Dear Friend,

As we officially enter the spring season, we’re pleased to provide you with our May 2015 issue of the HotSheet.

We’ve been continuing our advocacy work to restore $13.2 million in funding for prostate cancer that was recently eliminated in the proposed President’s budget, and ensuring level spending of $80 million for Department of Defense prostate cancer research and programs. Most recently, Merel Grey Nissenberg and I were in Washington, DC on April 9 for another round of congressional visits to the offices of many of the most influential senators and representatives involved in budget and appropriations matters. We’re now collaborating with constituents for a phone campaign targeting key members of Congress who can impact the outcome of the fiscal year 2016 budgets and the allocation of prostate cancer funding.

Over the years, many volunteers in the Us TOO network have played an important role in prostate cancer research serving as consumer reviewers in the Prostate Cancer Research Program (PCRP) of the Department of Defense (DOD) Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP). Consumer reviewers evaluate research study applications for relevance to the needs of the prostate cancer community, and actively participate in peer review panel discussions with full voting member status. Consumer reviewers are currently being recruited to serve during fiscal year 2015. Please respond to this email if you’re interested in assistance from Us TOO when applying to serve as a peer reviewer, which requires a letter of nomination from a prostate cancer nonprofit organization.

In less than two months, its the Us TOO 25th Anniversary Educational Symposium & Gala Celebration Dinner on June 19 & 20! Join your friends and medical specialists in prostate cancer along with key industry leaders for some of the latest information on disease treatment and management through presentations, panel discussions and patient/caregiver Q&A sessions. Visit www.us too.org for more details including event registration and a link to hotel reservations.

If you’ll be in the Houston, TX, area for Father’s Day weekend and would like to honor all the dads out there battling prostate cancer, consider volunteering to help with the 16th Annual Dad’s Day 5K. Funds raised benefit the Tex Us TOO Houston support group and the Us TOO home office development of educational resources and support services for the prostate cancer community provided at no charge.

Please take a few minutes to participate in a prostate cancer survey from PCECG, PHEN, and Us TOO. There are two different surveys. One is for survivors; and another is for caregivers or family members. We appreciate your input, which will help to improve the resources provided to the prostate cancer community.

Cancer Research Institute is hosting a webinar, “Emerging Concepts in Prostate Cancer Immunotherapy,” on Wednesday, May 20, at 3:00 p.m EDT. It will provide patients and caregivers with potential future roles of cancer immunotherapy, discuss when to use and not to use the treatment, and share data about what to expect clinically. CLICK HERE to learn more and register.

You may want to check out a new book written by long-time Houston Institute of Physicians Dr. Mark M. McDermott – The Dr. Mark M. McDermott Resident Handbook – A Trusted Expert’s Guide to What Works and What’s Worthless for More Than 100 Conditions is available in book stores or on Amazon.com.

If you’ve been on or off Inspire lately, you may have noticed an active discussion around “What do you wish your doctor knew?” and the twitter counterpart under #WishMyDoctorKnew. The concept is to encourage patients to post what they wished their doctors knew about them. Feel free to join in and share your insights.

Take care and enjoy the beautiful spring weather!

My best to you,

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