

# The Research

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*Bringing Research Closer to Home*

## Stephanopoulos to Serve as Awards Gala Master of Ceremonies

**George Stephanopoulos**, chief Washington correspondent for ABC News, anchor of ABC's "This Week" and former White House communications director, will serve as master of ceremonies for Research!America's 2007 Advocacy Awards gala. The event is March 20 at the Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium in Washington, DC.

In his 1999 memoir *All Too Human: A Political Education*, Stephanopoulos

wrote of his depression experienced while under the relentless pressures of the White House. As the gala master of ceremonies, he will help honor another news journalist, **Mike Wallace**, CBS correspondent emeritus, who has written of his own depression issues. Former



**George Stephanopoulos**

Surgeon General **David Satcher, MD, PhD**, is another award recipient being recognized in part for his advocacy to advance mental health research.

The other 2007 Research!America Advocacy Award winners are **Utah Senator Orrin G. Hatch**; **Susan Axelrod**, president, Citizens United for Research in Epilepsy; the **Coalition for the Advancement of Medical Research**; and **The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas'** Nobel Laureates **Michael S. Brown, MD**, and **Joseph L. Goldstein, MD**, regental

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**Arden Bement Jr., PhD**

## Bridging the Sciences: Investment and Innovation

### Bement delivers keynote; Research!America poll results released

"Research is the most powerful force driving innovation and productivity in America and around the globe," said **Arden Bement Jr., PhD**,

**National Science Foundation** director, at "Bridging the Sciences: Investment and Innovation," a research partners forum

presented by Research!America and **Abbott**. Bement emphasized that science must not only span disciplines but also cross sectors and national borders if we are to sustain our leadership role in the global economy.

Most Americans (69%) say research is very important to the U.S. economy, said **Bill Leinweber**, Research!America

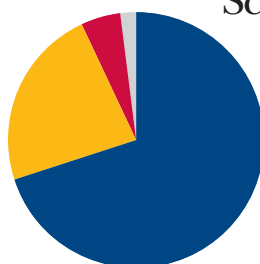
executive vice president, in presenting public opinion poll data. The poll also found that a majority of Americans (52%) think the U.S. is performing poorly in math and science compared to other nations, but 76% think it's very important to encourage young people to pursue scientific careers.

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## AMERICA Speaks

Would you like to see more, less or about the same amount of information about science and research in the media?

### Americans Want More Media Coverage of Science and Research



|  |            |            |
|--|------------|------------|
|  | More       | <b>70%</b> |
|  | Same       | <b>23%</b> |
|  | Less       | <b>5%</b>  |
|  | Don't know | <b>2%</b>  |

# New ON THE Web

[www.researchamerica.org](http://www.researchamerica.org)

A presentation by **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Director Julie L. Gerberding, MD, MPH**, about the CDC's FY08 budget is available at [www.researchamerica.org](http://www.researchamerica.org).

Harvard's **Diversity Data** Web site, <http://diversitydata.sph.harvard.edu>, allows visitors to explore data covering diversity, opportunity, quality of life and health for various racial and ethnic population groups in U.S. metro areas.

Our **Bridging the Sciences** poll data is at [www.researchamerica.org](http://www.researchamerica.org).

The **Dana Alliance for Brain Initiatives** organized **Brain Awareness Week** to advance public awareness of the benefits of brain research. See [www.dana.org/brainweek/](http://www.dana.org/brainweek/).

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### About Research!America

Research!America is the nation's largest not-for-profit public education and advocacy alliance working to make research to improve health a higher national priority. Founded in 1989, Research!America is supported by our 500+ member organizations that represent the voices of more than 125 million Americans. Our public opinion polls, advocacy programs and publications reach the public and decision makers to help advance medical and health research.

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# Members TAKE Action



Robert C. Cullen

## Thomson Healthcare

*Thomson Healthcare offers information and solutions—derived from medical and health research—to improve the quality and cost of healthcare. It is part of The Thomson Corporation, a global leader in providing essential electronic workflow solutions to business and professional customers.*

Medical research related to evaluating clinical diagnosis and treatment—such as effectiveness of a new blood test, or side effects of different drugs—is the basis of the information that Thomson Healthcare delivers to help clinicians make decisions at the point of care.

“Research is critical to our success,” said **Robert C. Cullen**, president and chief executive officer of Thomson Healthcare. “We use the best knowledge available to support decisions that have an impact on the cost and quality of healthcare. The foundations of such knowledge are the results generated out of medical and health research.

“In this way, we believe Thomson Healthcare and the research community are collaboratively engaged to improve healthcare.”

Thomson Healthcare’s electronic information and tools help individuals and organizations make the best choices.

“Health services research related to quantification of costs and outcomes—such as whether a particular portfolio of benefits is most cost-effective in promoting employee health—provides the basis for our products and services that help managers make organizational decisions,” Cullen said.

