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Director, Division of Health and Nutrition Examination Surveys (DHANES), National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). DHANES is responsible for conducting the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES). Mr. Johnson has been with the NHANES program for more than 30 years. In 1996, he was appointed Deputy Director of the program and in 2001 was named Director of the NHANES program. Mr. Johnson holds a B.S. degree in mathematics and statistics from Colorado State University (1969) and an M.S.P.H. in biostatistics from the University of North Carolina (1970).

As Director of DHANES, he is responsible for managing the planning and implementation of methodologic and analytic research for the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) as well as managing the conduct on the ongoing/continuous NHANES survey. NHANES data have been instrumental in establishing reference data on health and nutritional status for the United States; important for evaluation of numerous public health programs; critical as a cornerstone of the national nutrition monitoring system; and important information in the formulation of health policy on many public health issues (e.g. folic acid fortification, obesity, hypertension and environmental health).

Mr. Johnson has authored or co-authored over 125 articles (and given more than 250 oral presentations) on a variety of nutrition and health related topics including nutrition monitoring, iron deficiency anemia, overweight, child growth, cholesterol, folate and cardiovascular risk factors. In addition, he has worked extensively in the area of analysis of data from complex sample surveys concentrating on the topics of survey design effects, nonresponse bias, multiple imputation, power curves, and the comparison of measurement error versus survey design error. He has been a member of many national and international committees and workshops on nutrition and health and has served as an expert consultant to New Zealand and Canada on the content and conduct of examination surveys. He has served on numerous federal committees and working groups in the area of nutrition and health policy (e.g. the National Cholesterol Education Program Coordinating Committee, the Interagency Board for Nutrition Monitoring and Related Research, the National Institutes of Health Nutrition Coordinating Committee, the Dietary Reference Intakes Steering Committee and the CDC Folic Acid Working Group.