


RESEARCH MATTERS



**Research Matters 2007:
A Conference
on the Statewide
Academic Health
Centers Cancer
Initiatives**

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The Sidney Kimmel
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November 15, 2007
The Sidney Kimmel
Comprehensive Cancer
Center at Johns Hopkins
Albert H. Owens
Auditorium

Background: The State of Maryland was one of 46 states, five territories, and the District of Columbia, to benefit from the 1999 multistate lawsuit against the cigarette manufacturers. Subsequently, the Maryland General Assembly established the multimillion dollar Cigarette Restitution Fund (CRF) to distribute funds throughout the State for smoking cessation programs and education, cancer research, prevention, screening and treatment, tobacco crop conversion assistance, and other cancer-related activities.

A major component of the CRF was the creation of the Statewide Academic Health Center Grant, through which cancer research funds for the University of Maryland and Johns Hopkins were appropriated. Grant funds under this initiative support translational research and are aimed at reducing morbidity and mortality due to the seven targeted cancers—breast, cervical, colon, lung, melanoma, oral and prostate—in Maryland.

The other major component of the Statewide Academic Health Center Grant program makes funds available to the University of Maryland and Johns Hopkins through the Baltimore City Public Health Grant to be used for cancer prevention, education, screening and treatment.

Registration Information: Registration is free of charge but seating is limited and reservations are necessary. Continental breakfast and lunch will be served and free parking is available.

Please register online
by November 12, 2007 at
www.hopkinskimmeltcancercenter.org
or by calling 443-287-2541.



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Research Matters 2007: A conference on the Maryland Cigarette Restitution Fund is a joint program of Maryland's Academic Health Centers, the Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins and the University of Maryland Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum Cancer Center.

The purpose of the annual conference is to:

- highlight scientific research supported by the Maryland Cigarette Restitution Fund;
- discuss cancer screening and educational outreach initiatives;
- identify and promote opportunities for collaboration between the University of Maryland and Johns Hopkins;
- identify new areas of research and public health outreach.

This conference is intended as a working session between the two academic institutions with scientists and faculty members reporting on some of the activities and collaborations funded under the CRF. Johns Hopkins is host to this year's conference. Next year's session will be held at the University of Maryland Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum Cancer Center in Baltimore.

A Conference of the Statewide Academic Health Centers's Cancer Initiatives

November 15th, 2007
7:45 a.m.-2:45 p.m

Location

The Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins
Albert H. Owens Auditorium,
David H. Koch Cancer Research Building
1550 Orleans Street

For parking and directions:

www.hopkinskimmeltcancercenter.org

7:45 a.m. **Registration**

8:15 a.m. **Welcome**

John Groopman, PhD

Associate Director for Cancer Prevention and Control

Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center

Kevin Cullen, MD

Director

University of Maryland Stewart and Marlene Greenebaum Cancer Center

8:30 a.m. **The Maryland Cigarette Restitution Fund
and State Perspectives**

John Colmers, MPH

Secretary, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

9:00 a.m. **Tying It All Together: Epigenetics, Genetics,
Cell Cycle, and Cancer**

Keynote speaker: James Herman, MD

10:00 a.m. **Networking Break**

10:30 a.m. **Environmental Risk and Tailored Therapies**

Moderator: Joseph Bressler, PhD

Panelists: Paul Strickland, PhD; Janet Baulch, PhD;

William G. Nelson, MD;

Srinivasan Yegnasubramanian, MD, PhD;

Thomas MacVittie, PhD

12:00 p.m. **Lunch**

1:00 p.m. **Translation of Epigenetics to Population Disparities: From
Basic Science to Population Studies**

Moderator: Amy Fulton, PhD

Panelists: Laure Aurelian, PhD; Nancy Davidson, MD;

Sara Sukumar, PhD; Elizabeth Platz, MPH, ScD;

Renty Franklin, PhD, Richard Eckert, Ph.D.

2:30 p.m. **Presentation: New Collaborative Grant Awardees**

2:45 p.m. **Wrap-up and Adjournment**



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