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NEARLY \$3 MILLION IN RESEARCH GRANTS AWARDED IN 2011

From left, Nobel Prize winner and immediate past President of the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) Elizabeth Blackburn, PhD; Pathway to Leadership Grant recipients Jennifer Bailey, PhD, and E. Scott Seeley, MD, PhD; and Pancreatic Cancer Action Network President and CEO Julie Fleshman gather at the annual AACR meeting on April 5, 2011. (See page 1.)



Lisa Niemi Swayze joins Rep. Leonard Lance (R-NJ) at a press conference on Capitol Hill on February 16, 2011 to help re-introduce the *Pancreatic Cancer Research & Education Act*.

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CHAIR'S MESSAGE

DOUBLING THE SURVIVAL RATE BY 2020



Dear Pancreatic Cancer Action Network Friends:

Private research funding is critical to strengthening and building the robust pancreatic cancer research community necessary to produce the scientific breakthroughs that will bring an end to the disease. Advances regarding these efforts were made again recently when ten investigators around the country shared nearly \$3 million in award funding through the research grants program of the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network. (See the story on page 1.)

The funding awarded through the program increased significantly this year; almost 30 percent more money was awarded this year compared to 2010. In total, the research grants program has now committed over \$10 million in research funding since its inception, funding 66 grants at prestigious biomedical research institutions throughout the U.S.

Working in partnership with the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR), the grant recipients are selected through a rigorous scientific peer-review process and represent esteemed research institutions nationwide. I know that our President and CEO, Julie Fleshman, and the entire Board of Directors share my pride in supporting early career scientists with research funding, vocational support and mentorship at pivotal points in their careers. We are also thrilled to fund the truly innovative research projects of some of the finest cancer researchers working in the field today.

One way we demonstrated our strong commitment to developing the next generation of leaders in pancreatic cancer research this year was by awarding career-defining Pathway to Leadership Grants to two highly promising investigators: Jennifer Bailey, PhD, and E. Scott Seeley, MD, PhD. The five-year awards, totaling \$600,000 each, will allow them to stay committed and focused on their important studies.

Investing in future leaders in the pancreatic cancer research field is vital in realizing the aims of **The Vision of Progress: Double the Pancreatic Cancer Survival Rate by 2020** initiative. Our efforts to build a comprehensive and coordinated research community will speed the acquisition of knowledge, information sharing and the movement of scientific findings into practice that are needed to make this dream become a reality.

Please join me in congratulating all of the grant recipients, and wishing them success as they pursue their encouraging investigations this year.

Sincerely,

Peter Kovler
Board Chair

OUR MISSION

The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is a nationwide network of people dedicated to working together to advance research, support patients and create hope for those affected by pancreatic cancer.

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PANCREATIC CANCER ACTION NETWORK AWARDS NEARLY \$3 MILLION IN 2011 RESEARCH GRANTS

Nearly \$3 million in research grants will be distributed by the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network this year, representing an almost 30 percent increase over last year's investment and bringing the organization's cumulative research investment to more than \$10 million since 2003. Sixty-six research grants have been awarded to 62 bright and motivated scientists and clinicians throughout the country since the program's inception.

Pancreatic Cancer Action Network research grants are administered in partnership with the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR), which assembled panels of top experts in the field of pancreatic cancer to review the research grant applications. The most meritorious research was selected for funding using a carefully defined

evaluation and peer-review process.

In its mission to advance pancreatic cancer research and double the survival rate by the year 2020, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network works together with the AACR to promote and support outstanding research focused on conquering this deadly disease. The goals of the grants program are to build a robust pancreatic cancer research community, to encourage collaboration, information sharing and innovation, and to expedite scientific and medical breakthroughs for patient benefit. Brief descriptions of the ten 2011 grant recipients appear below.

Visit www.pancan.org/grants to learn more about these scientists and their cutting-edge research projects.

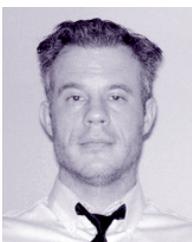
PATHWAY TO LEADERSHIP GRANT This five-year grant totals \$600,000 and is awarded to highly promising postdoctoral or clinical research fellows to support the mentored research phase, career enrichment activities, and the successful transition to research independence and leadership.



Jennifer Bailey, PhD, Johns Hopkins University
Pancreatic Cancer Action Network – AACR Pathway to Leadership Grant

Stop the Start: Novel Insights into PanIN Initiation and Progression

The majority of pancreatic tumors display mutations in a gene called K-Ras. K-Ras mutation and subsequent activation of the protein are thought to occur very early in the development of pancreatic cancer. Dr. Bailey plans to study the activation of K-Ras during the most initial stages of pancreatic cancer, even before a tumor or precancerous abnormality (known as pancreatic intraepithelial neoplasm, or PanIN) is detectable. Analyses of the genetic and biochemical features of cells immediately following K-Ras activation will provide insights into the earliest stages of pancreatic cancer, to shed light on better methods to detect and treat the disease before it progresses to a more aggressive stage.



E. Scott Seeley, MD, PhD, Stanford University
Pancreatic Cancer Action Network – AACR Pathway to Leadership Grant

Transport Proteins as Modifiers of Oncogenic Signaling in Pancreatic Cancer

All human cells grow under the control of a complex cascade of signaling proteins. In pancreatic cancer, several signaling proteins are known to be abnormally activated or repressed, leading to continuous growth of the cells in an unregulated fashion, directly causing tumor formation. Dr. Seeley and colleagues have found that the activation of these signaling pathways is dependent upon the specific cellular location of the involved proteins. Dr. Seeley's goals are to characterize mutations in the proteins responsible for transporting and localizing these signaling proteins, understand how the signaling pathways are affected, and determine whether this mechanism can be blocked or modified, as a potential novel treatment for pancreatic cancer.

FELLOWSHIP AWARD This one-year grant totals \$45,000 and is awarded to a highly promising postdoctoral or clinical research fellow to support the mentored research phase.



