OPTIONS
Revolutionary Ideas in the War on Cancer

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Kessler Leaves FDA In A Cloud of Controversy

Editorial

All throughout time there have been tyrants and for a while they have seemed invincible - but they have always fallen - always!

—Mahatma Gandhi

The tyrannical reign of Dr David Kessler is over at FDA.

It is time to dismantle the failed policies of the past and build a new policy of reform.

For five years the FDA commissioner submitted expense accounts riddled with nickel and dime overcharges in his favor.

There may be some justice in the fact that petty indiscretions brought down the most petty FDA Commissioner in recent history.

Kessler could never see the forest for the trees. He launched a massive campaign to remove the word "Fresh" from orange juice cartons while millions died because of delays in FDA approval of innovative alternative therapies for cancer.

I am glad he is gone.

He was a small-minded, mean spirited man who deserved what he got—to be publically humiliated and banished from public service forever.

He should be put in jail for his petty crimes and he should be kept in jail for the rest of his life for his crimes against humanity.

It was Kessler who sent federal marshals goose-stepping into the office of the pioneer physician, Jonathan Wright, MD.

It was Kessler who stopped Dr Georg Springer from treating his patients.

It was Kessler who allowed an insidious FDA vendetta against Dr Burzynski to reach epidemic proportion, end in indictments, and threaten the lives of hundreds of his patients.

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Options: Revolutionary Ideas in the War on Cancer is published quarterly as the Newsletter of People Against Cancer. We hope you find it both provocative and informative.

Frank Wiewel, People Against Cancer founder, Iowa Senator Charles Grassley (R-IA) and Denise Wiewel discuss the Medical Treatments Act (see story page 7).

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Hydrazine Sulfate: Russian Rocket Fuel or Effective Cancer Therapy?

Kathy Keeton took "rocket fuel" and claims it cured her cancer. Her claim has exploded into a firestorm of controversy which has swept across the US, and now rages in Europe and Russia.

Under ordinary circumstances, Keeton and her claims could have been written off as "just another looney" promoting another "quack cancer cure." But Keeton and her husband, Bob Guccione, publish Omni, Longevity and Penthouse Magazines.

Keeton's use of hydrazine and the surrounding publicity have re-ignited a long smoldering debate over hydrazine sulfate, both a component of rocket fuel, and a medicine long studied by scientists in Russia and the US as an effective and non-toxic cancer treatment .

In a recent television appearance on the Montel Williams talk show, Keeton said hydrazine first eliminated the pain then eliminated most of her cancer after being diagnosed with terminal stage 4 breast cancer.

Hydrazine sulfate works by normalizing glucose metabolism. "In advanced cancer, the tumor grows and the patient wastes. This is called cachexia (ka-kex'-ia). Hydrazine is a non-toxic anti-cachexia drug which acts to reverse improper glucose metabolism," says cancer activist Frank D Wiewel.

Wiewel was the chairman of the pharmacological and biological treatments committee at the Office of Alternative Medicine (OAM) in the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Washington. Wiewel investigated

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charges that hydrazine sulfate studies done by the National Cancer Institute (NCI), with OAM money, were fraudulent.

"When NCI officials appeared before our committee, it appeared that there was a deliberate attempt by the NCI to mislead the committee and the general public about the methods of testing and the results," says Wiewel, "there was a strangely unscientific attitude taken by the NCI which was disturbing. They ignored specific instructions and all of the clinical research done by Dr Joseph Gold, a former NASA scientist, the proponent scientist of hydrazine sulfate."

Officials of the NCI claimed that the studies they conducted on hydrazine, involving a total of 600 patients, failed to show any "significant benefit" to hydrazine. However, Gold and other critics charge that the studies were rigged.

In one of the studies the NCI failed to disclose that they had given the patients chemotherapy and hydrazine together, in one other study, 94 percent of the patients were given tranquilizers.

Gold warned the NCI that hydrazine was an MAO inhibitor and should not be used with alcohol, tranquilizers, barbiturates or foods such as aged cheeses which are high in the amino acid tyrosine.

