

### **NLM Links**

**MedlinePlus**—reliable source of consumer-oriented health information http://MedlinePlus.gov

**MEDLINE/PubMed**—NLM's database of references and abstracts of published biomedical journal articles with links to some full-text articles <a href="http://pubmed.gov">http://pubmed.gov</a>

### **Toxicology and Environmental Health**

**Portal**—databases and other resources related to toxicology and environmental health http://tox.nlm.nih.gov

**DIRLINE**—comprehensive directory of health-related organizations http://dirline.nlm.nih.gov

**ClinicalTrials.gov**—searchable database of medical research studies from across the country <a href="http://clinicaltrials.gov">http://clinicaltrials.gov</a>

**NLM Gateway**—single entry point for many NLM databases http://gateway.nlm.nih.gov

### Health Information for American Indians

#### Visit the American Indian Health Web Site

The American Indian Health Web site is an information portal to issues affecting the health and well-being of American Indians.



americanindianhealth.nlm.nih.gov

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# Arctic

An information portal to issues affecting the health and well-being of our planet's northernmost inhabitants

# Arctic Health

# Arctic Health . . . the People and the Environment

The Arctic region is a vast geographic area surrounding the North Pole that includes all or portions of:

- Alaska
- Canada
- Denmark (including Greenland and the Faroe Islands)
- Finland
- Iceland
- Norway
- Russia
- Sweden

The people and communities of the Arctic face special challenges to their health and well-being. These challenges range from a rapidly changing climate and extreme environmental conditions to threats from pollution and emerging infectious diseases to suicide and substance abuse. To meet the information needs of these communities, the U.S. National Library of Medicine (NLM) and the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) developed the Arctic Health Web site.

### **About the Site**

The Arctic Health Web site is organized by topic for easy navigation. Browse through topics such as traditional healing, telehealth/telemedicine, and environmental health.

The Web site collects and organizes information about Arctic health issues for scientists, researchers, healthcare providers, policymakers, and the public.

Explore unique databases and locate references to journal articles and other medical information through NLM's PubMed and MedlinePlus resources.

### **Major Site Sections**

**Environmental Health** highlights the critical environmental health issues that directly affect Arctic populations.

### **Government and Organizations**

includes important agencies and health initiatives related to the Arctic.

**Health Topics** links to health information for people living in the Arctic or in extreme

cold conditions, including information specific to Alaska Natives. Topics include chronic disease, injury prevention, and substance abuse.

**Research** contains Arctic health research projects, organizations, funding opportunities, and the Arctic Health Research Database.

**Telehealth/Telemedicine** provides information on health and technology groups working on and promoting telehealth/telemedicine in the Arctic regions.

**Traditional Medicine** features information that explores the interface between traditional healing practices and the modern world.

**Publications** contains multiple databases listing thousands of documents, publications, and other media, including the Arctic Health Publications Database.

### The International Polar Year 2007–2008 and the Arctic Human Health Initiative of the Arctic Council

The International Polar Year (IPY) is an internationally coordinated research campaign that will initiate a new era in polar science. This project includes research in both polar regions and recognizes their strong connections to the rest of the globe. It involves a wide range of research disciplines, including social sciences, and will emphasize an interdisciplinary approach and international participation.





The Arctic Human Health Initiative (AHHI) is a project of the Arctic Council, which is an eight-nation intergovernmental forum focusing on sustainable development and environmental protection in the Arctic. Circumpolar in scope, AHHI will expand human health research in the areas of infectious diseases, effects of anthropogenic pollution, impact of climate change, and telehealth innovations.