Cosimo Commisso, PhD, New York University
Samuel Stroum – Pancreatic Cancer Action Network – AACR Fellowship

Pancreatic Cancer, Macropinocytosis and Nutrient Internalization

A protein called K-Ras is mutated to an active form in nearly all pancreatic tumors. Pathways activated by K-Ras contribute to the proliferation and survival of pancreatic tumor cells. Dr. Commisso will explore another function of K-Ras: stimulating a process called macropinocytosis. Macropinocytosis, also known as fluid-phase endocytosis, allows cells to bring in large volumes of fluid from outside the cell, and often, physiological proteins are included. Dr. Commisso's work will lead to a better understanding of the induction of macropinocytosis by K-Ras in pancreatic cancer cells, and explore whether inhibitors of this process may be potential therapeutic agents against pancreatic cancer.



“Each year I am honored to pay tribute to my father by funding the annual Fellowship Award in his name. It brings me comfort to know how meaningful this award would have been to him, as it is to each new young investigator who receives it. Through this grant, my father’s entrepreneurial spirit lives on and continues to create hope.”

— **Cynthia Stroum, Founding Chair Emeritus, Pancreatic Cancer Action Network Board of Directors**

CAREER DEVELOPMENT AWARD This two-year grant totals \$200,000 and is awarded to newly established investigators to develop or strengthen their research programs in pancreatic cancer.



Dimitrios Iliopoulos, PhD, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
Pancreatic Cancer Action Network – AACR Career Development Award

Identification of Novel Molecular Circuits in Pancreatic Cancer Stem Cells

Previous studies have shown that chronic (constant) inflammation of the pancreas, known as pancreatitis, may be a risk factor for pancreatic cancer. Despite this knowledge, the relationship between inflammation and cancer initiation is not fully understood. Preliminary research in Dr. Iliopoulos's laboratory has suggested that an inflammatory circuit may be active specifically in the pancreatic cancer stem cells, or cells that are thought to initiate the tumor. Dr. Iliopoulos hopes to better understand the inflammatory processes related to pancreatic cancer. The overarching goal of Dr. Iliopoulos's work is to determine whether the inflammatory network within or outside pancreatic tumor cells could be a therapeutic target.



Jae-II Park, PhD, MD Anderson Cancer Center
Pancreatic Cancer Action Network – AACR Career Development Award

Telomerase in the Development of Pancreatic Cancer

Each time a cell grows, its genetic material (DNA) must split and divide. Upon each division, a piece of the end of the DNA on a chromosome gets lost. In order to protect DNA that codes for important genes, the edges of chromosomes are protected and capped by unnecessary sequences of DNA called telomeres, added by a protein called telomerase. After all of the telomeres are removed from successive cellular divisions, the cell can no longer grow. Telomerase has been shown to be reactivated in cancer cells, including pancreatic. Dr. Park will explore the outcomes of telomerase expression on pancreatic cancer cells and in a mouse model of the disease. The goal is to identify the underlying molecular and genetic mechanisms of telomerase in tumor formation to provide valuable information for pancreatic cancer treatment.



Kenneth Olive, PhD, Columbia University
Tempur-Pedic® Retailers – Pancreatic Cancer Action Network – AACR Career Development Award

The Role of HIF1 and Hypoxia in Pancreatic Ductal Adenocarcinoma

Angiogenesis is a process by which cancer cells create their own blood supply to provide nutrients and oxygen to the densely-packed tumor. Surprisingly, pancreatic tumors do not undergo an angiogenic process and therefore, the cells exist under quite low oxygen conditions, known as hypoxia. Dr. Olive's funded project will examine this hypoxic phenomenon in pancreatic cancer mouse models. Pancreatic tumors are also known to be surrounded by dense tissue, or microenvironment. This microenvironment has been shown to help support and protect the tumor, and also prevents oxygen delivery. Dr. Olive will examine the relationship between the cancer microenvironment and the hypoxic phenomenon. Ultimately, these studies could yield a deeper understanding of the development of pancreatic cancer, and potential future targets for therapeutic manipulation.



"Pancreatic cancer is one of the most aggressive forms of cancer, yet it is still under-funded and lacks the same extent of public awareness that other forms of cancer have. This is something that we at Tempur-Pedic hope to help change."

— **Rick Anderson, President, Tempur-Pedic, North America**

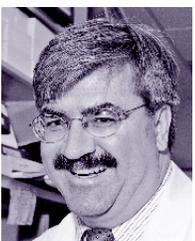
INNOVATIVE GRANT This two-year grant totals \$200,000 and is awarded to junior and senior scientists to develop new and innovative ideas and approaches in pancreatic cancer.



Lisa Cannon-Albright, PhD, University of Utah
Pancreatic Cancer Action Network – AACR Innovative Grant

Informative Linkage Analysis of High-Risk Pancreatic Cancer Pedigrees

Approximately 10 percent of pancreatic cancer cases are thought to be hereditary. However, very few genes have been identified that are linked to pancreatic cancer risk, and the genetic abnormalities are likely to be quite rare. Among the challenges to discovering genes associated with hereditary pancreatic cancer is the lack of DNA samples from familial cases to study. Dr. Cannon-Albright proposes to utilize resources available through the state of Utah to study the genetic changes in pancreatic cancer-prone families. These studies represent the first time multiple high-risk pancreatic cancer families' genes have been scrutinized in a linkage analysis, and can greatly contribute to the understanding of the genetic bases of pancreatic cancer.



James Eshleman, MD, PhD, Johns Hopkins University
Pancreatic Cancer Action Network – AACR Innovative Grant

Identifying Familial Pancreatic Cancer Predisposition Genes

For the majority of hereditary pancreatic cancer cases, it is unclear what familial genetic characteristics contribute to the increased risk of the disease. Human genes are present in pairs, and oftentimes, an individual is born with one abnormal copy of a gene, and cancer is initiated when the second copy of the gene also becomes damaged or mutated. Dr. Eshleman and colleagues have established nine hereditary pancreatic cancer cell lines, and will fully sequence the DNA from these cells, and compare the results to each matched patient's normal DNA. Overall, these results could have strong implications towards understanding the genetic components of pancreatic cancer, and could help determine whether family members of pancreatic cancer patients are at risk for developing the disease themselves.