Cullen said the U.S. investment in medical and health research is crucial to Thomson Healthcare’s work.

“Investment in medical and health research is critical to expanding the knowledge base that drives improvement in clinical diagnoses and treatment, as well as optimization of healthcare quality and costs,” he said. “Such research is primarily supported through

investments by public and private entities. Continued investment support of the critical work done by the medical and health research community is necessary to achieve the advances that improve quality of life through implementation and management of healthcare service delivery.”

Historically, Thomson Healthcare communicated with its customers and the industry in a decentralized fashion, primarily with messages specific to its well-known brand units such as Medstat, Solucient, Micromedex, MercuryMD and PDR.

“Going forward, we will be communicating to our target audiences the full breadth of experience and depth of expertise that our collective business brings to the healthcare industry so that we can better tailor high-quality and cost-effective solutions,” Cullen said.

Thomson Healthcare is part of The Thomson Corporation, a global leader in providing essential electronic workflow solutions to business and professional customers. Cullen is a board member of the Albert and Mary Lasker Foundation, whose goal is to increase public support for medical science and research. Thomson recently honored **Eugene Garfield, PhD**, Research!America emeritus director, with its Thomson Scientific 2006 Online Information Lifetime Achievement Award.

For more information about Thomson Healthcare, a Research!America member since 2005, visit [www.thomson.com/solutions/healthcare/](http://www.thomson.com/solutions/healthcare/).

## Advocacy Groups on the President's '08 Budget

Research advocates expressed strong disappointment in the President's FY08 budget proposal. Research!America's press statement said, "The President missed the chance to show leadership by calling for renewed emphasis on science and research as the future of our economy." A joint statement from the **Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research, Campaign for Medical Research (CMR), Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology, National Health Council** and Research!America said the President's budget "would mean NIH's ability to conduct and support life-saving research will be cut by more than 13% in inflation-adjusted dollars since FY03."

The *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* quoted Karl Moeller of the **Campaign for Public Health** saying the President's proposal cuts nearly \$500 million from core programs of the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**. In *The Baltimore Sun*, CMR's Nancy Granese said that "interest groups would urge Congress to make up the NIH's losses in real spending power."

## Impact of Falling Federal Research Funds

*The Wall Street Journal* reported that federally funded groups who enroll cancer trial participants "have begun to shut down trials and stop studying certain cancers amid funding concerns." The President's proposed cuts to the **National Cancer Institute** come when, "for the second year in a row, the number of people dying from cancer declined."

**Sandra Degen, PhD**, vice president for research, **University of Cincinnati**, a Research!America member, wrote in a *Cincinnati Enquirer* op-ed, "As award grants run out and scientists find there is no more funding to be had, they are forced to make cuts in their labs, affecting long-term basic science that's important to our health." She added that "many high-paying jobs in the region run the risk of disappearing."

## Does Washington Care about Medical Research?



In a **Medscape General Medicine** editorial, Research!America's Mary Woolley asked, "Does Washington care about medical research?" Without consistent funding and favorable policies, Woolley said new preventions, treatments and tests "won't make it into the pipeline, much less to clinical practice." She urged physicians to

become advocates for research. Visit [www.medgenmed.com](http://www.medgenmed.com).

## Stepping Up State Research Funding

A *Deseret Morning News* editorial called for increased state cancer funding after an editorial board meeting with the **Huntsman Cancer Institute** of the University of Utah Health Sciences Center School of Medicine, a Research!America member. Citing Texas' \$3 billion cancer research initiative, the editorial urged Utah legislators to support Huntsman's request for state funding in light of federal cuts.

## Competitiveness and Stem Cell Research

In a *Washington Post* op-ed, **Joseph Fuller** of the Monitor Group and **Brock Reeve** of the Harvard Stem Cell Institute wrote, "Americans take for granted that they are the world's leaders in the life sciences ... Will foreign governments ... encourage the development of stem cell research and, not satisfied with emulating our competitive performance, succeed in outstripping us?"



The day after the President released his 2008 budget request, we partnered with two of our members, the AAAS and the APHA, to con-

vene a meeting of stakeholders in research for health. Speakers and attendees suggested messages we can all use to stimulate more attention and urgency to stronger support for research for health—MUCH stronger than the meager amount the President calls for in his 2008 budget.

To stimulate more conversation—the kind that will be heard by elected officials from coast to coast—we are partnering with *PARADE* magazine to ask their 74 million readers to weigh in on what matters to them when it comes to health, including research for health. Watch for a call to action in *PARADE* on March 11, and be sure to weigh in yourself. We will compile responses and use them to prepare a communiqué to Congress that will form the basis of a dedicated Web resource available to everyone who cares about the future of health and research for health. The Albert and Mary Lasker Foundation is also sponsoring the *Your Congress-Your Health* initiative.

