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PAC³ COORDINATING OFFICE TO CLOSE NEXT FRIDAY ~ APRIL 30, 2010

The PAC³ Coordinating Office will close next Friday, April 30, 2010. PAC³, as an organization, will continue to operate for the foreseeable future. The Board of Directors is committed to continuing the key communications and initiatives of the organization to further comprehensive cancer control efforts. Both Board members and some of their respective organizations have volunteered to take leadership of key initiatives during this transitional period. Please take note of the following:

- **Fox Chase Cancer Center** will manage PAC³ communications, including the PAC³ website (<http://www.pac3.org>) and the PAC³ Portal newsletter. The contact person will be Linda Fleisher (215-728-3690 | linda.fleisher@fcc.edu).
- **Kimmel Cancer Center** will provide leadership in continuing to develop strategic initiatives. The contact person will be Dr. Ronald Myers (215-503-4085 | ronald.myers@jefferson.edu).
- **Northeast Regional Cancer Institute** will endeavor to continue PAC³ networking through periodic conference calls and/or meetings, as necessary or appropriate. The contact person will be Robert Durkin (570-941-7984 | durkinr2@scranton.edu).
- **University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute** will continue to house and maintain the Pennsylvania Cancer Resource Database, online at <http://www.resources.pac3.org>. The contact person will be Dr. Maryann Donovan

(412-623-5964 | donoma2@upmc.edu).

- **Diane Phillips** (717-533-6144 ext 3072 | diane.phillips@cancer.org), Director of Government Relations with the American Cancer Society, will continue to serve as Chair of the PAC³ Education Committee. For information on the committee's current issues of interest, please visit <http://www.pac3.org/WhatWeDoEducation.asp>.

Go to <http://www.pac3.org/Files/PAC3COClosure.pdf> to read more about PAC³'s decision to close the Coordinating Office and the organization's plans for future PAC³ communications.

PAC³ ANNOUNCEMENTS

Impact of PAC³ Coordinating Office Closure on Future PAC³ Communications

As we reported in the PAC³ Portal last week, the PAC³ Board of Directors has agreed to share PAC³ members' contact information with organizations that will be assuming responsibility of key PAC³ initiatives during this transitional period. This decision was made in order to continue to serve our members with the high level of communication efficiencies that the PAC³ Coordinating Office has provided.

PAC³ understands the importance of this issue for our members and this decision was not made without extensive consideration of your privacy. The Board felt without sharing such information, communications between PAC³ members about critical issues like grant opportunities, cancer news, upcoming events, and legislative issues could not continue effectively.

If you wish to be removed from the PAC³ membership list, we have extended the deadline for you to let us know. Please contact the PAC³ Coordinating Office by next **Wednesday, April 28** at pac3@upmc.edu to tell us that you wish to be removed from the PAC³ membership.

MORE NEWS

Lung Cancer CT Screening Leads to High Rate of False Positives

A lung cancer screening technique promoted by some patient advocates leads to a false diagnosis of the disease in about 33 percent of patients after two annual tests, researchers said. Patients, who underwent computed tomography screenings, or CT scans, were more than twice as likely to have a false finding of cancer compared with patients who had standard chest X-rays, according to a study published on April 19, 2010 in the *Annals of Internal Medicine*.

Read More at:

<http://www.businessweek.com/news/2010-04-19/lung-cancer-ct-screening-leads-to-high-rate-of-false-positives.html>

New Guidelines Issued on Hormone Receptor Testing for Breast Cancer

The American Society of Clinical Oncology and the College of American Pathologists have issued new guidelines to improve the accuracy of the testing of estrogen and progesterone receptors in breast cancer patients. The growth of as many as two-thirds of breast cancers are

Thank you for your understanding and your patience during this transitional period for PAC³.

Changes to PAC³ Portal Dissemination Schedule

Beginning this May, the PAC³ Portal newsletter will be sent to you on a *monthly basis*. Look for your next issue on May 15th.

You'll still receive the same information including announcements, cancer news updates, upcoming events, and funding opportunities. You may also see new features added in the next few months. Since grant opportunities are timelier, we'll send you updates on new funding when they become available.

We, at Fox Chase Cancer Center, are looking forward to continued communications and exploring how we can best serve you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Invitation to Submit Written Testimony for Health Research Priorities

The Pennsylvania Department of Health is inviting the public to submit written testimony to recommend health research priorities for the CURE Program for state fiscal year 2011-2012.

Recommendations must be submitted no later than June 15, 2010 to ra-healthresearch@state.pa.us. If you have any questions, please contact John Koch at 717-783-2548.

To submit recommendations regarding the research priorities and to learn more, please visit <http://www.pac3.org/Files/CURETestimonyFY2011-12.doc>.

thought to be affected by the action of the estrogen-receptor pathway. Estrogen (ER) and progesterone receptor (PgR) testing allows doctors to determine whether a patient's breast cancer fits into that group.

Read More at:

<http://health.usnews.com/health-news/family-health/cancer/articles/2010/04/20/new-guidelines-issued-on-hormone-receptor-testing-for-breast-cancer.html>

Colorectal Cancer Risk Linked to Stomach Bacterium, Inflammation

A chronic stomach infection or high levels of inflammation may place a person at risk of colon cancer – or serve as an early warning sign of the disease – according to two studies presented on April 19, 2010 at a meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research. Past research has shown that chronic infections or persistent inflammation increase cancer risk in the lungs, liver and other tissues, said William Nelson, a medical oncologist at Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions, in Baltimore, who didn't participate in either study.

