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The two volumes of *Health in the Americas* present information for the 2000-2005 period. Volume I examines health in the Americas from a Regional perspective. Among other issues, the volume's six chapters analyze:

- the political, social, and economic context of health, as well as important demographic and mortality trends;
- the leading diseases and health problems and efforts to prevent and control them;
- the interrelationship between the environment and human living conditions;

• the structure and functioning of health systems in the Region and efforts to reform them, and the scope and impact of international cooperation in health;

• the prospects for improving health in the

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Health in the Americas offers up-to-date information on health in the Region to government officials, public health and medical professionals, researchers, medical librarians, students, and anyone interested in health and human development in the Americas.

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