After decades of study at major cancer centers both in the US and Russia, which demonstrate the benefits of hydrazine, NCI still remained unconvinced. Critics charge that NCI deliberately ignored both the body of scientific evidence and Gold's warnings and designed a trial which purposely would fail to show benefit.

Under the pressure of a General Accounting Office (GAO) investigation, NCI officials, after first denying the wide spread use of tranquilizers, admitted that tranquilizers were used in 94% of all study patients, with 50% receiving tranquilizers on a long term basis.

While Kathy Keeton's cancer appears to be in check, the controversy rages on. Only now thousands of angry cancer patients have demanded hydrazine from their physicians who are now scrambling to answer hard questions from an increasingly informed patient population.

People Against Cancer has prepared an extensive booklet on hydrazine for $25. Call: 515-972-4444.

FDA Stops Dr Georg Springer From Treating His Famous Patients!

On January 17, 1996 FDA officials told the legendary cancer researcher Dr Georg F Springer to stop treating his patients in Chicago.

But his famous patients vowed not to give up without a fight.

Dr Springer's trouble started in 1994, when Life magazine did a front page story on the pioneering physician, his famous patients and their spectacular results. There on the cover was Dr Springer with Shirley Temple Black, Jill Eikenberry, of TV's *LA Law,* and nationally syndicated journalist Linda Ellerby - to name a few.

These women had breast cancer and they had done their research. They sought Springer out when they discovered how poor their chances were with standard therapy. Now, shocked by the possibility of early death, they are banding together to use their political contacts and media visibility to demand that FDA back off.

After the Life Magazine article, the FDA demanded that Springer file for an Investigational New Drug Permit (IND) to continue his work. Springer dutifully complied and filed to FDA in late 1994.

While FDA officials admit that large pharmaceutical companies typically receive permission within 30 days, FDA drug their feet and made outrageous demands, according to Springer's co-investigator Sheila C Carlstedt. "We are a very small operation, Carlstedt told *Options,* "Typically we would make a very small batch of medicine - enough for about 15 patients for 3 months. But FDA demanded that along with each small batch of medicine we made, we must make a separate huge batch to be held for testing. So, each time, we would be forced to make more medicine than we had ever made in the history of our research - and hold it! It was impossible."

The FDA charges that Springer has engaged in illegal "interstate commerce" by allowing patients to take the medicine home to the states where they live (shades of Dr Burzynski).

But FDA critics charge that the agency may have gone too far this time. "This is an outrage - the straw that breaks the camel's back. FDA has made a big mistake by stopping Springer from treating ***these*** patients," says People Against Cancer founder, Frank Wiewel.

Many in Washington are also outraged by the recent FDA action. Congressman and Senators and even President Clinton have been contacted by Springer's influential patients. "Many influential members of Congress are not happy with FDA, they are not going to take this lying down," says Wiewel. "This is a formidable group - they are not going to allow this to happen."

Springer and his patients have other friends in Washington as well. Former Congressman Berkley Bedell, visited Dr Springer in 1994 and was impressed. "It's just terrible - that FDA would stop Dr Springer from using this safe and effective therapy to help these people." Bedell was the force behind the formation of the Office of Alternative Medicine (OAM) in the National Institutes of Health (NIH). "This is a very important example of why every American citizen should call their Congressperson and ask them to support the Access to Medical Treatments Act (AMTA)," says Bedell. The Act would allow patients the freedom to receive innovative medicine and doctors the freedom to treat them under controlled conditions.

Springer was also treating the wife of Dr Wayne Jonas, director of OAM.

For over 20 years, Dr Springer has used his T/Tn antigen vaccine as a safe, specific, effective, long-term vaccination against the recurrence of advanced breast cancer.

In a 1994 edition of *Cancer Biotherapy,* Springer reported that of 18 patients he had treated with stages II, III, and IV breast cancer, all 18 were alive between 5-18 years.

"According to the orthodox definition of cure - 5yr survival - Springer has a 100% cure rate. Perhaps that's why FDA moved in," suggests Wiewel.

Dr Stanislaw Burzynski On Trial

It was high noon again in Houston.

Monday January 6, 1997.

Out in the street stood maverick cancer researcher Dr Stanislaw Burzynski.

