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Diabetes in America: Analysis of an Epidemic

"This is the first offering in Grey House Publishing's new series 'Health in America,' with data from the National Minority Quality Forum, a nonprofit group focused on health disparities in US minorities. The book is divided into profiles by state or territory, and then by Congressional districts. Each profile is organized by total number of diabetics, prevalence, percent uninsured, number of hospitalizations, number of emergency room visits, annual cost of hospitalization, annual medical cost per diabetic, and percent of diabetics with an HbA1c value above seven. Profiles are further subdivided by race, gender, and age. Each profile has a map with color-coded diabetes prevalence, overall percent of prevalence, ranking among all Congressional districts, total number of diabetics, and lastly, the current governor or Congressional representative with contact information. Unlike either William Petit Jr. and Christine Adamec's excellent *The Encyclopedia of Diabetes* (CH, Nov'11, 49,122) or Karen Bellenier's consumer oriented, edited *Diabetes Sourcebook* (4th ed., 2008), this is a unique resource of disease-specific population data that will be used by public health, nursing, and medical students, as well as local, regional, and national minority/community health/political activists. Purchase of the print edition entitles the buyer to free online access. Summing Up: Recommended. Upper Division undergraduates and above."

-CHOICE

"Diabetes is a major health problem in the U.S., with approximately 23 million currently diagnosed cases. This book offers information gathered by the National Minority Quality Forum, an organization dedicated to studying health disparities. The book consists of tables and maps arranged alphabetically by state and, within each state, by congressional district. These illustrate the prevalence of diabetes within each location. Purchase of the book also allows free access to enhanced online content, with sortable ranking tables. This is a useful resource for those involved in epidemiology and health-care policy research."

-Booklist Online

"In this first title in its planned "Health in America" series with this publisher, the National Minority Quality Forum (NMQF), draws from its National Health Index database to offer compelling statistical profiles about the incidence and cost of diabetes on the national, state, and congressional-district level. Diabetes was chosen as the Forum's inaugural topic since the condition which has continued to have a disproportional impact on minorities, has reached epidemic proportions in this country and worldwide. This book is clearly intended as an advocacy tool, with key legislative contact information also listed in each profile. VERDICT: An important and accessible reference about a health issue of national concern."

-Library Journal

"This is an important data tool to be used in reducing the burden of diabetes in the U.S. By pointing out difference in the prevalence and cost between regions of the country, the authors hope to

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improve the overall health of the country. The plan is for the intended audience—doctors, legislators, policy makers and researchers—to use this information to work together to reduce disparities and improve overall care of patient with diabetes.”

-Doody Enterprises

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