

APA suggested language to the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor-HHS-Education for Fiscal Year 2009 to encourage CDC's National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) to improve surveillance of eating disorders:

Eating disorders are a significant public health problem for individuals across the lifespan. They may have serious, chronic effects on one's quality of life and often co-occur with significant physical and mental health problems. However, the impact of these disorders has not yet been appropriately investigated. Therefore, APA urges the Committee to encourage the CDC to increase support for surveillance and research efforts regarding the incidence, morbidity, and mortality rates of eating disorders, including anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa, binge eating disorder, and eating disorders not otherwise specified across age, ethnicity and gender subgroups.