Burzynski, a small man of polish ancestry, faces the finest hired guns, from the better part of the entire medical pharmaceutical industrial complex, and a posse of select federal and state bureaucrats, specially deputized for the event.

The United States Department of Justice (USDJ) was there.

The Texas State Attorney General's Office (TSAG) was there.

The United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) was there.

The Texas State Food and Drug Administration (TSFDA) was there.

The United States Postal Service (USPS) was there.

The Texas Grand Jury looked on.

Late last year, the Grand Jury, at the behest of the Texas Attorney General, indicted Burzynski on 75 counts ranging from illegal interstate commerce to mail fraud.

While many claim Burzynski is saving lives, his prosecutors say this is true but irrelevant and not the issue.

"Federal prosecutors concede that a cancer doctor they will put on trial here in January for using an innovative unapproved drug has been saving lives, says the Houston Chronicle on December 5, 1996.

Burzynski a Polish immigrant came to America in 1970 to escape Communist repression. He came with $20 and his dream - "to find a cure for cancer." For over 24 years Burzynski has struggled to make that dream a reality, first, at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston and since 1977 as an independent clinician.

The indictment is only the latest in a long battle with the medical establishment. Hostility between Burzynski and state and federal authorities goes back nearly two decades. About the time that Burzynski started his independent research.

In 1976 - FDA director Richard Crout stated in the *Cancer Letter,* "When IND (Investigational New Drug) requests come in from institutions other than NCI or top universities, you want harsh regulations...sometimes we say it is proper to hinder research."

In 1977 - Burzynski confirmed by legal opinion that treating patients in the State of Texas with his experimental drug, antineoplastons, will not violate any law.

In 1978 - Chairman of the Harris County Medical Society's Ethics Board said while Burzynski could not ship drugs out of Texas, "physicians often provide a supply of drugs for out-of-state patients to take home with them, and he would not consider this unusual."

In 1982 - Dr Crout states, "I never have and never will approve a drug to an individual, but only to a large pharmaceutical firm with unlimited resources."

In September 1982 - FDA Official Wm Nychis writes Herbert Koch MD of Harris County Medical Society that "A physician who manufactures and uses a drug within his own practice of medicine...is not subject to [FDA regulations] since the practice of medicine is properly regulated by state and local authorities."

Federal Prosecutors concede that a cancer doctor they will put on trial here in January for using an innovative but unapproved drug has been "saving lives."

—Houston Chronicle

In March 1983 - FDA takes Dr Burzynski to to court to stop him from making and selling antineoplastons. While Judge Gabrielle McDonald ruled that he could not ship his medicine across state lines, he could make and use the medicine in the state of Texas.

On May 6th 1983 - Burzynski applied for an IND to conduct clinical trials. While most INDs are approved within 30 days, FDA refuses. Burzynski re-applies.

On May 31, 1983 - FDA denies Burzynski's request for an IND stating that he does not have sufficient "training or experience." This despite his MD, his PhD in biochemistry and 7 years of National Cancer Institute (NCI) research.

On July, 7, 1983 - FDA Associate Commissioner Robert Wetherell Jr writes to US Congressman Robert Davis that Judge McDonald's injunction "does not prohibit the distribution of antineoplastons within the state of Texas."

September 21, 1983 - FDA Agents make 2-day unscheduled visit and disrupt treatment of seriously ill patients.

December 15, 1983 - FDA again denies IND application.

February 1994 - FDA again denies IND application.

August 3, 1984 - Dr Bruch reports that Burzynski meets FDA's Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP).

July 17, 1985 - FDA agents raid clinic and seize 200,000 pages of documents and confidential patient records.

October 24, 1985 - Judge McDonald orders FDA to stop releasing misleading information about Burzynski.

April 17,1986 - FDA denies approval for shipping antineoplastons to Kurume University for research in Japan.

December 31, 1986 - First Grand Jury Investigation dissolves without indictment.

February 12, 1987 - Burzynski and professors from Medical College of Georgia present FDA with 3 studies on anticancer activities of antineoplastons in support of IND.

January 13, 1988 - FDA states they now believe that antineoplastons have anticancer activity but demand further study.

