



National Hispanic Medical Association

## **Program Updates**

### **NIH All of Us Research Program**

The *All of Us* Research Program is a momentous effort funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to advance individualized prevention, treatment, and care for people of all backgrounds. The program's aim is to enroll 1 million or more volunteers and receive samples from communities who have been underrepresented in research, making the program the largest and most diverse resource of its kind. Read more about the program, [here](#).

If you would like to share co-branded NHMA *All of Us* literature in your practice, request materials by [going here](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Ben Melano at [bmelano@nhmamd.org](mailto:bmelano@nhmamd.org).

### **NHMA Chapters Virtual Policy Forums**

NHMA's chapters will be hosting virtual policy forums throughout October 2020. The forums will discuss health topics that greatly affect the Hispanic population.

To see the list of virtual policy forum events and to register, please go [here](#).

### **NHMA Medical School Liaison Program**

The NHMA Medical School Liaison Program started in January 2019 to appoint one physician or resident Liaison to meet with the Latino Medical Student Association Chapter informally three times a year for 3 years. These discussions are meant to give current medical students a perspective of practicing medicine within the Latino communities where the medical school is situated. The program's aim is to complement what the medical students are currently learning, such as the day-to-day life of a doctor and various physician opportunities within the medical school and the Latino community. To sign up to be an NHMA Liaison, please go to <https://www.nhmamd.org/nhma-medical-school-liaison-program>.

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## PARTNERING AND COMMUNICATING TOGETHER (PACT) LET'S STOP HIV TOGETHER

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and NHMA, along with other national organizations representing the populations hardest hit by HIV/AIDS, are partners in the PACT program. Through a collaborative approach, PACT Members assist in achieving the goals of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy for the United States (NHAS) by reducing new HIV infections, improving health outcomes for individuals living with HIV, and reducing HIV related disparities. PACT Members utilize their distinct viewpoints in creating a wide range of communication, mobilization and outreach activities.



The *Let's Stop HIV Together* campaign (formerly known as *Act against AIDS*) includes [resources](#) and [partnerships](#) aimed at stopping [HIV stigma](#) and promoting HIV [testing](#), [prevention](#), and [treatment](#). *Let's Stop HIV Together* empowers communities, partners on the ground, health care providers to reduce stigma among all Americans, prevent HIV among the hardest-hit populations, and help people with HIV stay healthy.

### ***Let's Stop HIV Together Fact of the Month***

The CDC recommends all sexually active gay and bisexual men get tested for HIV at least once a year, though some may benefit from getting tested more often.

### **Program Call-to-Action**

***NHMA is seeking healthcare providers that treat Hispanic/Latinx patients with HIV/AIDS to create a short (1-2 min) video on the importance of HIV prevention/treatment and how you treat your minority patients living with HIV. If you are interested, please sign up here:***  
[\*\*\*http://bit.ly/NHMAHIVVideoSeries.\*\*\*](http://bit.ly/NHMAHIVVideoSeries)

Visit our website for more information: <https://www.nhmamd.org/hiv-pact-program>.

## **NHMA CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE CAMPAIGN**

NHMA is continuing our Cardiovascular Disease Education Campaign to increase awareness among key policymakers, patient advocates and healthcare providers on the prevalence of high cholesterol in post-heart attack patients.

### **Program Call-to-Action**

***NHMA is seeking healthcare providers that treat Hispanic/Latinx patients with CVD to create a short (1-2 min) video on the importance of being heart healthy and how you treat your minority patients with CVD. If you are interested, sign up here: <http://bit.ly/NHMACVDVideoSeries>.***

Visit our website for more information: <https://www.nhmamd.org/nhma-cardiovascular-disease-campaign-on-cholesterol-and-post-heart-attack-patients>.

## **NHMA COLLEGE HEALTH SCHOLARS PROGRAM**

The College Health Scholars Program's (CHSP) purpose is to increase the diversity of the health workforce with Hispanic physicians, health professionals, and scientist/researchers by providing resources

to pre-health/science college students that address academic preparation for graduate school, including math and science, professional and personal development, and financial aid resources.

### **NHHF STOP VAPING CAMPAIGN**

The National Hispanic Health Foundation (NHHF) is excited to announce the launch of its Stop Vaping Campaign, in partnership with the Aetna Foundation. The campaign aims to educate Hispanic/Latino middle and high school students about the harmful effects of vaping, to urge students to stop or not start vaping. NHHF has hosted a focus group of middle and high school students and have created an Advisory Committee.

For more information, please visit the website at <https://www.nhmafoundation.org/stop-vaping-campaign>.

#### **Program Call-to-Action**

*NHHF is looking for health care professionals based in Los Angeles, Chicago, New York City, or Miami to serve as spokespersons for the program. Spokespersons would educate middle and high school students about the harmful effects of vaping using the campaign materials NHHF has put together. If you are interested in being a spokesperson, please apply [here](#).*

#### **Add NHHF on [Snapchat!](#)**

### **NHHF HEALTH LITERACY PROGRAM ON COVID-19**

NHHF, along with Centene Corporation, is developing a health literacy toolkit focused on COVID-19. The toolkit will be distributed in urban and rural medical practices in Los Angeles and New Mexico.

### **NEW HIV AND LATINOS PROJECT**

NHMA is starting the first U.S. study of physicians who care for Latinos at high-risk for HIV, including men who have sex with men (MSM) and transgender women. Research Consultant is Dr. Ruth Zambrana, Professor in the Department of Women's Studies, Director of the Consortium on Race, Gender and Ethnicity and Adjunct Professor of Family Medicine at the University of Maryland, Baltimore, School of Medicine. If interested in answering a short survey – contact Wanda Salcedo at [NHMA@nhmamd.org](mailto:NHMA@nhmamd.org) or at (202) 628-5895.

### **PHYSICIAN SPOKESPERSONS' VIDEO FROM PHONES**

NHMA is looking for physician spokespersons to record brief messages for NHMA's campaigns to educate our networks through our social media channels. If interested, please email Vincent Gearity at [vgearity@nhmamd.org](mailto:vgearity@nhmamd.org).

- NHHF Stop Vaping Campaign! (target your message to middle and high school students)
- Get your Flu Vaccine! (target to adults)
- If at high risk for HIV, get tested and treatment
- See your doctor to check for high cholesterol or you have had a heart attack