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## **New District Health Director for Portsmouth Health District**



David Chang, M.D., has been selected as the District Health Director for Portsmouth Health District, effective March 1, 2012. Currently, Dr. Chang is the health director for the Three Rivers Health District, which serves the 10 counties of the Middle Peninsula and Northern Neck.

Dr. Chang, a native of the San Francisco Bay area, earned his undergraduate degrees in Biology and English from Duke University, his Doctor of Medicine degree from Tufts University, and fulfilled his internship and residency in general internal medicine at the Johns Hopkins University Bayview Medical Center. He is board certified to practice Internal Medicine. He has also completed course work in health care policy, health care organizations, humanitarian assistance, and public health principles in disaster situations.

Dr. Chang has a longstanding interest in community and public health, particularly in service to populations in the third world. Prior to joining the Virginia Department of Health in July 2011, he worked on community health projects and provided medical care in countries such as China, Ethiopia, and India. In Baltimore, Dr. Chang was engaged in several service activities related to health education and promotion in the senior community.

In addition to his medical and community health experience, Dr. Chang has a background in business and the media. He co-founded and worked in the marketing department for a software development company in Silicon Valley. He has also worked in a technical capacity as a network engineer within the consulting division of AT&T in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina. Additionally, Dr. Chang has literary experience, having edited and written for print media, both in the US and also abroad.



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An avid fan of choral music, Dr. Chang sings tenor for the Virginia Symphony Orchestra Chorus. He is married to Dr. Esther Chang, an ophthalmologist at Virginia Eye Consultants, located in Norfolk. They, and their two young children, reside in Chesapeake.

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