



Dear Colleague,

I am pleased to announce the release of the [*2010 Epidemiologic Profile for Asians and Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders*](#). This report is the outcome of a collaborative effort across the National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHHSTP).

As you may know, HIV and other STDs, viral hepatitis, and TB share common risk factors, which may result in co-infections that can interact to increase transmission and complicate treatment. It is important for public health prevention professionals to look across diseases and identify overlapping trends. Awareness of disease synergies provides critical information to better inform prevention strategies. Although Asians, Native Hawaiians, and other Pacific Islanders comprise a small percentage of the overall United States population, they are affected by each of these diseases in significant ways. This *2010 Epidemiologic Profile* provides information in a single report that may help you maximize population-specific prevention and disease-specific control efforts.

I encourage you to read this report and share it with your colleagues. Thank you for your commitment to strengthen prevention efforts and enhance collaboration across programs. Together we can ensure accurate and usable public health data to inform and improve the prevention of HIV, AIDS, viral hepatitis, STDs, and TB.

Sincerely,

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