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Texas Health Institute Monthly Highlights

Texas Health Institute to Develop New Report: America's Health Rankings' 2018 Health of Those Who Have Served Report



With a third round of new grant funding from the United Health Foundation in partnership with Military Officers Association of America, Texas Health Institute in collaboration with Arundel Metrics, Inc. will develop ***America's Health Rankings' 2018 Health of Those Who Have Served Report***, a comprehensive health portrait of the men and women who have served in the U.S. military, with data analyzed over six years, by race, ethnicity, age, and socioeconomic status, and in comparison to the civilian population. This new report will serve as an update of the [2016 report](#), which garnered [national media attention](#) and was used in [federal testimony](#) to the Joint House and Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs.

Last year, we produced the [Health of Women Who Have Served Report](#), highlighting the burden of mental health and chronic disease challenges facing women with military service, despite their better overall health compared to civilian women. As Patty Horoho, former U.S. Army Surgeon General and retired Army Lt. General shared, "the new insights gleaned from this report demand innovations to address the unique, profound needs of women who have selflessly served." With the new report slated for release in November 2018, we look forward to providing the field with ongoing data and tools to raise awareness, promote dialogue, and advance new policies that seek to protect and advance the health of men and women who have sacrificed much to protect our health and lives.

For more information on these reports, contact Nadia Siddiqui at: nsiddiqui@texashealthinstitute.org.

Texas Oral Health Conference:



Texas Health Institute through its statewide collaborative on oral health improvement entitled 'Advancing the Oral Health Movement in Texas' is pleased to partner with the Texas Department of State Health Services - Oral Health Program, Texas Oral Health Coalition, and Texas Repository of Oral Health Data for Evaluation and Outcomes for

hosting the Texas Oral Health Conference (TOHC). The Texas Oral Health Conference represents true collaboration to improve oral health in our state.

Click [here](#), to learn more about or register for TOHC.

12th SOS Registration Opening Soon!

The 12th Annual Southern Obesity Summit will be held in Charleston, West Virginia October 22-24, 2018. With a focus on collective impact through the lens of Health Equity; we will explore system impacts: Where we Live, Work, Learn, Eat, Play and Pray.

This Summit will bring together leadership from across the south to share, learn and develop strategies for positive change around obesity prevention.

Click [here](#) to learn more about SOS...



Do you want your state to be the host of the 13th Annual Southern Obesity Summit (SOS)? We are currently taking nominations and want to know why your state should be home to SOS 2019! Deadline is May 15, 2018.



The Southern Obesity Summit is an exciting and important event that brings together leadership from across the 16 southern states to learn, engage and develop

strategies around obesity prevention. Our goal is to bring this conference to all of the 16 southern states. SOS has been in Arkansas (2007), Alabama (2008), Texas (2009, 2016), Georgia (2010, 2017), Louisiana (2011), North Carolina (2012), Tennessee (2013), Kentucky (2014), Mississippi (2015), and West Virginia (2018).

[Click here to download the 2019 State Nomination Form...](#)



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Genetic Diagnostic Tools in 2018



MSRGN is partnering with Indian Health Services to provide educational outreach to primary care providers on the Navajo Reservation in Tuba City, AZ. The first webinar will be presented by Dr. Austin Larson on May 3, 2018 at 2pm CDT. This webinar will discuss the recent advances in genetic testing and their implications for diagnostic testing strategies for children with suspected genetic conditions.

[Click here to learn more and register for the webinar:](#)

**April 25, 2018, National DNA Day:
Join us in celebrating National DNA Day.**



Each day on the Mountain States Regional Genetics Network (MSRGN) [facebook](#), we are sharing #15for15, which are 15 advances in genetics over the last 15 years since the Human Genome Project completion. Come check

them out and share them on your facebook page to let others know about the exciting world of genetics! You can see all the 15 days (as they are revealed) here.

[Click here to view...](#)

The Texas A&M Center for Population Health and Aging (CPHA) invites you to join us for our first annual Active for Life® Health & Wellness Conference. Participants will learn about innovative solutions to age-related issues and receive guidance from aging experts representing community-based organizations, health care organizations, government agencies, and higher education.

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