals in accessing high-quality cancer care, including language barriers, cultural differences, and lack of awareness of available resources.
4. **Support and Advocacy:** The report underscored the need for greater support and advocacy efforts to ensure the needs of Hispanic/Latino cancer patients are met. It called for increased funding for cancer research and increased support for cancer-related community programs.
5. **Policy and Research:** The report emphasized the need for policy changes and increased funding for cancer research to address the unique challenges faced by Hispanic/Latino communities.

**Recommendations:**

The report included specific recommendations for addressing the top five cancer-related issues, including:

- Increasing access to cancer screening and other preventive services.
- Improving communication and education efforts.
- Ensuring that cancer care is culturally appropriate and accessible.
- Increasing research funding and support for cancer-related programs.
- Advocating for policy changes and increased funding for cancer-related initiatives.

**Conclusion:**

The NHLMIN report serves as a valuable resource for organizations and policymakers working to address cancer-related issues facing Hispanic/Latino communities. It highlights the need for continued efforts to improve access to care, education, and support for Hispanic/Latino cancer patients. The report also serves as a call to action for stakeholders to work together to address the unique challenges faced by Hispanic/Latino communities.

For more information, visit the NHLMIN website at www.redesenaccion.org.
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Teaching translators

Maria Corinna, MD

New York City, N.Y.

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"Where does she find her love?"commerce: "I’m not sure," she says. "I guess she’s inherited it from her family. She’s really passionate about helping others and making a difference in their lives."

Dr. Lopez, who has been teaching medicine for over 30 years, says she is drawn to teaching because it allows her to share her passion for learning and applying knowledge to real-world situations. "Teaching is a wonderful way to connect with my students and inspire them to pursue careers in medicine," she says. "It’s also a great way to give back to the community and help improve the health of our patients."
Maria Cornello, MA
New York City, New York

Actions and other immigrant populations often experience health disparities due to a myriad of reasons. Maria Cornello, Director of the Hispanic Research and Recruitment Center for the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation, believes that the absence of a professional medical translator is one such barrier. “At the highest level, health information to a patient,” she says, “is necessary to translate medical documents. She also provides professional medical translators to perform these functions for the future care of medical patients. She is passionate about ensuring that those with limited knowledge of the English language, particularly those who are new to the United States, have access to culturally appropriate health information. In her role, she consults with patients and health care providers to instill the desire to serve people with limited access to health care, including the Hispanic/Latino community. She offers a service of bilingual translators highlighting the importance of health care using the Spanish language. She strives to leave no barrier for future care regarding health.

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A virtual clinic

Clara Barrios

As Clara Barrios started working for the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center (OUHSC), she knew that for the first time, she would have the opportunity to work with patients. It was a new and exciting experience for her. In her role, she would have the chance to work with patients who were from different ethnic backgrounds. She is passionate about instilling the desire to serve people with limited access to health care, including the Hispanic/Latino community. She offers a service of bilingual translators highlighting the importance of health care using the Spanish language. She strives to leave no barrier for future care regarding health.

Healthy Hispanic recipes featured in FNL book

The publication features 18 recipes from Latin American cuisines, such as Mexican and Colombian dishes. Each recipe is accompanied by step-by-step instructions, making them easy to follow. The book is designed for families and individuals of all skill levels and is also suitable for those following specific diet plans, such as weight-loss diets or low-carb diets. The recipes are not only delicious but also nutritious, providing a variety of ingredients to suit different tastes.

Concepcion Diaz-Arrastia, MD


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Lourdes Linares, PhD

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Healthy Hispanic recipes featured in NCBI booklet

A time when almost two-thirds of Americans are overweight or obese, science continues to provide evidence the chances of seeing this trend as well, as much as I am able to find. I currently am responsible for the Food and Nutrition Board, which serves to inform the public about nutrition and health issues.

One of the major factors that Dr. Lopez identifies as a major challenge is the lack of research on Hispanic issues. "There have been tremendous efforts in recent years to increase Hispanic participation in research, but there are still significant gaps that need to be addressed," she said.

In terms of how to address these challenges, Dr. Lopez suggests focusing on increasing awareness and engagement within the Hispanic community. She emphasizes the importance of partnerships with community organizations and leaders to help overcome these barriers.

The publication features 12 recipes from Latin American countries and the Caribbean, and includes a variety of dishes that are both traditional and modern. Each recipe includes nutritional information, cooking instructions, and a brief description of its cultural significance.

From Venezuela to Salvador, the recipes range from Colombian arepas and Mexican tacos to Cuban conch and Puerto Rican plantains. In addition, the booklet includes a section on cooking techniques, tips for purchasing ingredients, and resources for learning more about Hispanic food cultures.

Congratulations to the Hispanic Community Health Survival (HCHS) Steering Committee and the Dietetic Practice Group of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics for creating this important resource.

