



Idaho Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Advisory Committee (IHDSPAC)

The IHDSPAC is a private/public partnership of Idaho agencies, organizations and individuals that represent important aspects of heart disease and stroke care and prevention. The Advisory Committee was first convened in April 2006 to study and plan for improved heart disease and stroke care in Idaho. Presently, the Chair of the Committee is Dr. Robert Friedman, representing the Idaho Elks Rehabilitation Hospital. It is co-staffed by representatives of American Heart Association and American Stroke Association and the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (IDHW). The membership represents the full range of services associated with heart disease and stroke prevention, treatment and rehabilitation.

This partnership will allow Idaho to move forward and make decisions that will impact the way heart disease and stroke are treated so that patients have access to the most advanced treatment in centers that are best equipped to deal with the critical and time sensitive needs of heart disease and stroke patients.

Subsequent to the formation of the IHDSPAC and with its valuable assistance and input, the IDHW applied for and was funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to have a Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program. The funding is for fiscal years 2007-2012. This funding will contribute to the improvement of heart disease and stroke prevention and treatment for the benefit of Idaho citizens.

Northwest Regional Stroke Network (NWRSN)

The NWRSN is a three-year (2007-2010) collaborative effort between the states of Washington, Alaska, Idaho, Montana and Oregon. The NWRSN Mission is: To facilitate, through collaboration, equal access to high quality stroke care throughout the Northwest.

The NWRSN seeks to reduce the burden of stroke through policy and systems changes. Priority areas for change include improve emergency response, improve quality of care and eliminate disparities. The Washington State Department of Health is the lead agency.

Idaho benefits from this collaboration through the sharing of best practices, effective policies and discussions of utilizing technology and other means to improve stroke care for its citizens.

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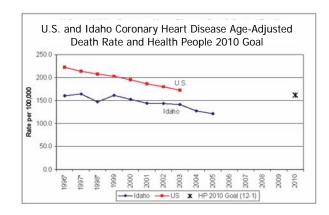
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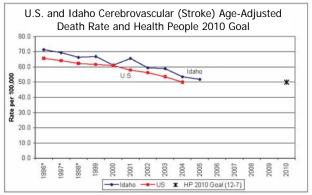
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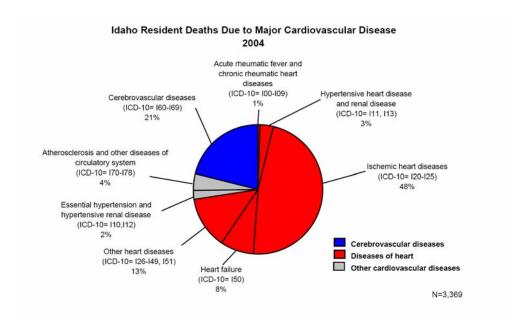
Idaho Data

Heart Disease and Stroke (cardiovascular disease) (stroke aka cerebrovascular disease)

Heart disease and stroke (also referred to as cardiovascular disease) are the 1st and 3rd leading causes of death for Idaho residents. They accounted for one-third of Idaho residents deaths in 2004. For 2005, heart disease and stroke represented almost 12,000 years of potential life lost (lives lost before age 75).







Information:

American Heart Association www.americanheart.org
American Stroke Association www.strokeassociation.org

CDC (Division for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention www.cdc.gov/DHDSP
Northwest Regional Stroke Network www.doh.wa.gov/cfh/NWR-Stroke-Network

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