Matthias Hebrok, PhD, University of California, San Francisco
Abby Sobrato – Pancreatic Cancer Action Network – AACR Innovative Grant

Role of miRNAs in Pancreatic Adenocarcinoma

The general function of RNA is to serve as an intermediary between genes (DNA) and proteins. However, a recently discovered class of RNAs, called microRNA or miRNA, is made up of small sequences of nucleic acid that do not code for proteins, but instead positively or negatively regulate the process by which coding RNAs lead to the expression of certain proteins. Dr. Hebrok's work aims to better understand the role of miRNAs in pancreatic cancer initiation and progression. Experimentally, Dr. Hebrok will manipulate miRNA levels in pancreatic cancer cells themselves, as well as in the microenvironment surrounding and supporting the tumor. These studies will shed light on the expression and function of miRNAs throughout the progression of pancreatic cancer, potentially leading to improved drug targets or markers to detect earlier disease.



Abby and John Sobrato

"Too often the outcomes for this disease are so terrible, it seemed to me that the best thing I could do was to support research. I felt one of the most effective ways I could help was through the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network's grants program. This was an easy decision for me."

— John Sobrato, Philanthropist



Hidde Ploegh, PhD, Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research
Kovler – Pancreatic Cancer Action Network – AACR Innovative Grant

Generation of Transnuclear Mice from Pancreatic Cancer Infiltrating T-Cells

Dr. Ploegh's project entails an attempt to harness the immune system to recognize and attack pancreatic cancer. The role of killer T-cells is to search for particular target proteins, and use them as a signal to destroy the cells displaying that protein. Dr. Ploegh intends to develop killer T-cells that specifically recognize a protein known to be expressed on the surface of pancreatic cancer cells, and not normal cells. Further, another type of immune cell, the regulatory T-cell, serves to impede the function of killer T-cells. Dr. Ploegh proposes utilizing sophisticated mouse models to manipulate the killer and regulatory T-cells within pancreatic tumors, and determine whether a patient's immune system can be trained to recognize and kill pancreatic cancer cells.



"Losing a mother to pancreatic cancer was very hard. When we learned that the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network was leading the fight against pancreatic cancer, we knew immediately that it was important for us to make a significant investment with them. Our dollars are supporting an aggressive research initiative to fund the science needed to discover early detection methods and better treatment options for pancreatic cancer and to ultimately find a cure. Our commitment to the fight against pancreatic cancer is based on our family's knowledge of what this disease is and how important it is that people take this on."

— Peter Kovler, Chair, Pancreatic Cancer Action Network Board of Directors

TREATMENT NEWS

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration recently announced that two novel drugs have been approved to treat advanced pancreatic neuroendocrine tumors: the Novartis drug Afinitor® (everolimus) and the Pfizer drug Sutent® (sunitinib). To learn more, go to www.pancan.org.

MAKE AN IMPACT FROM THE COMFORT OF YOUR OWN HOME ON JUNE 14

Are you interested in making a difference for people diagnosed with pancreatic cancer? Then mark Tuesday, June 14, 2011 on your calendar to join thousands of other volunteers who will participate in the 2011 National Call-In.

Our annual National Call-In is an opportunity for all Pancreatic Cancer Action Network supporters across the country to join together with one voice to tell Congress that the time has come for more federal research funding for pancreatic cancer.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO SEND THIS MESSAGE TO CONGRESS?

Congress controls the nation's "purse strings" and has the power to pass the *Pancreatic Cancer Research & Education Act* (S. 362/H.R. 733), pivotal legislation that would require the National Cancer Institute (NCI) to develop a long-term and comprehensive strategic plan to address pancreatic cancer, which is the only top-ten cancer killer with a five-year survival rate still in the single digits. Congress also has the authority to increase overall funding for the NCI. Increased NCI funding will help provide more dollars for pancreatic cancer research.

HOW DOES THE NATIONAL CALL-IN WORK?

On June 14, the same day as the fifth annual Pancreatic Cancer Advocacy Day, those who sign up will receive an email with instructions about how to place calls to their two U.S. Senators and U.S. Representative. The email will include their office phone numbers, and the message we'd like for you to deliver.

The calls should take less than 5 minutes of your time, but they will significantly impact our efforts to make the

pancreatic cancer community heard. While Advocacy Day participants turn Capitol Hill purple, volunteers, like you, will place phone calls to "turn up the volume."

Previously, participants at Advocacy Day have walked into meetings at legislators' offices and heard about the phone calls that have preceded them. The more phone calls the members' offices receive, the bigger the impact we can make.

During last year's National Call-In, more than 2,000 calls were placed to members of Congress. The combined impact of the calls during the National Call-In and Advocacy Day visits resulted in many members of Congress agreeing to sponsor our bill and join our fight. Our goal this year is to turn up the volume even louder and make sure that every congressional office hears from our supporters through phone calls and visits on June 14.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO TO HELP?

- Plan to participate in the National Call-In on June 14. Please note that Advocacy Day participants can also make calls in between their in-person visits.
- Ask five family members, friends, and/or colleagues to support you by participating in the National Call-In as well.
- Sign up for the Advocacy E-list to receive action alerts by visiting www.capwiz.com/pancan/mlm/signup. ✨



REINTRODUCTION OF THE *PANCREATIC CANCER RESEARCH & EDUCATION ACT* OFF TO AN IMPRESSIVE START

To mark the reintroduction of the *Pancreatic Cancer Research & Education Act* (S. 362/H.R. 733), U.S. Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI), along with U.S. Representatives Anna Eshoo (D-CA) and Leonard Lance (R-NJ), held a press conference on February 16, 2011, in the U.S. Capitol Building. In a room packed with media outlets including CNN and ABC, attendees were joined by Pancreatic Cancer Action Network President and CEO Julie Fleshman and national spokesperson Lisa Niemi Swayze, as well as volunteers from Maryland, New Jersey, Virginia and Washington, D.C.

At the press conference, which Rep. Eshoo was unable to attend due to a last-minute vote, Julie announced the release of "Pancreatic Cancer: A Trickle of Funding for a River of Need." (See the report at www.pancan.org/NCI_report_2011.) The

new report provides an in-depth analysis of NCI funding for pancreatic cancer research, demonstrates why the current federal funding level is unacceptable, and highlights the need for the immediate passage of the bill. Lisa spoke about what she and her late husband, Patrick, went through during his battle with this deadly disease and said it was time for pancreatic cancer to move to the "front of the line" and receive adequate funding for research.

