



## **CONQUER & CURE:**

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Dear Subscriber,

We hope you enjoy this issue of *Conquer & Cure*, a periodic online Enewsletter published by the Massachusetts Prostate Cancer Coalition. The newsletter provides current news, regional information, research, and web-based resources about prostate cancer for men-at-risk, newly diagnosed individuals, survivors and their families, as well as for health care professionals.

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## **M**PCC NEWS

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*MPCC's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Conquer & Cure Dinner was, once again, a huge success. This year our widely attended annual event featured an impressive array of participants, and a keynote by Otis Brawley, MD, Chief Medical and Scientific Officer, Executive Vice-President of the American Cancer Society. Additionally, at this year's dinner we were pleased to honor William U. Shipley, MD, FACR, FASTRO and Andres Soriano Professor of Radiation Oncology at Harvard Medical School, with the Jack Colbert Memorial Award.*

[http://www.masspcc.org/photos\\_12th\\_Annual\\_CC\\_Dinner.cfm](http://www.masspcc.org/photos_12th_Annual_CC_Dinner.cfm)

*SAVE THE DATE NOW!!! The 14th Annual Prostate Cancer Symposium will be held on Friday, May 20, 2011 at the Marriott Newton. The event runs from 8:30am – 2:00pm, and features keynote lectures by Donald S. Coffey, Ph.D., The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, speaking on "Controversies in Prostate Cancer" and Philip Kantoff, MD, Dana-Farber/Harvard Cancer Center, presenting "Prostate Cancer: The New and Evolving Landscape of Treatment." Plus 10 educational sessions and roundtable discussions following lunch.*

<http://www.masspcc.org/upcomingevents.cfm>

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## **C**OMMONWEALTH NEWS

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*The third Annual US Memorial Cancer Center of Excellence Symposium on Colon and Rectal Cancer will be held Monday, March 14, 2011, 8am-pm at the UMass Memorial Medical Center University Campus Faculty Conference room. The keynote address will be given by John O'Brien, MD, president and CEO, UMass Memorial Health Care)*

[http://www.green-associates.com/2011\\_UMASS\\_Colon\\_Cancer\\_STD.pdf](http://www.green-associates.com/2011_UMASS_Colon_Cancer_STD.pdf)

*A one day conference, entitled "The Art of Living: Life Beyond Cancer," will take place on Saturday, June 4, 2011 at the Quincy Marriott Hotel. Featuring a full day of presentations, workshops, and discussions, as well as keynotes by Dr. Julie Silver, Harvard Medical School, and Mikki Williams, an inspirational humorist. This event is sponsored by the Friends of Mel Foundation, whose mission is to provide quality cancer care for the whole patient by funding cancer research, education and support.*

[http://www.green-associates.com/FOM\\_STD\\_final.pdf](http://www.green-associates.com/FOM_STD_final.pdf)

*Boston-based scientists have developed a blood test so sensitive that it can spot a single cancer cell lurking among a billion healthy ones.*

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/40881967/ns/health-cancer>

The New Hampshire Prostate Cancer Coalition's most recent newsletter is now available online.  
<http://www.nhprostatecancer.org/news.html>

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## LIFESTYLES

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*New research indicates that men diagnosed with prostate cancer may be able to reduce their risk of death not just from prostate cancer but from any cause by exercising vigorously for at least three hours per week.*

<http://www.webmd.com/prostate-cancer/news/20110105/exercise-cuts-prostate-cancer-death-risk>

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## RESEARCH

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*U.S. scientists have identified a protein that regulates prostate stem cell self-renewal and also plays a role in the transformation of healthy cells into prostate cancer cells.*

[http://www.pcf.org/site/c.1eJRIROrEpH/b.6432849/k.AB7D/Scientists\\_Find\\_Protein\\_That\\_May\\_Help\\_Control\\_Prostate\\_Cancer.htm](http://www.pcf.org/site/c.1eJRIROrEpH/b.6432849/k.AB7D/Scientists_Find_Protein_That_May_Help_Control_Prostate_Cancer.htm)

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## WEB RESOURCES

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*An interactive web page devoted to understanding—and assessing—risk is now available on the National Cancer Institute's website.*

<http://understandingrisk.cancer.gov>

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## TESTIMONIALS

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*Virgil Simons, prostate cancer survivor turned health advocate, testifies about how a diagnosis motivated him to help others.*

[http://ww2.cancer.org/docroot/FPS/content/FPS\\_1\\_Prostate\\_Cancer\\_Survivor\\_Turned\\_Health\\_Advocate.asp?sitearea=NWS](http://ww2.cancer.org/docroot/FPS/content/FPS_1_Prostate_Cancer_Survivor_Turned_Health_Advocate.asp?sitearea=NWS)