January 4, 1989 - FDA Commissioner Frank Young insists that FDA approves new cancer drugs very quickly, in some case with as few as 6 positive responses.

July 1989 - FDA officials finally allow testing of one oral antineoplaston after junket to Japan to confirm results.

January 1990 - FDA initiates second Grand Jury Investigation. No indictment.

February 1991 - NCI sends 6 scientists to review. NCI admits 5 complete responses out of 7 brain tumor patients. Dr Michael Friedman, now acting FDA commissioner writes, "The brain tumor responses are real."

May 24, 1993 - NCI physician Nicholas Patronas MD testifies in Austin

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Dr Harris Coulter Presents Paper in London and Berlin On Dramatic Results of Govallo Cancer Therapy VG-1000 !

Dr Harris Coulter presented a paper last month to physicians and researchers in London and Berlin, on the dramatic results of VG-1000, the Govallo treatment for cancer.

Last year Coulter gained world attention at two international congresses—the 51st Congress of the International Homeopathic League in Naples, Italy and the Third Dead Sea Conference on "The Crisis of the Immune System" in Tel Aviv, Israel.

Dr Coulter, a renown, medical historian and Russian translator, began researching the Govallo cancer therapy in early 1994, while translating for the state department in Moscow. After several visits to Govallo's Institute became convinced that Govallo had made a "breakthrough" in the treatment of cancer.

Apparently some US officials agree. In review of Govallo's book entitled, *The Immunology of Pregnancy and Cancer,* university of Maryland researchers wrote, "If Govallo is correct this could be one of the breakthroughs of the 20th Century."

Twenty years ago, Valentin I Govallo, a Russian Immunologist, discovered substances contained in the human placenta which fight cancer. In 1974, Govallo treated 45 patients with advanced cancer, a remarkable 29 of the original 45 remain alive today - a 64.4% 20-year survival rate

Coulter reviewed some of the following cases in his presentation:

Mrs A. S., (lung cancer) born 1917, underwent surgery (wedge resections) on November 3, 1975, for a large tumor of the lung. Histology revealed squamous cell carcinoma. On November 21, 1975 the patient was injected subcutaneously in the thigh with 20 ml of VG-1000 placental vaccine. Within a month the tumors were substantially diminished in size. Within three months, the tumors were gone, lungs were clear at 4 years and again at 8 years. The patient died at 76 yrs of age of a heart attack. Autopsy revealed no evidence of cancer.

Mr A.S., (lung cancer) (husband of Mrs AS above), born 1912, admitted November 3, 1975, surgical resection of the lower lobe of of the right lung and nodes. Histological analysis revealed squamous cell carcinoma. November 21, 1975 he was immunized with VG-1000 the placental vaccine, with a second vaccination a year later on November 26, 1976. Patient remains alive over 20 years with no evidence of disease.

A. V., (lung cancer) male, born 1935. December 1979, surgery for removal of the upper lobe of right lung. Adenocarcinoma was histologically verified. September 1980 treated with VG-1000 and again five years later in September 1985. Alive and well 17 years, he works as a journalist in Moscow.

G.A., (breast cancer) female, born 1938, April 1978 underwent mastectomy for histologically verified adenocarcinoma of the breast. Received 4 doses of VG-1000 between April 1979 and September 1980. Alive and free of cancer 18 years, she works as an economics teacher.

T.G., (breast cancer) female, born 1938, histologically verified adenocarcinoma, patient underwent lumpectomy, followed by two injections of VG-1000 and another in 1980. Today she is alive, well, and free of cancer for over 20 years.

Govallo says, "Tumors are very intelligent beings. They have figured out a way to turn off the host immune system, like a burglar who switches off the burglar alarm before he goes into the house." So Govallo started working to suppress the tumor's immune system. He finally realized that the tumor doesn't obey the host—doesn't ask permission so to speak. It can switch off host immunity.

In his landmark book entitled *The Immunology of Pregnancy and Cancer,* Govallo wrote, "The tumor possesses its own immunity against the host. If you don't suppress the tumor's immune system you won't get anywhere. If you can suppress the tumor's immunity even a dying patient can overcome the tumor. After all, the person with cancer can recover from a cold or flu. The immunity is generally in good shape; only the part of the immunity which would neutralize the tumor is impaired."