Our most pressing goal is to ensure that all members of Congress who co-sponsored the bill in the 111th Congress recommit in time for Advocacy Day and the National Call-In so that on June 14 we can focus our resources on securing the support of new members. To help us with these efforts, visit www.pancan.org/takeaction and send a message now to your members of Congress. ✨

HEDGEHOG INHIBITORS: TESTING A NOVEL TREATMENT

Cells in the human body use a network of proteins known as signaling pathways to communicate with each other. The Hedgehog pathway is one of these signaling pathways. This pathway normally controls processes that are needed for the proper development of an embryo, or an organism in the early stages of growth.

This pathway is usually inactive, or turned off, in most adult tissues. However, laboratory studies have shown that it can become reactivated, or turned on, and promote the growth of cancer cells in pancreatic cancer and some other cancers.

The Hedgehog pathway also appears to play a role in the transformation of adult stem cells into cancer stem cells. Adult stem cells are undifferentiated (not specialized) cells that can self-renew and develop into any type of specialized cell. Because of this, adult stem cells play a role in replacing dying and damaged cells.

Cancer stem cells, also called tumor-initiating cells, are thought to have the same properties as adult stem cells. They can also self-renew and have the ability to replace dying cancer cells. Therefore, some researchers think that cancer stem cells are critical in the development of cancer.

REGARDING PANCREATIC CANCER

Researchers believe that elevated Hedgehog signaling plays a significant role in the formation and progression of pancreatic cancer, and that it enhances the survival of pancreatic cancer cells.

Normal, non-cancerous pancreatic tissue shows little Hedgehog pathway activity. However, patients with pancreatic adenocarcinoma, the most common type of pancreatic cancer, show abnormally elevated Hedgehog pathway signaling in both the tumor itself and the layer of tissue that surrounds it, called the stroma. In pancreatic tumors, the stroma is dense and may prevent treatments from getting to the cancer cells.

THE ROLE OF HEDGEHOG INHIBITORS

Some experts believe that blocking the Hedgehog pathway will provide a new treatment approach for pancreatic cancer. A new class of drugs, known as Hedgehog inhibitors, is currently being tested in clinical trials.

Hedgehog inhibitors may work in treating pancreatic cancer by:

- improving the delivery of drugs to the actual tumor by decreasing the tumor's stroma and increasing the number of blood vessels in this layer of tissue. This process may allow the drugs to better reach and attack the tumor cells.
- providing a way to attack cancer stem cells, as the Hedgehog pathway seems to play a role in the development of cancer stem cells.

TARGETED THERAPIES FOR CANCER

Hedgehog inhibitors are a type of targeted cancer therapy. Targeted therapies are cancer treatments that use drugs to attack unique aspects of cancer cells with little harm to healthy cells.

Hedgehog inhibitors and other types of targeted therapies are now under investigation in clinical trials for pancreatic cancer.

IN DEVELOPMENT

Research and development efforts are underway to thoroughly evaluate the safety and efficacy of Hedgehog inhibitors in pancreatic cancer. Because there are no FDA-approved Hedgehog inhibitors, access to this type of therapy is limited to clinical trials. The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network understands the importance of clinical trials in the development of new treatment options for pancreatic cancer and encourages all patients to explore them when considering treatment options. Clinical trials are the only way to find safe and potentially more effective therapies to treat the disease. *However, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network does not endorse or recommend any specific study.*

VOLUNTEER TO OFFER SUPPORT THROUGH THE SURVIVOR AND CAREGIVER NETWORK



Have you been diagnosed with or are you currently caring for someone with non-operable or metastatic pancreatic cancer and would like to lend support to others?

The Survivor and Caregiver Network is a group of volunteers who communicate with other patients and caregivers by phone or email as a source of support, hope and inspiration.

For more information about joining the Survivor and Caregiver Network, please contact Amanda Hine toll-free at 877-272-6226 or by email at ahine@pancan.org.

CURRENT CLINICAL TRIALS FOR PANCREATIC CANCER USING HEDGEHOG INHIBITORS:

Phase II Study Evaluating IPI-926 in Combination with Gemcitabine in Patients with Previously Untreated Metastatic Pancreatic Adenocarcinoma

This is a randomized, double-blind Phase II clinical trial enrolling patients with metastatic pancreatic adenocarcinoma (the most common type of pancreatic cancer) who have not ever received treatment for their pancreatic cancer.

This trial evaluates the effectiveness of IPI-926 (a hedgehog inhibitor) when used in combination with gemcitabine (Gemzar), as compared to gemcitabine alone. IPI-926 is a novel oral molecule that inhibits a key component of the Hedgehog pathway.

Phase II Stand Up 2 Cancer Study of Gemcitabine and Nab-Paclitaxel in Combination with GDC-0449 in Patients with Previously Untreated Metastatic Adenocarcinoma of the Pancreas

This Phase II clinical trial is enrolling patients with metastatic pancreatic adenocarcinoma (the most common type of pancreatic cancer) who have not received any treatment for their metastatic disease.

This trial evaluates the effectiveness of using GDC-0449 (a hedgehog inhibitor) in combination with the chemotherapy drugs gemcitabine (Gemzar) and nab-paclitaxel (Abraxane).

Phase II of Gemcitabine Plus GDC-0449 in Patients with Metastatic Pancreatic Cancer

This randomized, double-blind Phase II clinical trial is enrolling patients with metastatic or recurrent adenocarcinoma of the pancreas who have not received any treatment for their metastatic disease.

This trial evaluates the effectiveness of gemcitabine (Gemzar) used in combination with GDC-0449 (a hedgehog inhibitor) as compared to gemcitabine alone.

Phase I Study of GDC-0449 and Erlotinib with or without Gemcitabine in Treating Patients with Metastatic Pancreatic Cancer or Solid Tumors That Cannot Be Removed by Surgery

This Phase I clinical trial is enrolling patients with metastatic adenocarcinoma of the pancreas and patients with other inoperable solid tumors. Those who have been treated with a prior therapy for metastatic pancreatic cancer are not eligible to participate.

This trial evaluates the side effects and optimal dose of erlotinib (Tarceva) when administered together with GDC-0449 (a hedgehog inhibitor) with or without gemcitabine (Gemzar) in treating



patients with metastatic pancreatic cancer or solid tumors that cannot be removed by surgery.

