

# Proposal for the Creation of the United States Public Health Medical College (USPHMC)

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# Our Health Care System is Stretched to the Breaking Point

- 47 Million uninsured
  - 18,000 premature deaths
- Overcrowded EDs
- Communities without physicians



# When Disaster Strikes ...

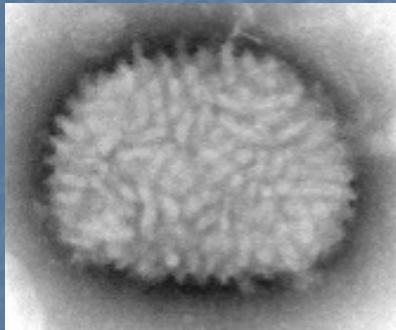


# US Physician Shortage

- COGME 16<sup>th</sup> report
  - Shortfall of 85,000
  - 15% increase
- AAMC: 30% Increase



# Are We Prepared for the Next Public Health Disaster?



Smallpox



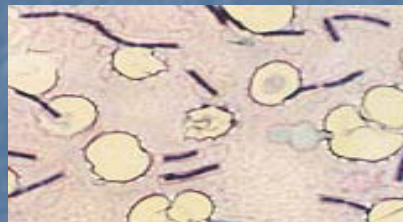
Natural Disasters



Bird Flu



Dirty Bombs



Anthrax

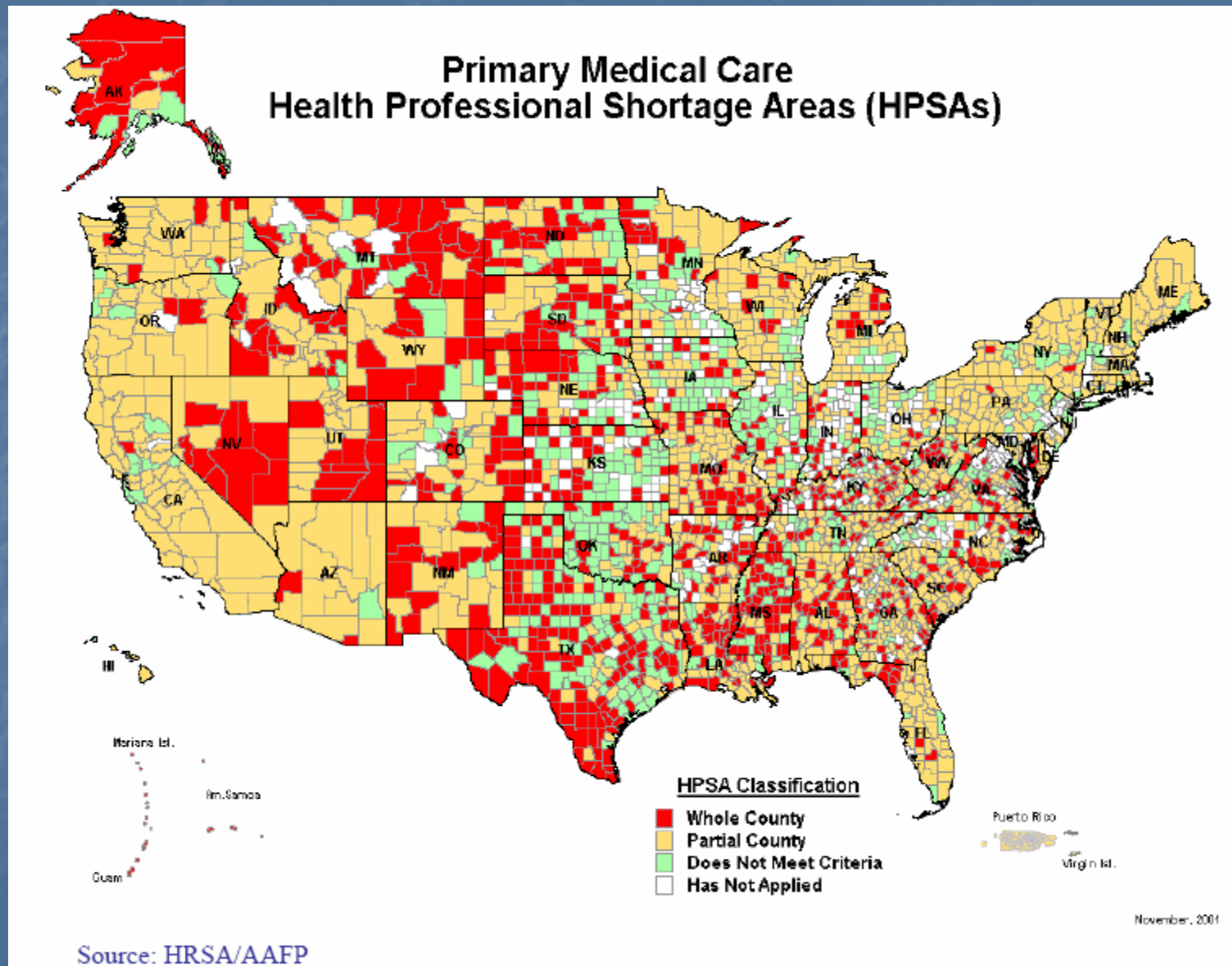


Toxic spills

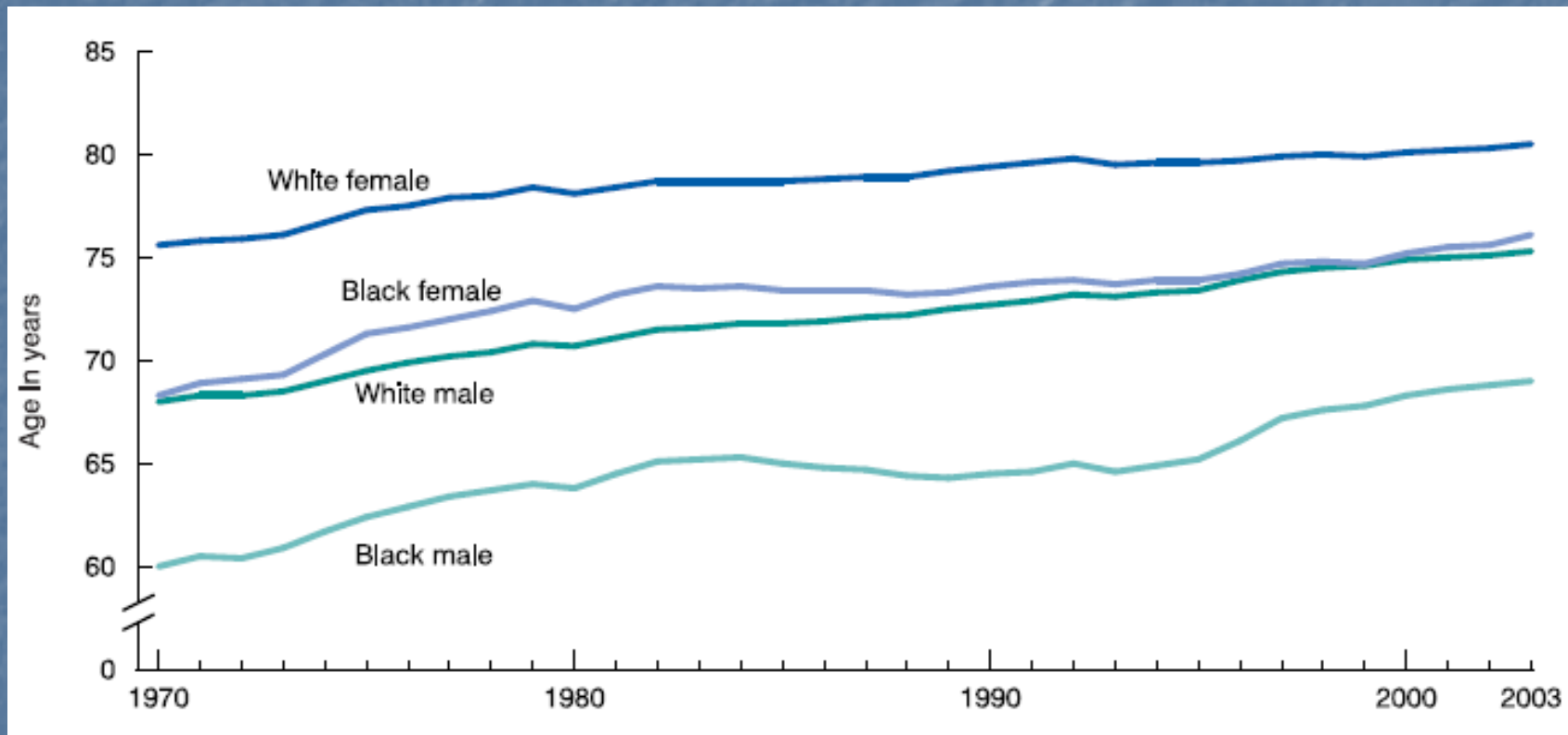




# Unmet Demand is Nationwide



# Health Disparities: Unequal Treatment



NVSR, CDC, April 2006



# U.S. Public Health Medical College

## *The solution....*

- 10 new medical schools around the country
  - 150 in each class, MD/MPH degree
  - Public health, primary-care, focused
- Free tuition, obligation of 8 years to work in underserved community + first-responder (USPHS)

# U.S. Public Health Medical College

## *The solution....*

- Student selection emphasis on community service and leadership
- New cadre of physicians:
  - Address public health needs of America: chronic illnesses, health disparities, natural disasters
  - Serve the chronically underserved populations in underserved specialties, particularly primary care

# Conclusion

- The USPHMC will address the physician shortages, unequal geographical distribution, lack of disaster preparedness among health professionals, and health disparities across racial, ethnic, socio-economic, and educational lines.