

proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques for other forms of information technology.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, contact: Dr. Bruce Simons-Morton Chief, Prevention Research Branch, Division of Epidemiology, Statistics and Prevention Research, National Institutes of Child Health and Human Development, 6100 Executive Blvd, Room 7B05, Bethesda, MD 20852-7510 or call non-toll free number (301) 496-1126 or E-mail your request, including your return address, to Bruce_SimonsMorton@nih.gov.

COMMENT DUE DATE: Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received on or before July 16, 1999.

Dated: June 9, 1999.
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Acting Executive Officer, NICHD.
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Survey of Colorectal Cancer Screening Practices in Health Care Organizations.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the provisions of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, for opportunity for public comments on proposed data collection projects, the National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Cancer Institute (NCI) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve the information collection listed below. This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on November 30, 1998, Volume 63, No. 229 page 65796 and allowed 60 days for public comment. No public comments were received. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comment. The National Institutes of Health may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to

respond to, an information collection that has been extended, revised or implemented on or after October 1, 1995, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Proposed Collection: Title: Survey of Colorectal Cancer Screening Practices in Health Care Organizations. Type of Information Collection Request: New. Need and Use of Information Collection: This study will measure primary care and specialty physician's knowledge, attitudes, and practice patterns related to colorectal cancer screening and diagnostic follow-up. This study also will assess guidelines, policies, and programs to provide or promote colorectal cancer screening within health plans. The purpose of this study is to obtain current, nationally representative data on the physician and health system factors that may influence the use of colorectal cancer screening and diagnostic follow-up for suspected colorectal cancer in community practice. Three questionnaires will be administered by mail, telephone, facsimile, or Internet using national samples of physicians and health plans. Study participants will select their preferred response mode. Study participants will be primary care and specialty physicians with active licenses to practice medicine in the U.S., and the medical directors of health plans listed by the American Association of Health Plans. Burden estimates are as follows:

Questionnaire	Estimated number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Estimated total annual burden hours
Primary Care Physicians	1,389	1	0.333	463
Specialty Physicians	1,042	1	0.333	347
Health Plans	323	1	0.333	108
Total				918

Request for Comments: Written comments and/or suggestions from the public and affected agencies are invited in one or more of the following points: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on

respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Request for Comments: Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the: Office of Management and Budget, Office of Regulatory Affairs, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, Attention: Desk Officer for NIH. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and

instruments, contact Carrie N. Klabunde, Ph.D., Epidemiologist, National Cancer Institute, EPN 313, 6130 Executive Boulevard, MSC 7344, Bethesda, Maryland 20892-7344, telephone 301-402-3362.

Comments Due Date: Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received on or before July 16, 1999.

Dated: June 8, 1999.
Reesa Nichols,
OMB Project Clearance Liaison.
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