Cancer Stem Cells and Inhibition of Hedgehog Pathway Signaling: A Pilot Study of GDC-0449 in Combination with Gemcitabine in Advanced Pancreatic Cancer

This pilot study is enrolling patients with metastatic pancreatic cancer or pancreatic cancer that recurred after surgery. Those who have been treated with a previous therapy for advanced pancreatic cancer are not eligible to participate.

This trial evaluates the effects of gemcitabine (Gemzar) in combination with GDC-0449 (hedgehog inhibitor).

For more information about clinical trials for which you may be eligible, please contact a Patient and Liaison Services (PALS) Associate toll-free at 877-272-6226 or email pals@pancan.org. PALS Associates are available Monday-Friday, 7am-5pm Pacific Time. ✨

CLINICAL TRIALS: A VIABLE TREATMENT OPTION FOR MANY

The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network recommends that all pancreatic cancer patients consider clinical trials when exploring treatment options.

Patients who enroll in clinical trials have access to new treatments that may offer better results than standard treatment. Participation in a clinical trial also advances pancreatic cancer research.

The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network's Patient and Liaison Services (PALS) program maintains a comprehensive database containing up-to-date information about pancreatic cancer clinical trials taking place throughout the United States.

For a personalized clinical trials search or for other questions related to clinical trials, contact a PALS Associate toll-free at 877-272-6226 or email pals@pancan.org. PALS Associates are available Monday-Friday 7am-5pm Pacific Time.

A STORY OF HOPE AND INSPIRATION

By Jenifer Middleton, Jupiter, FL



Jenifer Middleton

I am a four-and-a-half-year survivor of pancreatic cancer. In September of 2006, my life changed drastically when I was diagnosed with a 4.5 cm tumor – an adenocarcinoma – on the tail of my pancreas. I learned about it in a very unusual way and I realize now many "little miracles" helped me along the way.

At the time, I was going about my life raising three children and a niece, working as a registered nurse and under treatment with a rheumatologist for what we thought was polymyalgia rheumatica. He had been treating my vague back pain for four months when I decided to go to a gynecologist for a checkup.

This was my first miracle: scheduling an appointment with a new gynecologist and then seeing him just a few hours later. Something in his gut told him to draw blood and check my CA19-9 level (a tumor marker blood test); this was my second miracle. My CA 19-9 level was elevated to an abnormally high 3,500. I saw my primary care physician that same day, had a CT scan, and got the results within a few hours.

I saw an oncologist the next day and was informed that I could be a surgical candidate if the tumor would shrink with chemotherapy. I began four months of an aggressive chemotherapy regimen. I was then able to have a modified surgery to remove the tail and mid-body of my pancreas, left kidney, adrenal gland and spleen. Recovery was long, lasting five months. After that, I began chemoradiation.

After the chemoradiation, I went back on the original chemotherapy regimen for five more months until my CA19-9 level jumped from 12 to 12,800 in January of 2008 and a PET scan showed a liver metastasis. Then, I had three treatments of radiosurgery that annihilated that tumor. After that, I started a new chemotherapy regimen. I was on that one for a few months and then started taking a targeted therapy drug until December of 2009, when a PET scan showed a small lung metastasis which was also treated with radiosurgery.

I have not been on any treatment since January of 2010 and today my CA19-9 level is 8. A recent PET scan also showed no sign of cancer!

When I was diagnosed, my family and friends gathered around and everyone was assigned a role. This got me through those first three years when I was undergoing aggressive treatment. Residual effects remain from all the aggressive treatments, and each has to be dealt with, but these are really just inconveniences in the grand scheme of things.

I have a fabulous support system and a positive attitude which is very important. I just knew I couldn't die at that time because I wasn't finished being with my children yet. I have been able to celebrate graduations, holidays and birthdays that not many people thought I would live to see. When people ask me if I wonder, "Why me?," I answer, "Why NOT me?"

Living after a diagnosis of pancreatic cancer means that one's "normal" has changed, but the gift given is the ability to give back for all that you have received. I am very thankful to my family, friends and doctors for their continued love and support. I hope to continue to survive and serve as the voice for the many who have already been lost to this vicious disease. ✨

PATIENT AND LIAISON SERVICES (PALS)



PALS offers comprehensive, high-quality information and resources to patients and families facing pancreatic cancer, including information about the disease, treatments, clinical trials, side effect and symptom management, diet and nutrition, and support resources. Contact a PALS Associate to answer your questions, receive personalized pancreatic cancer information or a free educational packet.

El programa de PALS esta disponible en español.

Patient and Liaison Services (PALS)

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH LEADERSHIP TRAINING 2011 DRAWS VOLUNTEERS FROM AROUND THE NATION

In March, more than 300 Pancreatic Cancer Action Network volunteers and staff members convened in Dallas for the ninth annual Community Outreach Leadership Training conference. The congenial weekend provided an opportunity for volunteer affiliates from around the country to share ideas, best practices, comfort and inspiration, as well as learn about the latest developments at headquarters.

The conference opened with President and CEO Julie Fleshman reviewing local and national organizational efforts over the past year and providing an in-depth look at the organization's bold new initiative, "The Vision of Progress: Double the Pancreatic Cancer Survival Rate by 2020." David Ting, MD, 2009 recipient of the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network – AACR Fellowship Award and Jonathan Brody, PhD, 2010 recipient of the Skip Viragh – Pancreatic Cancer Action Network – AACR Career Development Award, were also on hand to discuss their respective research efforts. Volunteers then attended workshop sessions focusing on affiliate development, media awareness, event planning, advocacy, and education and outreach.

On Saturday evening, attendees enjoyed a celebratory dinner, where the annual Volunteer Awards recognizing outstanding leadership efforts were announced. (See box.) The highlight of the evening was an address from national spokesperson Lisa Niemi Swayze, who described her husband Patrick's struggle with pancreatic cancer and applauded the work of all volunteers to raise awareness and fight for those who no longer have a voice.

On Sunday morning, 24 pancreatic cancer survivors convened for a special breakfast with Julie Fleshman. Following additional workshop sessions, Laurie MacCaskill, National Board of Directors Vice Chair and a survivor, joined Julie for the "Java with Julie, Laurie and Friends" question-and-answer session.