Dr. Diana Lopez is a professor of medical education at the University of California, San Francisco, and a co-founder of the Hispanic Health Disparities Research Group. She is also the director of the Hispanic Center for Health Research and Development at the university. Dr. Lopez has been involved in many community health initiatives and is a leader in the field of Hispanic health disparities.

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**Redes En Acción**

**En Acción**

Frank Penedo

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What are your major areas of research interest?

In my research, I focus on the impact of late-stage cancer diagnosis on the quality of life of chronically ill older adults.

What do you hope will be your legacy?

I would say my grandmother has had the greatest impact on my life. She worked hard every day of her life and was always there for her children and grandchildren.

How can awareness of cancer prevention, such as early detection, help reduce the incidence of cancers in the Hispanic/Latino populations?

Awareness of cancer prevention, such as early detection, is crucial in reducing the incidence of cancers in the Hispanic/Latino populations. This is because cancer is often diagnosed at a later stage, when treatment is more difficult and less effective.

In your role as Principal Investigator, what is your outlook for the future of the Hispanic/Latino Cancer Network?

As Principal Investigator, my goal is to continue to grow and strengthen the network, ensuring that the resources and information available are accessible to all individuals and organizations.

**NHMA clinical trials panel features Redes researchers**

Who are the Redes researchers who are part of the NHMA clinical trials panel?

Redes researchers, including those led by Amelie G. Ramirez, DrPH, and Eloisa J. Perez-Stable, MD, are involved in the NHMA clinical trials panel. These researchers are focused on addressing health disparities in cancer research and prevention.

**New report ranks top cancer issues for Latinos**

What are the top cancer issues for Latinos according to the Redes En Acción report?

The Redes En Acción report lists the most important cancer issues for Latinos, as ranked by the National Hispanic/Latino Cancer Network. The top cancer issues include:

1. Access to cancer care and services
2. Screening and early detection
3. Education and communication of cancer risk
4. Research, training, and awareness

These issues are important for the health and well-being of the Latino community.

**Publication highlights Redes' impact on Latino communities**

What are some key highlights from Redes En Acción publications?

Redes En Acción publications highlight key issues and strategies for addressing health disparities in cancer among the Latino community. Examples include:

- Development of culturally competent interventions for cancer prevention and screening
- Research on the impact of cultural factors on cancer risk and outcome
- Education and outreach programs for cancer control and prevention

These publications emphasize the importance of culturally sensitive approaches in addressing cancer disparities in the Latino community.

**Inside Redes En Acción**

What are some of the recent accomplishments of Redes En Acción?

Redes En Acción has recently accomplished several important milestones, including:

- Launching a new website (www.redesenaccion.org)
- Expanding partnerships with organizations and institutions to increase access to cancer care and prevention services
- Conducting research and providing training opportunities for Latino students and researchers

These accomplishments reflect Redes En Acción's commitment to advancing cancer research and prevention among the Latino community.

**The National Hispanic/Latino Cancer Network**

What is the National Hispanic/Latino Cancer Network (NHLCN) and what is its role in cancer research?

The National Hispanic/Latino Cancer Network (NHLCN) is a national network of cancer researchers and organizations dedicated to addressing cancer disparities among the Hispanic/Latino population. The NHLCN aims to increase cancer awareness, prevention, and control through research, training, and community engagement. It is supported by the National Cancer Institute (NCI).

**For a copy of the Latino Cancer Report, visit www.redesenaccion.org**

The Latino Cancer Report is a quarterly publication that highlights the latest research and recommendations for improving cancer outcomes among the Latino community. It is available for free online at www.redesenaccion.org.
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HIV/AIDS. Specifically, I examine how these factors may
intervention as evidenced by significant improvements
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Frank J. Penedo, PhD, Co-Principal Investigator for the Southeast Region, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of Miami. Currently working on a fellowship to understand minority populations. His research focuses on the role of psychosocial factors in the development and progression of disease.

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Did you know...

Through the Redes En Acción initiative, the National Hispanic/Latino Cancer Network (NHLCC) was recently awarded $10.1 million in pilot project funding.

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Redes En Acción accomplishments are included in a recent publication that demonstrates the significant impact of the NHLCC’s Special Populations Network initiatives on Latino communities in the first five years of existence. The eight-page publication, titled “Communities in Action: En acción,” is now available.

The NHLCC’s Center-Based Cancer Research Collaborations

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summary recommendations, which Redes En Action published in 2000, are reconsidered for a new report. The recommendations cover cancer prevention and control, including 1) access to cancer screening and treatment, 2) health care and cultural competency.

Redes and its partners have highlighted Latino cancer issues, including the nation’s 38 million Hispanics/Latinos, to help increase focus on the needs of this large and growing minority population.

The Redes En Acción initiative’s collaborative relationships with the National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA) and Medical University of South Carolina’s Office of Community Affairs are highlighted. The report also includes extensive involvement of NHLCC scientists, health care professionals.

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