VA Information Resource Center
Data Issues Brief
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1. **Academy for Health Services Research and Health Policy (AHSRHP) Annual Meeting Abstract Deadline January 15**

    AHSR is having its Annual Research Meeting June 23-25, 2002, in Washington D.C. A call for abstracts deadline is January 15, 2002.
    http://www.ahsr.org/2002/abstracts/index.htm

2. **New Audit Trail of Changes in NPCD files and Medical SAS Now Available at Austin Automation Center**

    The Austin Automation Center (AAC) National Patient Care Database (NPCD) team instituted an improved "Audit Trail of Changes" by creating a separate Web page to provide "an audit by date of any major changes made to our (1) Intranet site, (2) Medical SAS files, or (3) NPCD files." Researchers will want to check the site for changes to the Medical SAS files before undertaking new analyses:

3. **Resource for Computer Security post-September 11, 2001**

    The Association of American Universities (AAU) has a website to enable research university officials to share information on the ways campuses are addressing the challenges of post-September 11 environment, and to provide links to other materials http://www.aau.edu/resources/resources.htm. Also, a website by National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) provides a Computer Security Resource Center (CRSC) http://csrc.nist.gov/