Read More at:

http://www.sciencenews.org/view/generic/id/58430/title/Colorectal_cancer_risk_linked_to_stomach_bacterium,_inflammation

Supplements May Reduce Breast Cancer Risk

Women who take multivitamin tablets along with calcium supplements seem to have a reduced risk of developing breast cancer, new research suggests. The authors of the study, which was presented on Sunday, April 18, 2010 at the American Association for Cancer Research annual conference in Washington, D.C., did not separate out which specific vitamins might be beneficial but suggested that the interactions of different vitamins together might account for the beneficial effect.

Division of Tobacco Prevention and Control RFP for Regional Primary Contractors

You are invited to submit a proposal to provide comprehensive tobacco prevention and cessation services as part of the Pennsylvania Department of Health's ongoing efforts to address tobacco use, treatment, exposure to tobacco smoke pollution, and to address tobacco-related health disparities in accordance with the enclosed request for proposal.

All proposals must be submitted with one original and 11 copies to the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of Administrative and Financial Services, Division of Contracts, Room 824, Health and Welfare Building, 625 Forster Street, Harrisburg, PA 17120. **Proposals must be received at the above address no later than 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 9, 2010.** Late proposals will not be considered regardless of the reason.

All questions must be submitted by email with subject line "RFP 08-07-09 Question" to Phyllis Zitzer at pzitzer@state.pa.us, Bureau of Health Promotion and Risk Reduction, Division of Tobacco Prevention and Control, Pennsylvania Department of Health, no later than Wednesday, May 5, 2010. All Offerors will be provided with answers to questions asked by any one Offeror.

In addition, a pre-proposal conference will be held on Wednesday, May 12, 2010 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 Noon in Room 812 Health and Welfare Building, 625 Forster Street, Harrisburg, PA. Since facilities are limited, it is requested you limit your representation to two people.

Visit <http://www.emarketplace.state.pa.us/Search.aspx> to Download the RFP.

Read More at:

<http://www.businessweek.com/lifestyle/content/healthday/638197.html>

Well-done Meat May Increase Risk of Bladder Cancer

People who eat meat frequently, especially meat that is well done or cooked at high temperatures, may have a higher chance of developing bladder cancer, according to a large study at The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center presented at the American Association for Cancer Research 101st Annual Meeting 2010. This risk appears to increase in people with certain genetic variants.

Read More at:

<http://www.physorg.com/news190814319.html>

Processed Meat Linked to Higher Ovarian Cancer Risk

Women who eat a lot of processed meats, such as salami and hot dogs, are at a higher risk of ovarian cancer, according to a new Australian study. At the same time, those who eat a lot of fish have a lower risk of the deadly tumors, Dr. Penny M. Webb of Gynecological Cancers Group at Queensland Institute of Medical Research in Brisbane, Australia, and colleagues found. In their report in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition, the team also found no link between red meat and the cancer, and just a slightly lower risk among women who consumed large amounts of poultry.

Read More at:

<http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSTRE63J42N20100420>

For more new stories and articles of interest, please visit our **In the News** page on our website at: <http://www.pac3.org/ResourcesNews.asp>

IN THE NEWS

Statins Won't Lower Colon Cancer Risk

Statins don't lower the risk of colorectal cancer, and may even increase the chances of developing precancerous polyps, new research suggests. Statins are widely prescribed cholesterol-lowering drugs sold in a variety of generic forms and brand names, including Lipitor, Crestor and Zocor. Yet, researchers stressed that the results are "not conclusive," and that people taking statins to lower cholesterol and reduce their risk of heart attack should continue taking the drugs.

Read More at:

<http://health.usnews.com/health-news/family-health/heart/articles/2010/04/19/statins-wont-lower-colon-cancer-risk.html>

Higher Risk of Thromboembolic Disease in Men with Prostate Cancer

It has been found from a new analysis that was conducted by the Swedish National Prostate Cancer Register, which stated that all men who are suffering from prostate cancer are at a greater risk of developing thromboembolic disease, whereas other people do not run that high tendency to suffer from this disease. The risk for deep vein thrombosis and pulmonary embolism is particularly high in those who are undertaking hormonal treatment.

Read More at:

<http://topnews.us/content/216941-higher-risk-thromboembolic-disease-men-prostate-cancer>

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

For more information about the following funding opportunities, please visit

<http://www.pac3.org/ResourcesGrants.asp>.

Academic-Industrial Partnerships for Translation of in vivo Imaging Systems for Cancer Investigations (R01) Grant

Application Deadline: **June 5, 2010**

Agency for Health Care Research and Quality AHRQ Small Research Grant Program (R03) Grant

Application Deadline: **June 16, 2010**

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Communities Putting Prevention to Work Grant

Application Deadline: **May 14, 2010**

National Cancer Institute (NCI) Cancer Education and Career Development Program (R25) Grant

Application Deadline: **May 25, 2010**

National Organizations for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Grant

Application Deadline: **June 1, 2010**

There are many other grant opportunities and funding announcements that have been posted to the PAC³ website, as well. For more information about these or other archived funding opportunities and to view any application deadlines, please visit

<http://www.pac3.org/ResourcesGrantsArchive.asp>.