Govallo has now treated over a hundred patients and his 10 year survival is over 50%. Govallo states, "You can only be sure of survival when the patient has survived 10 years."

Dr Coulter described the theory, and practice of the Govallo treatment for cancer, basing his presentation on Govallo's retrospective data and the experience accumulated to date through the Alternative Therapy Evaluation Program of People Against Cancer.

In his presentation at both International conferences, Dr. Coulter emphasized that VG-1000, like all other immune therapies, works best in patients recently diagnosed with cancer and who have not been extensively treated with radiation or chemotherapy. In other words, this medicine is clearly indicated as the first line of treatment for cancer.

Coulter suggested that the patient who has used it can always be treated at a later stage with radiation or chemotherapy, if the cancer persists; however, using these two radical and toxic techniques extensively at an early stage in cancer treatment makes it more difficult to treat the patient later with immunological therapies such as VG-1000.

Dr. Coulter stated, "this non-toxic treatment, can be administered easily and has no side effects other than the patient's own curative reaction. He suggests that it could be a first choice of any patient recently diagnosed with cancer (especially after surgery - to prevent recurrence).

Govallo's vaccine, VG-1000, is being manufactured in the West and will be available to select cancer patients in clinical trials.

For information on the Govallo Clinical Trials call: 515-972-4444.

The Stockhom Protocol: A Non-Toxic Nutritional Cancer Therapy

During the first part of the 20th Century we were successful in dramatically increasing human life span and reducing needless death largely through better sanitation, and improved food supply.

Since then, the major killers which have emerged are the chronic degenerative diseases of aging such as heart disease and cancer.

In 1955, a discovery was made that would change the face of medicine forever. It is called the free radical theory of aging.

But the theory was largely ignored as we spent decades in a fruitless search for magic bullets.

The free radical theory of aging was first put forward in a ground breaking paper by Denham Harman, MD, PhD, at Berkley over 40 years ago entitled, *Aging: A Theory Based on Free Radical and Radiation Chemistry* published by University of California at Berkeley in 1955.

It has taken over 40 years, but the theory has finally gained wide acceptance as the cause of the degeneration in aging and the underlying cause of chronic degenerative diseases like heart disease, rheumatoid arthritis and cancer.

It is also now recognized that substances called antioxidants in diet and dietary supplements can dramatically slow these dangerous free radical reactions in the human body. Some the the most well established antioxidants are vitamin C, vitamin E, vitamin A, Beta-carotene, selenium and zinc

Denham Harmon, now professor emeritus at the University of Nebraska, is studying what he believes to be one of the most important anti-oxidants of all called Co-enzymeQ10 (CoQ10).

The substance, a powerful antioxidant and free radical scavenger, may be a very important new weapon in the "war on disease." Clinical studies around the world have now shown it to be a very important substance for the prevention and treatment of cancer, heart disease and other type of chronic degenerative disease. And the interesting part—it is in every cell of the human body - But deficient as we age.

Dr Karl Folkers, a respected researcher from the University of Texas, cautioned that the dry form of CoQ10 commonly found in health food stores is nearly useless because it is poorly absorbed.

Components of the Stockholm Protocol
Nutrients, Nutrients forms and doses:

- CoEnzymeQ-10 (emulsified)..300-900mg
  (in a mixture of flax and borage below)
  One Tbsp. per 50 lbs of body weight
- Gamma Linolenic Acid (GLA)....1,200mg
  (Barlean organic cold pressed borage oil)
- Omega-3 fatty acid (Omega-3)...3,600mg
  (Barlean organic cold pressed flax oil)
- Vitamin C (powder capsule).....3,000mg
  (Calcium, Magnesium, Potassium Ascorbate with Bioflavonoids Rutin, Hesperdin, Quercetin and Lemon)
- Vitamin E (gelcaps).....2,500iu
  (natural d-alpha with mixed tocopherols)
- BetaCarotene (gelcaps).....50,000iu
  (from a mixed carotenoid complex)
- Selenium (selenomethionene).....400mcg

The components of The Stockholm Protocol, in the proper forms and dosages above, are available exclusively from Innovative Therapeutics. Phone: 888-688-9922 Toll Free.