"So many people need the hope you provide. For too long, pancreatic cancer hasn't gotten the attention it deserves. It's time to move it to the front of the line. You and I know that it's going to take a lot more than the 43,000 people diagnosed (with pancreatic cancer in 2010) to change it. We all need to help. I know, with all of us in this room, we will beat this."

— National Spokesperson Lisa Niemi Swayze, in her keynote speech at Leadership Training

Later, Kaci Prunty, Regional Retail Marketing & Brand Activation Manager for Tempur Pedic®, North America, LLC, a cause-marketing partner of the organization, closed the conference on an inspiring note, sharing her own personal commitment to the cause and reiterating the company's support.

To learn more about volunteering with the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, visit www.pancan.org/volunteer.

COLT HITS THE TWITTER STREAM

Community Outreach Leadership Training went viral this year. Days before the event, volunteers were given a Twitter hashtag and encouraged to use it to connect with others virally. Treating Leadership Training as a volunteer "tweet-up" was an opportunity to show how powerful Twitter can be in fostering relationships and sharing information.

Through Twitter, volunteers could easily interact with each other while in separate training sessions and allow folks "back at home" to follow along online. Many volunteer tweeters shared best practices and brainstormed with each other, posted photos, shared accolades and more. The exercise generated a lingering effect: Since Leadership Training, Twitter activity among volunteers has increased dramatically.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2011 VOLUNTEER AWARD RECIPIENTS

Affiliate of the Year — small market: **Savannah and Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Affiliates**

Affiliate of the Year — large market: **Bay Area (CA) and Madison Affiliates**

Affiliate Coordinator of the Year: **Michelle Monhart, Bay Area Affiliate**

Advocacy Coordinator of the Year: **Michael Weinstein, New Jersey Affiliate**

Event Coordinator of the Year: **Mary Jo Jennings, Dallas-Fort Worth Affiliate**

Media Representative of the Year: **Todd Cohen, New Jersey Affiliate**

Education & Outreach Coordinator of the Year: **Korey Kopp, Madison Affiliate**

Community Representative of the Year: **Kim McFadden, Anchorage, AK**

Affiliate Sponsor of the Year: **Under Armour**

Rookie Affiliate of the Year: **Boise Affiliate**

Randy Pausch Award: **Brenda Coleman, Twin Cities Affiliate and Michael Weinstein, New Jersey Affiliate**

Founder's Award: **Mary Zapor and Marsha Garil, National Capital Area Affiliate**

FIND AN EVENT IN YOUR AREA

Over 60 upcoming events scheduled nationwide between June and November will help support the fight against pancreatic cancer. Find one below or visit www.pancan.org/events for an updated list. New events are added weekly!

Alaska	8/6	Community Rummage Sale	Anchorage	www.pancan.org/anchorage
Alabama	11/19	PurpleStride Birmingham 2011	Birmingham	www.purplestride.org
California	6/11	9th Annual Walk Through the Vineyards	St. Helena	www.vineyardwalk.com
	7/8	Awareness Night with the Los Angeles Dodgers	Los Angeles	www.pancan.org/orangecounty
	7/16	Awareness Night with the San Diego Padres	San Diego	www.pancan.org/sandiego
	8/27	Awareness Night with the San Francisco Giants	San Francisco	www.pancan.org/bayarea
	10/9	PurpleStride San Diego 2011	Mission Bay	www.purplestride.org
	11/5	PurpleStride Sacramento 2011	Sacramento	www.purplestride.org
Colorado	11/12	PurpleStride Orange County 2011	Irvine	www.purplestride.org
	10/22	Wings of Hope 2011	Denver	www.pancan.org/wingsofhope
D.C.	6/18	PurpleStride Washington, DC 2011	Washington, DC	www.purplestride.org
Florida	7/8	Awareness Night with the Brevard County Manatees	Orlando	www.pancan.org/orlando
	9/17	PurpleStride Jacksonville 2011	Jacksonville Beach	www.purplestride.org
	11/5	PurpleStride Tampa Bay 2011	St. Petersburg	www.purplestride.org
	11/13	PurpleStride Orlando 2011	Orlando	www.purplestride.org
	TBD	Night of Hope Tampa Bay 2011	TBD	TBD
	11/13	PurpleStride South Florida 2011	Sunrise	www.purplestride.org
Georgia	8/17	Awareness Night with the Savannah Sand Gnats	Savannah	www.pancan.org/savannah
	11/12	PurpleStride Savannah 2011	Tybee Island	www.purplestride.org
	11/19	PurpleStride Atlanta 2011	Atlanta	www.purplestride.org
Idaho	8/6	Awareness Night with the Boise Hawks	Boise	www.pancan.org/boise
	9/10	PurpleRide Spoke-d'Alene 2011	Coeur d'Alene	www.purpleride.org
Illinois	10/16	7th Annual Time for Hope	Oak Forest	www.pancan.org/bolingbrook
Indiana	6/25	PurpleStride Indianapolis 2011	Indianapolis	www.purplestride.org
	9/9-10	Yard Sale for Hope	Indianapolis	www.pancan.org/indianapolis
Iowa	9/24	PurpleStride Iowa 2011	West Des Moines	www.purplestride.org
Louisiana	6/9	Awareness Night with the New Orleans Zephyrs	Metairie	www.pancan.org/neworleans
Maryland	8/7	PurpleSwim Baltimore 2011	Baltimore	www.purpleswimbaltimore.org
	10/9	PurpleStride Maryland 2011	Cockeysville	www.purplestride.org
	9/10	PurpleStride Boston 2011	Wakefield	www.purplestride.org
Massachusetts	9/10	PurpleStride Boston 2011	Wakefield	www.purplestride.org
Michigan	6/6	PurpleLinks Detroit 2011	West Bloomfield	www.pancan.org/detroit
	10/9	PurpleStride Detroit 2011	Royal Oak	www.purplestride.org
Minnesota	8/10	Awareness Night with the Minnesota Twins	Minneapolis	www.pancan.org/twincities
	9/18	PurpleRide Twin Cities 2011	Maple Grove	www.purpleride.org
	9/25	PurpleStride Rochester 2011	Rochester	www.purplestride.org
Missouri	6/4	Hospital Hill Run 2011	Kansas City	www.pancan.org/kansascity
	7/29	Awareness Night with the St. Louis Cardinals	St. Louis	www.pancan.org/stlouis
	10/16	PurpleStride St. Louis 2011	St. Louis	www.purplestride.org
	TBD	Night of Hope Kansas City 2011	TBD	www.pancan.org/kansascity
Nebraska	6/11	PurpleStride Omaha 2011	Omaha	www.purplestride.org

