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NEWS & UPDATES

CPF Hosts Patient Seminar at UAB Medical Center

BIRMINGHAM, AL -- The CPF in partnership with the University Of Alabama -Birmingham (UAB) Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine hosted a free seminar on April 26th for patients and families living with IPF, which was attended by over 130 patients and families.

The seminar featured Dr. Robert Jackson from UAB as well as other pulmonology experts from UAB and Vanderbilt University. The seminar addressed IPF diagnosis, current standards of care, life management issues, lung transplantation and support resources.

The CPF will be hosting a similar seminar in partnership with the University of Miami Medical Center on June 28. Please check our web page for details of the event.

CPF Announces New Partnership

CLEARWATER, FL -- CPF and the Second Wind Lung Transplant Association have announced a new partnership.

Second Wind is a leading resource for lung transplantation education, support, and mentoring for transplant candidates and their loved ones. Along with the CPF, Second Wind will work to improve lung transplant education and awareness within the IPF community.

Second Wind becomes the fifth nonprofit partner of the CPF, joining the Mary D. Harris Memorial Foundation, the Pulmonary Fibrosis Association, The Pulmonary Paper, and the Caring Voice Coalition.

Help Secure IPF Research Funding!

ACTION: We need individuals to *write letters* to the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI) and urge them to expand their funding of IPF related research grants!

WHY: There is a critical need for IPF research. The NHLBI funds IPF related clinical research programs and is in the process of determining research priorities for 2003. We need your help in the *month of May* to advocate for increased funding for IPF research.

WHO: The NHLBI provides leadership for a national program in diseases of the heart, blood vessels, lung, and blood; blood resources; and sleep disorders. They fund research projects on a wide variety of illnesses.

Talking points for your letters:

- Thank you for all your past support in funding IPF related research
- For the 88,000 Americans who suffer, your efforts are an immense source of hope that a cure may indeed be on the way
- As prevalence of IPF continues to rise, so do the needs of the IPF community
- Along with funding research for a cure, we urge you to recognize that there need to be efforts to improve detection and diagnosis
- We also need expanded professional education and better awareness programs
- Through a combined effort of public awareness and research funding we will be able to improve the quality of life for IPF patients and their families
- I am a member of the Coalition for Pulmonary Fibrosis (CPF)
- The CPF advances these efforts through a variety of patient and professional education programs
- I strongly encourage you to contact myself or the CPF to learn more
- I sincerely hope that you will consider expanding your research and educational initiatives to help patients like me who are suffering greatly from this illness

Send letters to:

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Remember that you can easily send the NHLBI an email by visiting our Web Site at www.coalitionforpf.org