Public Health Resources

- **AHRQ Adds Ten New Spanish-Language Guides to Encourage Health Care Decisionmaking:**
  - Cómo medir la presión arterial en casa: Revisión de la investigación para adultos (Measuring Your Blood Pressure at Home: A Review of the Research for Adults)
  - Cómo escoger medicamentos para la presión arterial alta: Revisión de las investigaciones sobre IECA, BRA e IDR (Choosing Medicines for High Blood Pressure: A Review of the Research on ACEIs, ARBs, and DRIs)
  - Opciones de tratamiento para la ERGE o enfermedad por reflujo del ácido estomacal: Revisión de la investigación para adultos (Treatment Options for GERD or Acid Reflux Disease: A Review of the Research for Adults)
  - Terapias para la depresión resistente a tratamiento: Revisión de las investigaciones (Therapies for Treatment-Resistant Depression: A Review of the Research)
  - Tratamiento con medicamentos para el dolor por osteoartritis: Revisión de la investigación para adultos (Managing Osteoarthritis Pain With Medicines: A Review of the Research for Adults)
  - Tratamiento para la apnea del sueño: Revisión de la investigación para adultos (Treating Sleep Apnea: A Review of the Research for Adults)
  - Medicamentos para la diabetes tipo 2: Revisión de la investigación para adultos (Medicines for Type 2 Diabetes: A Review of the Research for Adults)
  - Tratamientos para niños con trastornos del espectro autista: Revisión de la investigación para padres y personas que ayudan al cuidado (Therapies for Children With Autism Spectrum Disorders: A Review of the Research for Parents and Caregivers)
  - Tratamiento y prevención de las infecciones intestinales causadas por el microbio Clostridium difficile: Revisión de la investigación para adultos y personas que ayudan a su cuidado (Treating and Preventing C-diff Infections: A Review of the Research for Adults and Their Caregivers)
  - Uso de medicamentos antirreumáticos DMARD para niños con artritis: Revisión de la investigación para padres y personas que ayudan al cuidado (DMARDs for Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis: A Review of the Research for Parents and Caregivers)
  - 2011 State Snapshots data
  - Federal Equal Opportunity Recruitment Program (FEORP) Report for FY 2011
  - Latino Uninsurance at the State and National Levels
  - A Profile of Latino Health Insurance Gains Under the Affordable Care Act
  - Digital Storytelling: A Community Tool to End HIV Stigma
  - HRSA launches Grants Technical Assistance webpage
• **NCCAM website and resources - CAM Complimentary and Alternative Medicine**

• **State of the World's Mothers Report**

• **Federal Workers' 2011 Salary Data Exposed Online**

• **Health Information Technology and Home Health Care**
  As the population ages and medical practices change, more people are taking care of themselves at home. A study funded by AHRQ looked at ways health information technology could be used to help people “age in place.”

• **ONC's New Guide on Health Information, Privacy and Security and Meaningful Use**
  ONC's Office of the Chief Privacy Officer (OCPO) recently released a "Guide to Privacy and Security of Health Information,"* an instructional guide designed to help healthcare practitioners, staff, and other professionals better understand the important role privacy and security play in the use of electronic health records (EHRs) and Meaningful Use. The guide is a comprehensive, and easy-to-understand tool to help providers and professionals integrate privacy and security into their clinical practice and includes sections addressing:
  - Privacy & Security and Meaningful Use
  - Security Risk Analysis and Management Tips
  - Working with EHR and Health IT Vendors
  - A Privacy & Security 10-Step Plan
  - Health IT Privacy and Security Resources

• **3-Part Diabetes Videonovela Available:** AHRQ has a new videonoverla, patterned after Latin American-style soap operas, for Spanish-speakers. *Aprende a vivir* tells the story of Don Felipe, head of the Jiménez family, and his health problems caused by poor management of his type 2 diabetes. The website includes links to AHRQ patient education resources on comparing treatments for diabetes and other health information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and National Institute for Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases.

• **Sustaining Grassroots Community-Based Programs: A Toolkit for Community- and Faith-Based Service Providers (SAMHSA):** Resource toolkit available online and to order.

• **My Safe Home:** Safe Kids Worldwide: Presents a new interactive website to help families to identify dangers in their home and provides simple steps to fix them.

• **The SIDS Center:** New online resources now available. *What Works: Changing Knowledge and Behavior to Reduce Sudden Unexpected Infant Death.*

• **Families USA:** A Series of State Fact Sheets now available: *Medicaid: Essential to America's Hospitals and Communities.*

• **London Health Observatory Department of Health - Health Inequalities Intervention Toolkit**
  (United Kingdom)
• **South East Public Health Observatory Handbook of Health Inequalities Measurement** (United Kingdom)

• **New Podcast in TalkingQuality**

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality announces a new TalkingQuality podcast: Tips on Making Quality Reports User-Centered. In this podcast, Jeanne McGee from McGee and Evers Consulting shares advice from a comprehensive guide she developed for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services on plain language writing, graphic design, and using feedback from readers.

Check out other podcasts:

• **The Effects of Out-of-Pocket Costs on Enrollees’ Experiences With Health Plans: Implications for Consumer Reporting (Audio):** Ted von Glahn from the Pacific Business Group on Health discusses the factors underlying differences in the CAHPS “rating of care” measure for PPOs and HMOs and the implications for reporting survey results across different types of health plans.

• **Use of “Roll-ups” to Report CAHPS Survey Results and Other Quality Measures (Audio):** Marc Elliott and David Kanouse from RAND talk about the use of composites measures and “roll-up” scores to summarize a health care organization’s performance within and across domains of quality, including patient experience.

• **How Social Media Can Draw Visitors to a Quality Report (Audio):** Barbara Lambiaso and Lauren Piccolo from Massachusetts Health Quality Partners (MHQP) talk about how MHQP uses social media to promote awareness and use of comparative quality reports.

• **Rating the Raters: How the Informed Patient Institute Assesses Health Care Quality Reports (Audio):** Carol Cronin from the Informed Patient Institute (IPI) talks about how the IPI assesses and grades comparative reports on health care quality.

• **Branding Your Quality Report (Audio):** Lisa Mason from the Greater Detroit Area Health Council provides helpful advice on using branding to build awareness and create an identity for your quality report.

• **Tour the TalkingQuality Site (Video):** This video podcast provides an overview of the TalkingQuality site and highlights features that are likely to be of interest to sponsors of public reports on health care quality.