As a potent antioxidant, CoQ10 scavenges the very free radicals that wreak havoc on the body's cells.

In his original paper, over forty years ago, Harman wrote, "The universality of this phenomenon (aging) suggests that the reactions, which cause it, are basically the same in all living things. Viewing this process, which in essence is cellular degeneration…It seems possible that one factor in aging may be related to deleterious side attacks of free radicals on cell constituents."

Important new research by Dr Karl Folkers at the University of Texas, and Dr Knut Lockwood in Denmark, suggests that CoQ10 combined with other antioxidants and nutrients, in what they call ***The Stockholm Protocol,*** may regress and even eliminate tumors. Lockwood and Folkers studied breast cancer and found that even when it had spread to the liver, the cancer could be eliminated by using high doses of CoQ10 with select antioxidants, fatty acids and nutrients.

The substances in the Stockholm Protocol, in the proper form, given together with a diet which was very high in vegetables and fruits and grains and low in animal fats eliminated existing breast cancer in those treated.

However, Folkers, a respected researcher from the University of Texas, cautioned that the dry form of CoQ10 commonly found in health food stores is nearly useless because it is poorly absorbed.

Many of the other components of the Stockholm Protocol have been demonstrated to be potent antioxidants and act synergistically with CoQ10.

Vitamin C was widely researched by the late Linus Pauling, a two time Nobel prize recipient. In his cancer research, he found it safe and effective. "Pauling's research clearly shows that Vitamin C, taken together with these other antioxidants, produced significant life extension in people with advanced cancer, even after all other therapies had failed," says Frank Wiewel, cancer activist who founded the international, non-profit public interest group, People Against Cancer."

We now know Pauling was right all along. Important new research demonstrates that Vitamin C when taken with select bioflavonoids may be 10 times more powerful than ascorbic acid alone.

For further information on the Stockholm Protocol call: 515-972-4444.

BioPro Trial Begins for Prostate Cancer

Longevity Science has announced the opening of a clinical trial to scientifically evaluate a novel non-toxic immune therapy called BioProtein A in men with prostate cancer.

Through the Alternative Therapy Evaluation Program, People Against Cancer has agreed to provide assistance to the researchers in evaluating the innovative immune protein.

"It's a brave new world - on the frontier of science and health - where the tired old approaches of the past now must make way for the exciting new approaches of the future," says Frank Wiewel, founder of People Against Cancer, the non-profit public interest group.

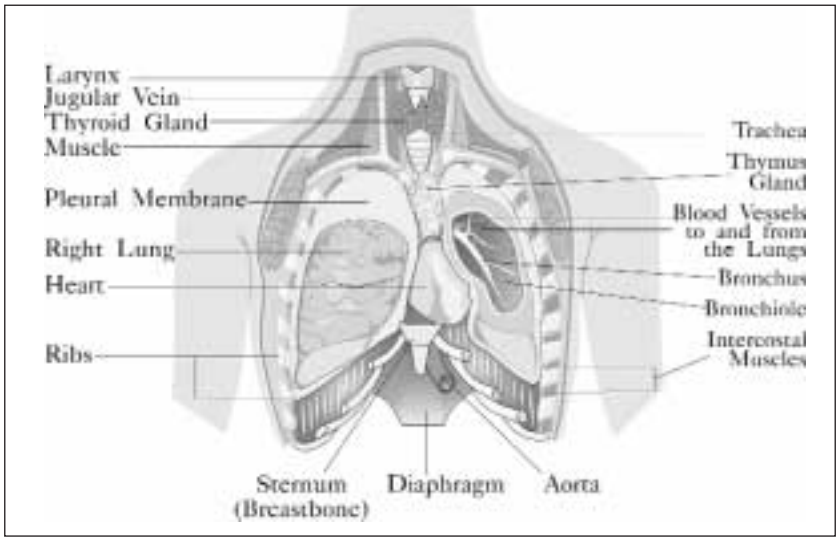
BioPro Protein A is a single non-toxic natural protein developed from live cells in a laboratory by an researcher who discovered the immunologically active substance 24 years ago while doing cancer research. It is an isolated and purified substance derived from beef thymus, and is designed to replace missing thymus protein and enhance immune function.