New Jersey	7/17	Awareness Night with the Somerset Patriots	Bridgewater	www.pancan.org/newjersey
	11/6	PurpleStride New Jersey 2011	New Jersey	www.purplestride.org
New York	9/25	PurpleStride Long Island 2011	Holtsville	www.purplestride.org
North Carolina	11/5	PurpleStride Raleigh-Durham 2011	Raleigh	www.purplestride.org
Ohio	6/18	PurpleStride Cleveland 2011	Cleveland	www.purplestride.org
	7/16	Columbus Garage Sale	Columbus	www.pancan.org/columbus
	8/13	PurpleStride Columbus 2011	Columbus	www.purplestride.org
	10/1	PurpleStride Cincinnati 2011	Cincinnati	www.purplestride.org
Oregon	10/2	PurpleStride Portland 2011	Portland	www.purplestride.org
Pennsylvania	6/5	Awareness Day with the Pittsburgh Pirates	Pittsburgh	www.pancan.org/pittsburgh
	6/25	Night of Hope Philadelphia 2011	Philadelphia	www.pancan.org/philadelphiaagala
	8/14	PurpleStride Pittsburgh 2011	Allison Park	www.purplestride.org
	11/5	PurpleStride Philadelphia 2011	Philadelphia	www.purplestride.org
	TBD	Cheers to Hope 2011	Scranton	www.pancan.org/scranton
Tennessee	11/12	PurpleStride Chattanooga 2011	Chattanooga	www.purplestride.org
Texas	6/6	PurpleLinks San Antonio 2011	San Antonio	www.pancan.org/sanantonio
	10/22	PurpleStride Austin 2011	Austin	www.purplestride.org
	11/5	PurpleStride San Antonio 2011	San Antonio	www.purplestride.org
	11/13	PurpleStride DFW 2011	Dallas	www.purplestride.org
Washington	6/4	Awareness Day with the Seattle Mariners	Seattle	www.pancan.org/pugetsound
	11/6	PurpleStride Puget Sound 2011	Seattle	www.purplestride.org
Wisconsin	6/4	PurpleStride Milwaukee 2011	Milwaukee	www.purplestride.org
	7/22	Awareness Night with the Madison Mallards	Madison	www.pancan.org/madison
	9/18	PurpleStride Madison 2011	Madison	www.purplestride.org
	11/5	Jazzed for Hope 2011	Madison	www.jazzedforhope.org
	TBD	Purple Passion and Fashion 2011	Milwaukee	www.pancan.org/milwaukee 

WELCOME TO OUR NEW VOLUNTEER LEADERS

We welcome the following new volunteer leaders, who began in their roles from January to May 2011.

Community Representative

Meghan Combs, Lansing
Chea Evans, Vermont
Gary Gute, Cedar Falls, IA
Mike Lindgren, Salt Lake City
Emilie Marchant, Columbia (SC)
Linda Smilie, Maine

Advocacy Coordinator

Maija Eerkes, Puget Sound
Jeannette "Toni" Hedrick, Tidewater (VA)
Martin Holzman, New Jersey
Leah Howard, National Capital Area
Lesia Keener, Scranton/Wilkes-Barre
Rachael Klotzberger, Connecticut
Jennifer Luna, Orange County
Angela Searcy, Nashville
Lori Turner, Charlotte
Joseph Westcott, Delaware
Teresa Young, Cleveland

Affiliate Coordinator

Morgan Conn, Des Moines
Frances Czarnecki, Detroit
Sandra Martin, Tampa Bay
Natalie O'Neil, Portland
Aaron Patz, Portland
Bob Robinson, Colorado Springs
Sharyle Slesur, Bolingbrook (IL)
James Teesdale, Baltimore
Susan Young, New Orleans
Christopher Young, New Orleans

Education & Outreach Coordinator

Teresa Barth, National Capital Area
Holly Caraway, Birmingham
Marian Palma Cardona, Orlando
Jessica Cashio, Charlotte
Greg Corcoran, Delaware
Julie Detherage, Indianapolis
Jennifer Dubyak, Orange County
Matt Hanson, Puget Sound
Amanda Harvey, Bay Area
Virginia Holleman, Dallas-Fort Worth

Jennifer Kirsch, Boston
Gabriela Lainez, San Diego
Mark Maloney, Richmond (VA)
Linda Parker, Orange County
Michael Sullivan, Connecticut
Lou Ellen Williams, Birmingham

Event Coordinator

Tina Boston, Philadelphia
Sandy Bush, Jacksonville (FL)
Megan Graham, Cleveland
Lisa Jacobs, New Jersey
Teresa Martinez, Orange County
Abigail Nadler, Madison
Susan Pall, Scranton/Wilkes-Barre
Holly Patz, Charlotte
Melanie Pettingill, New Orleans
Elena Piexoto, Portland
Michelle Romanick, Portland
Melissa Rupp, Phoenix
Staci Schecter, Broward/Palm Beach
Lauren Winstead, Austin

Media Representative

Pamela Bethel-LeDuff, San Antonio
Monique Castano, Sacramento
Casey Hensley, Cincinnati
Jeff Hyman, National Capital Area
Steve Lipshetz, Milwaukee
Judy Lloyd, Bay Area
MaryKaye Mackulin, Cleveland
Michelle McElhaney, Bolingbrook
Lindsey Mitchell, New Orleans
Amanda Moretto, Delaware
Scott Norban, San Diego
Ashley Organ, Houston
Travis Simpson, Des Moines
Melissa Talon, Chicago
Dwight Tovey, Boise
Adrienne Turner, New Jersey
Jessica Wallace, Connecticut
Miranda Wren, Twin Cities 

KEEPING THE MEMORY ALIVE FOR A MAGICAL LIFE CUT TRAGICALLY SHORT



From left, the Parker family: Wendy, Glenn, Cindy and Linda

Glenn Parker's wife, Linda, and his daughters, Cindy and Wendy, remained very protective of him throughout his life. Since he had faced some serious health challenges at various times, including a nearly fatal car accident in 1985 and a protracted battle with bladder cancer 11 years after that, his family tended to keep a watchful eye on him.

