

The Friends of NCHS invites you to a congressional briefing...

# Health Reform and Health Statistics: Making Sound Policy Choices

Wednesday, September 24, 2008  
United States Capitol, HC-8  
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Light refreshments provided  
**R.S.V.P. by September 19, 2008**

Health reform is on the electorate's mind and your policy agenda. As elected officials continue to grapple with health care cost, quality, and access, you will be asked to answer a lot of questions:

- How many uninsured are there, really?
- What is the prevalence of chronic diseases like obesity and diabetes?
- Do racial disparities persist in health care?

Health advocates will present you with mountains of data to help answer these questions and more, but can the data be trusted when advocates have their own agendas? You need to be ready to verify data yourself, and uncover your own health trends.

The National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) is the nation's principal health statistics agency, providing critical information on all aspects of our health care system. This briefing will feature NCHS leaders and staff who will demonstrate what information is available to help you help your Member of Congress improve health and health care.

## Special invited guests:

The Honorable Michael Burgess (R-TX), U.S. House of Representatives  
The Honorable Al Green (D-TX), U.S. House of Representatives

## Speakers:

Ed Sondik, Ph.D., Director, NCHS  
Linda Bilheimer, Ph.D., Associate Director, NCHS

**This workshop is considered a widely attended event in connection with official duties.**

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