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[EATING DISORDERS, MENTAL HEALTH AND BODY IMAGE: The Public Health Connections](#)

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Live webcast, TODAY, Tuesday, September 20, 2016
12:30-1:30pm ET

More than 30 million Americans -- women and men, children and adults -- grapple with eating disorders. These complex illnesses, which include anorexia, bulimia, and binge eating disorder, severely undermine health and cost lives. This event will explore the many dimensions to eating disorders, including their biological bases, risk factors and treatment options. What role does body image play, and how do industries, such as fashion and advertising, often promulgate unrealistic societal standards of beauty? How might women and girls, in particular, be affected by such pressure? And what's to be done? For example, would enacting legislation that requires minimum BMIs for models, or requiring disclosures of digitally altered ads, help? This panel will include expertise in psychiatry, children's health, policy and eating disorders prevention.

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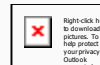
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