Given his history of cancer, Glenn remained vigilant about seeing his doctor regularly, and was always aware of changes in his body. At age 67, he started experiencing minor back pain and noticed a lump on his chest. Expressing concern, Cindy, an emergency room physician, suggested he undergo a full body scan. The test ultimately resulted in a diagnosis of pancreatic cancer.

"After we were told about his diagnosis, I began surfing the Internet to learn more about the disease and soon found the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network website," Linda said. "I immediately sent an email to Patient and Liaison Services (PALS), and started corresponding with a PALS Associate.

"From there, I got a list of people to talk to about pancreatic cancer, learned about places to go for help, and gathered information on clinical trials," she added. "We ended up going to one of the doctors we heard about through the organization."

Despite his valiant efforts to combat the disease, Glenn passed five months after his diagnosis on April 25, 2010 at age 68. His death brought an end to an adventurous life Linda and Glenn shared for nearly 40 years.

The two met as they were pursuing exciting careers in the entertainment industry. He worked as a professional

magician, traveling the world and opening for headliners such as Liza Minelli, Jack Carter and Connie Francis. Linda was a classically trained dancer who also toured internationally and performed on popular television programs like *The Dean Martin Variety Show*.

Although he would later embark on a second career as a hardwood flooring salesman, Glenn never left the world of magic completely behind. He owned a sizable collection of antique magic devices gathered over many years and continued to practice card tricks every day until his passing.

After Glenn's death, Linda started a Keep the Memory Alive page that is frequently visited by friends and family members to honor his memory and to further efforts to bring an end to the disease.

"Glenn was an amazing and brave man and a true inspiration to all of those who knew of his many battles and his courageous attitude. It is so wonderful to know the differences he made in so many people's lives," Linda said. "His page has provided a constructive and thoughtful way for everyone to demonstrate their love and admiration for him, and that brings us a certain sense of comfort."

She also found solace by becoming involved with the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network as a volunteer. Today, Linda serves as the Orange County Affiliate's Education and Outreach Coordinator, helping to educate healthcare professionals in her area about the disease.

"There were so many people there exactly like me that I immediately felt like I belonged," she said about the first affiliate meeting she attended. "The statistics are so horrific, I just knew then that I had to help.

"If this country could put a man on the moon over 40 years ago, why can't we improve the survival rate for a cancer that has seen so little progress over nearly the same span of time?" Linda added. "It made me angry." ✨



Linda and Glenn Parker in 1970



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A TALENTED EXECUTIVE COMMITS TO HELPING OTHERS AFFECTED BY PANCREATIC CANCER



Tom and Christine "Chrissie" Pyden

Years before his wife, Chrissie, was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in March of 2006, supporter Tom Pyden became aware of the devastation the disease could bring to people's lives and the hope that the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network could offer.

An aspiring medical school student named Mia Taormina occasionally babysat for the Pyden's two children, Alex and Taylor, at their home in Novi, Michigan in the 1990s. One day, Mia asked them to contribute to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network in honor of her grandmother, who had passed away from the disease.

When Chrissie suffered a stroke in August of 2005, she was treated at Botsford Hospital in suburban Detroit. Coincidentally, Mia then served on staff there as a physician and helped care for Chrissie, while renewing acquaintances with Tom, Alex and Taylor. When Chrissie was diagnosed with stage four pancreatic cancer a few months later, Tom called Mia for counsel and advice and she suggested he contact the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network.

"God gives you several markers in your life," Tom said. "I now realize why Mia was our babysitter and why she ended up treating Chrissie, and how it led us to a great organization."

Chrissie's death on October 8, 2006, profoundly impacted her family. Her son, Alex, who recently graduated from the University of Michigan, will attend medical school in the fall of 2011, motivated in part to study the disease that took his mother's life. Taylor, who recently completed her freshman year at Michigan State University, wrote about her mom's courage and inspiration in her college application essay.

For his part, Tom became a generous donor and committed supporter of the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network.

"Becoming involved with the organization provided me with a good way to channel my emotions during our family's pancreatic cancer journey," he said. "I felt that if I could motivate others to become involved, it could help provide hope to patients and caregivers alike."

Tom's remarkable career positions him as a uniquely qualified volunteer. He retired as Vice President of General Motors North America Communications in 2010 after a highly successful 26-year career with the company. Currently, he serves as a consultant for global public relations agency Fleishman-Hillard.

Tom has applied his varied talents to generating considerable support for the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network. Since 2008, he has served as the Sponsorship Chair for the Detroit Affiliate, and regularly participates in many of its activities and events.

In addition, under his leadership as captain of Team CP in 2009 and Team Chrissie's Crew at the 2010 PurpleStride Detroit, the groups raised more than \$9,500. This year's PurpleStride Detroit, which will be held on October 9, will be especially poignant for Tom, as the date will mark the five-year anniversary of Chrissie's passing.

Like many of her fellow affiliate members, Detroit Affiliate Coordinator Gael Sandoval admires Tom's devotion to the cause. (A close friend of Tom's, Gael founded the Detroit Affiliate in 2007.) "He has an engaging personality and brings incredible energy and a can-do attitude to our affiliate," she said. "We are lucky to have him."

Tom found special inspiration in participating in Community Outreach Leadership Training (COLT) in Dallas earlier this year. "Attending COLT was an almost spiritual experience for me," he said. "The event enabled me to turn a tough and negative situation into something positive and meaningful."

"I especially enjoyed the presentation by Julie (Fleishman) and her comments about the efforts to defeat the disease as a nationwide movement," Tom added. "The passion and purpose generated by that type of mindset draws committed people to the organization, and helps to create a determined optimism about fighting this terrible disease." ✨

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JOIN A LOCAL AFFILIATE

- Distribute information to healthcare professionals.
- Write to the editor of your local paper.
- Help organize or attend a fundraising event (see page 10).
- Become an advocate.

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