"This is an exciting natural substance," says Wiewel, "while science has long understood the role of the thymus gland in the human immune system, this is the first isolated thymic substance which has demonstrated clear evidence of therapeutic benefit." Wiewel learned of BioPro while chairman of the pharmacological and biological therapies committee at the newly established Office of Alternative Medicine (OAM) in the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Dr. Julian Whitaker in his March 1997 Health & Healing Newsletter, called this "... A single protein that is likely the most powerful natural stimulant of the immune system ever discovered."

The thymus is a small gland just beneath the breast bone which produces proteins that are essential for normal T-cell immunity. As we age the thymus gland shrinks and T-cell immunity decreases measurably. This results in a deficient immune system which often fails to patrol, identify and eliminate viruses, bacteria and cancer cells.

Though BioPro has been found to be active in improving immune status in those with many types of cancer, prostate cancer was chosen for the first protocols because of the explosion of new cases which have diagnosed using the Prostatic Specific Antigen (PSA) test.

Dr. Julian Whitaker in his March 1997 Health & Healing Newsletter, called this "... A single protein that is likely the most powerful natural stimulant of the immune system ever discovered."



Criteria for participation: Protocol A:

- Biopsy confirmed prostate cancer;
- PSA between 4 and 100;
- With or without surgery;
- Off hormonal therapy over 8 weeks;
- Off radiation therapy over 8 weeks;
- Scans and bone scans within 30 days.

Criteria for participation: Protocol B:

- Biopsy confirmed prostate cancer;
- PSA greater than 4;
- With or without surgery;
- With or without hormonal therapy;
- With or without radiation.

Critics argue that there is a tremendous risk in introducing a new test like the PSA for routine large scale screenings.

Wiewel, one of the most outspoken critics suggests, "The risk of routine screenings with the PSA test is we will find tens of thousands of men who will have slightly elevated PSA tests and no symptoms whatsoever. These men are then often pressured by physicians to do something. They often assume that standard therapy such as surgery, radiotherapy and hormonal therapy is appropriate and necessary. This may not be the case."

Advocates of people with cancer have long questioned aggressive standard therapies for people with prostate cancer, arguing the treatments all too often fail to improve survival and are fraught with serious and significant side-effects such as incontinence and impotence.

Researchers who are studying BioPro are conducting an in-depth series of immunological evaluations through blood tests. These tests, as well as other standard diagnostic tests, are designed to confirm early indications that BioPro can increase the CD-4 cells, Natural Killer Cells, and natural lymphokines such as Interleukin-2. Trial participants will also have tests for "apoptosis" performed at the beginning and the end of the trial. Apoptosis is programmed cell death.

"Healthy cells are programmed to live and die normally," says Wiewel, "cancer cells grow endlessly out of control. We hope to confirm reports of improvement in cell-mediated immunity and apoptosis in the BioPro Trial."

Those interested in further details of the BioPro Trial should call People Against Cancer at: 515-972-4444.

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court that Burzynski's treatment is the most effective treatment for brain tumors he has ever seen. Later, under pressure from NCI Patronas withdraws his scientific paper on Burzynski.

February 1994 - FDA initiates third Grand Jury Investigation of Burzynski.

March 23, 1995 - FDA agents pay unscheduled visit to the home of Burzynski patient in Long Island. Family refuses to cooperate, agent threatens legal action.

March 24, 1995 - FDA raids the Burzynski Clinic seizing confidential patient records.

April-November 1995 - Fourth Grand Jury investigation.

November 15, 1995 - FDA commissioner Kessler faces harsh questioning by Congressman Barton in hearings on abuse of four Grand Juries in Burzynski case.

November 20, 1995 - Burzynski indicted on 75 counts.

January 1996 - Government attorneys seek court order to stop Burzynski from treating patients calling the resulting harm to patients "irrelevant.".

