Prostate Cancer: The Legislative Perspective

Second Annual African American Prostate Cancer Disparity Summit
September 21-22, 2006
Rayburn House Office Building

http://www.FightProstateCancer.org
The National Prostate Cancer Coalition sets the standard for rapidly reducing the burden of prostate cancer on American men and their families through awareness, outreach and advocacy.
Advocacy Works

Federal funding for prostate cancer research has increased 500% since 1996

At the same time deaths from the disease have fallen 33%

In 2006 deaths are expected to decline 10% from the 2005 total

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The Congressionally Directed Medical Research Program for prostate cancer

• The “special forces” of cancer research
• The CDMRP breast cancer program was integral in the development of “Herceptin” a lifesaving drug for some breast cancer patients
  • We need CDMRP prostate cancer to produce a “HIS-Ceptin”
• CDMRP employs a business plan for accountability and can tell you exactly how it will spend every dollar it receives
CDMRP & Disparities

- CDMRP tackles health disparities head-on
  - Grants are made for:
    - Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Summer Training Program
    - HBCU Collaborative Partnership Award
    - Health Disparity Research Award
    - Health Disparity Training --Prostate Scholar Award
    - New Investigator Award
  - Consumers, like you, are placed on the grant award committees and CDMRP actively seeks out scientists and consumer reviewers representing minority and underserved populations

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CDMRP is Underfunded

- CDMRP prostate cancer currently operates below the $100 million needed to conduct important human clinical trials
  - The business plan calls for $200 million in full funding
  - Critical research hangs in the balance and may not be utilized if funding levels are not increased
  - Funding for the program is decreasing
You Can Help

The House and Senate are set to take up CDMRP funding in conference within the next few weeks.

• It is imperative that you contact:
  – Your Representatives
  – Senator Stevens of Alaska and
  – Representative Walsh of Syracuse, NY
  – Please restore CDMRP prostate cancer funding to $85 million

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The Marshall Bill

• The Thomas J. Manton Prostate Cancer Early Detection and Treatment Act of 2006

  – Bill to authorize monies for prostate cancer early detection and treatment through the Center for Disease Control

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The Thomas J. Manton Prostate Cancer Early Detection and Treatment Act of 2006

- Follows the same model as the Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program at the CDC
- Designed specifically for those within 250% of the poverty line
- Will provide both early detection and follow-up treatment
- Also allows states to employ an enhanced Medicaid matching rate

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