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TO: Each Health Deputy

FROM: Paul Simon, M.D., M.P.H. *fs*
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SUBJECT: **ADVANCED COPY: "Mortality in Los Angeles County 2003: Leading Causes of Death and Premature Death"**

Please find enclosed our report *Mortality in Los Angeles County 2003: Leading Causes of Death and Premature Death* describing mortality in the County in 2003, and trends since 1994. The report is based on an analysis of death certificate data for Los Angeles County residents. It will be available on our web site and released to the media within a week.

Please note: This report includes an erratum for Table 8, on page 15, to correct the age-specific rates for persons 45-64 and 65-74 years of age.

We hope that you will find it useful and informative. If you have any questions, please contact me or Frank Sorvillo, Ph.D., Chief, Data Collection and Analysis Unit, at (213) 240-7785.

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Enclosures

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Dear Colleague:

I am pleased to provide you with our new report entitled *Mortality in Los Angeles County, 2003: Leading Causes of Death and Premature Death*. The report describes the ten leading causes of death in 2003 for Los Angeles residents and population groups. In addition to the causes of death, the report has information about the leading causes of premature death. There are detailed tables of trends in the leading causes of death and premature death from 1994-2003. In the section entitled *At a Glance*, you will find a short summary, and prevention and resource information for each of the leading causes of death and premature death.

Please note that, because of revisions to the population estimates for Los Angeles County, death rates for 2001 and 2002 may be different from those published in the *Mortality in Los Angeles County, 2002* report.

This report includes an erratum for Table 8, on page 15, to correct the rates for persons 45-64 and 65-74 years of age. A color version of the corrected figure is available on our website at <http://lapublichealth.org/dca/> (click on Reports). You may also call the Office of Health Assessment and Epidemiology at (213) 240-7785 to request a color copy.

I hope you will find this report useful and that you will take a moment to complete and return the evaluation form. Additional copies of the report can be obtained by contacting the Office of Health Assessment and Epidemiology at the number above.

Yours truly,

Frank Sorvillo, PhD
Chief, Data Collection & Analysis Unit

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Enclosures

Mortality in Los Angeles County, 2003
LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH AND PREMATURE DEATH

Evaluation form

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