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Most current and comprehensive source for cancer incidence data for the U.S. Hispanic/Latino population is now available

Springfield, Illinois --- A panel of experts of the North American Association of Central Cancer Registries (NAACCR) has published a monograph describing the burden of cancer in the U.S. Hispanic/Latino population; statistics in this monograph reflect the cancer experience of more than 86% of the U.S. Hispanic/Latino population.

The report was designed, prepared, and released by the Hispanic Expert Panel of the Collaborative Research Work Group of the Data Evaluation and Publication Committee. The report is available on the NAACCR web site at http://www.naaccr.org. Data from the following state cancer registries are included in the monograph: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Texas, Washington and Wyoming. Data from the following metropolitan area cancer registries are also included: Greater San Francisco Bay Area (California), Los Angeles (California), and Detroit (Michigan).

The major findings of this report include:

- Hispanic populations had lower incidence for all cancers combined and for the four leading cancers (breast, prostate, lung and colorectal) than non-Hispanic populations.
- Several specific cancers occurred at higher rates among Hispanic populations than
 among non-Hispanic populations, regardless of gender, including cancers of the liver,
 gallbladder, penis, and acute lymphocytic leukemia. Hispanic rates for cancers of the
 stomach and cervix were higher than those for non-Hispanic whites, and Hispanic
 rates for cancers of the testis and brain and non-Hodgkin lymphoma were higher than
 those for non-Hispanic blacks.
- Age-adjusted incidence rates among Hispanic populations varied widely by geographic area.
- As with adults, the overall incidence of most cancer sites in Hispanic children and adolescents was lower than in non-Hispanic populations. Some exceptions were the leukemias, Hodgkin lymphoma, and retinoblastoma (an aggressive cancer of the retina).

Much more detailed information is available in the monograph.

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