

Richard E. Hoffman, MD, MPH

Dr. Hoffman served as the State Epidemiologist for the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment from 1987 through 2001. From 1998 through 2001 he assumed additional duties as the Department's Chief Medical Officer, overseeing the four health divisions of the department which comprised more than 400 employees and had an annual budget of greater than \$130 million. The number of persons he directly supervised varied between 8 and 20 persons, including trainees.

In his tenure at the Department, he wrote numerous successful grant applications to the CDC to develop and evaluate disease surveillance and control programs. He directed programs concerning surveillance and prevention of AIDS/HIV, tuberculosis, vaccine-preventable diseases, viral hepatitis, general communicable diseases, childhood lead poisoning, hemophilia, occupational burns and fatalities, bioterrorism preparedness, and traumatic brain injuries. Dr. Hoffman has authored or co-authored more than 60 publications in peer-reviewed medical and public health journals, 11 articles in non-peer-reviewed journals, five book chapters, and five published letters.

He drafted legislation for issues concerning disease surveillance, AIDS, immunizations, tuberculosis, and bioterrorism, and drafted regulations for consideration by the State Board of Health in these areas as well as environmental and chronic diseases, investigation of selected causes of mortality, the state trauma system, and the medical use of marijuana. From 1997-2001, he lead a team effort to design and implement the Colorado Electronic Disease Reporting System (CEDRS), which is now a secure, internet-based reporting system used by local health agencies and hospitals in Colorado.

Dr. Hoffman currently works as a medical epidemiologist and provides public health consultation to a variety of public and private agencies.

Dr. Hoffman received a Bachelor's degree in biology from Stanford University (1971), an M.D. degree from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas (1975), and a Master of Public Health degree from the Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health (1983). He is board certified in General Preventive Medicine and was certified in Family Practice in 1982 and 1990. He is a fellow of the American College of Epidemiology. His clinical training was at the University of Texas Health Sciences Center at Houston (general surgery internship 1975-76) and Duke University Medical Center (residency in family medicine (1980-82). He worked as general practitioner for the National Health Service Corps in Saguache, Colorado from 1976 to 1978, and he worked as a medical epidemiologist for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for five years. He is a past-President of the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists and a member since 1998 of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Advisory Committee on Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention (1997-2001). From 2000-2002, he served on the Governor's Expert Emergency Epidemic Response Committee.