January, 1996 - Barton holds second hearing, FDA agrees to allow Burzynski to treat existing patients.

March 1996 - President Clinton, VP Gore and FDA Commissioner Kessler hold press conference and announce a "Bold New Initiative" to speed up drug approval for cancer and AIDS.

April 1996 - FDA re-inspects Burzynski facility, now finds it "inadequate."

May 1, 1996 - FDA bowing to Congressional pressure lifts clinical hold.

September 15, 1996 - FDA refuses to meet with Burzynski to discuss evidence of safety and effectiveness, claiming it has never accepted data from an "individual."

September 15, 1996 - FDA says President Clinton's Bold New Initiative "has changed nothing."

October 11, 1996 - Defense asks judge to allow jurors to see Burzynski facility. Government prosecutors file motion to keep all "evidence of efficacy" out of trial stating, "This is a thinly veiled effort to expose the jury to the spector of Dr Burzynski in the act of saving lives. Permitting it will certainly infect the jury's consideration of the real issues with irrelevant emotional, prejudicial and misleading concerns regarding whether antineoplastons work and the unfortunate fate of Burzynski's patients."

January 3, 1997 - Judge Sim rules against Burzynski saying, "Whether the drug works or not is irrelevant." Sim rules the jury will hear no testimony from patients or physicians about the safety and efficacy of Burzynski's medicine.

February 28, 1997 - Burzynski still treating patients as the Texas Grand Jury deliberates their fate.

Those who wish to help the Burzynski patients can send donations to: Burzynski Legal Defense Fund, P.O. Box 1770, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272, 317-971-6536.

Grassley Supports Medical Treatments Act

Frank Wiewel and Senator Charles Grassley (R-IA) discussing the Access To Medical Treatments Act.

Senator Charles Grassley pledged his support for the Access To Medical Treatments Act (AMTA) last week when he met with Frank and Denise Wiewel Co-founders of the non-profit public interest group People Against Cancer.

Grassley joins the list of powerful members of Congress expressing bi-partisan support for the Access To Medical Treatments Act (AMTA).

Grassley will be very influential in his new role as chairman of the Senate Committee on Aging. Grassley feels that one of the most important issues facing the elderly is access to medical treatments.

Berkley Bedell, a former member of Congress from Iowa, himself a person with cancer, has been a major force behind the Access To Medical Treatments Act.

All members of People Against Cancer are urged to call their members of Congress and ask them to support the AMTA.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Yes! I would like to support the important work of *People Against Cancer.*

- ❑ $35 .....**Regular Annual Membership** — Includes our newsletter, *Options.*
- ❑ $50 .....**Foreign Regular Annual Membership** — Includes our newsletter, *Options.*
- ❑ $100 .....**Supporting Annual Membership** — Includes our newsletter, *Options,* plus a free book.
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- ❑ $500 .....**Benefactor Annual Membership** — Includes all the benefits of Sustaining membership plus a free book.
- ❑ $1,000 .....**Founding Annual Membership** — Includes all the benefits of Benefactor membership plus special select reports and publications.
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Letters From The Front

I'm fighting for my life - or at least a quality of life, for whatever time God permits me here on this earth.

Please, I need your help. I know I am only one small person, but this is my life and it is very important to me, my six children, and grandchildren.

I have been diagnosed with terminal bone cancer - but there is hope if I can get help. The problem is the system, (FDA, AMA, NCI, ADA, the insurance industry) keeps me from getting help.

I tell you these things as a woman who worked in the critical care unit of a hospital until my recent retirement. I saw the devastating effects of chemotherapy and radiation, and how it robbed cancer patients, and members of my own family afflicted with cancer, of quality of life. And then we saw them die.

If non-traditional or alternative treatment can be more effective to fight cancer, versus the billions of dollars spent for chemotherapy and radiation, then alternative treatment should be allowed in the United States, NOT fought by the United States government, specifically the FDA.

The problem is this system keeps me from getting clinically proven help. I am only asking the doors be opened by our government allowing those of us who seek quality of life, at prices we can afford, with the aid of insurance and Medicare.

- *Luella Goforth*

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