AACR to Host Conference on The Science of Cancer Health Disparities

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WASHINGTON, D.C. - The American Association for Cancer Research will host its Fourth AACR Conference on The Science of Cancer Health Disparities from Sept. 18-21, 2011, in the Grand Hyatt Washington, located in Washington, D.C.

This conference will bring together scientists, survivors, doctors and others to share the latest findings in cancer genetics, epidemiology and treatment methods to better meet the needs of underserved populations.

"Cancer continues to strike minorities at a disproportionate rate, but leading researchers are working on ways to better understand causes and offer solutions," said Conference Chairperson William G. Nelson, M.D., Ph.D., director of the Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins University.

The AACR Communications Department has identified a selection of newsworthy abstracts to help guide coverage of the conference.

On **Monday, Sept. 19** at **1:00 p.m. ET**, Chanita Hughes-Halbert, Ph.D., director of the Center for Community-based Research and Health Disparities at the University of Pennsylvania, hosted a press conference on the following research:

- Association Found Between Stress and Breast Cancer Aggressiveness
- Higher Incidence of Secondary Breast Cancer Seen Among Black Women Regardless of Age
- Depression Affected Preventive Health Screening Among Latina Breast Cancer Survivors
- Mammography Use Up for U.S. Immigrants

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Reporters may also be interested in the following abstracts (embargoed by times listed on the individual releases):

- Genetic Differences May Cause Higher Rates of Prostate Cancer in African-American Men
- High-risk, Underserved Women Benefited from MRI Screening for Breast Cancer
- Death Rate Higher in Minorities with Acute Leukemia
- Test Could Detect Breast Cancers Earlier in Young, High-risk African-American Women
- Common Genetic Variants Associated with Development of High-risk Neuroblastoma, Poorer Treatment Outcomes
- African-American Men Living in Poor Sunlight Areas at Risk for Vitamin D Deficiency

The AACR Communications Department has highlighted the following awards, which will be presented at the meeting:

- Minority-serving Institution Faculty Scholars in Cancer Research Awards
- Minority Scholar in Cancer Research Awards
- 2011 AACR Distinguished Lecture on the Science of Cancer Health Disparities

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