Also mid-month—March 20—a distinguished panel of experts will join us at our National Forum to talk about opportunities and challenges for research here at home and globally. That evening, at our annual awards event, we will celebrate a stellar group of advocates who have each made a real difference. Please join us!

What can you do? Sign on to become part of the ever-growing conversation about research. In order to assure that elected officials do more about research, many more voices must be raised, all around the nation. Please join the chorus!

Mary Woolley

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## FY07 Funding Resolution Passed

On February 15 **President Bush** signed a spending bill package to fund much of the federal government for the remainder of FY07, which began on October 1, 2006. Passed by the House in late January and the Senate on February 14, the **Joint Funding Resolution (JR)** provides \$7 billion for health and education programs above the president's FY07 budget request.

The JR funds the **National Institutes of Health** at \$28.8 billion, an increase of \$620 million (2.2%) over FY06. The increase includes funds to support new investigators, a new Junior Pioneer awards program, the National Children's Study and the Common Fund. Overall, NIH estimates the additional funding will support 500 more research grants.

When pandemic flu preparedness dollars are excluded, the JR provides a \$7.4 million increase to the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's** core programs—essentially flat compared to FY06. The **Campaign for Public Health** reports that the JR represents a 3.5% cut to the CDC since FY05.

Funding for the **Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality** is again flat, at \$319 million in 2007.

The JR fulfills a pledge by **Sen. Robert Byrd (WV)** and **Rep. David Obey (WI)**, the Senate and House Appropriations

chairs, that the FY07 legislation would comply with the statutory budget ceiling and contain no earmarks. **Sens. Tom Harkin (IA)** and **Arlen Specter (PA)** and Obey continue to champion strong, sustained federal investment in research and are applauded for their efforts.

## President's FY08 Budget: Bleak Prospects for Research

Compared with the actual funding for FY07, the President's proposed budget for the NIH in FY08 (\$28.3 billion) represents a cut of more than \$500 million.

Funding for core CDC programs drops to \$5.8 billion in the President's FY08 budget from a high of \$6.3 billion in FY05—a 7.9% cut.

The President's budget calls for funding for AHRQ to grow to \$330 million, or 3.4% over the FY07 level.

## CMR Update

**The Campaign for Medical Research** is focusing on outreach efforts to the many new members of the **House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor-HHS-Education**. Meeting with members of Congress has long been a core activity for CMR.

## Public Health Study Group

**U.S. Reps. James P. McGovern (MA), Kay Granger (TX)** and **Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA)** have invited their House colleagues to join the new bipartisan

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## 2008 FEDERAL RESEARCH BUDGET

| Agency                                      | 2007 Funding Resolution | President's Request | % Change from 2007 |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| National Institutes of Health               | \$28.8 billion          | \$28.3 billion      | -1.7%              |
| Centers for Disease Control and Prevention* | \$6.1 billion           | \$5.8 billion       | -4.4%              |
| National Science Foundation                 | \$5.9 billion           | \$6.4 billion       | +8.5%              |
| Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality  | \$319 million           | \$330 million       | +3.4%              |

\* Reflects the CDC core program budget. For more information on the CDC budget, please visit [www.FundCDC.org](http://www.FundCDC.org).

## Town Hall Meeting: Strategies for FY08

Research!America convened more than 120 research stakeholders on February 6, the day after President Bush released his FY08 budget proposal, to discuss advocacy strategies. The session was presented with our members the **American Association for the Advancement of Science** and **American Public Health Association** at AAAS headquarters in Washington, DC.

**Alan I. Leshner, PhD**, AAAS CEO and Research!America board member, noted that Congress has shown support for the National Institutes of Health recently, in the NIH Reauthorization Act and the small increase in its FY07 funding. However, the dismal White House 2008 budget requests for NIH and CDC leave much for advocates to accomplish.

"This Congress will look at the President's budget and say, 'we're going to do things differently,' but they will have to prioritize within the same overall level of funding," said **The Honorable John Edward Porter**, Research!America board chair and former Illinois Congressman.

"House leaders, including **Speaker Nancy Pelosi (CA)** and **Steny Hoyer (MD)**, understand the importance of research funding to our country's medical and scientific leadership," he added. "We need to look to the future, to other champions on whom we can count."

On communicating the value of prevention, **Georges Benjamin, MD**, APHA executive director and Research!America board member, said, "The average person has no idea that the bulk of CDC's funding goes to local communities. You have to talk to local, state and federal elected officials."

To see the speakers' presentations and our message piece, "Four Reasons Why Congress Must Act *Now* to Support Medical Research," visit [www.researchamerica.org](http://www.researchamerica.org).



**Alan I. Leshner, PhD; The Honorable John Edward Porter; Mary Woolley; Georges Benjamin, MD**

### Policy Update *Continued from page 4*

**Congressional Study Group on Public Health.** The first of regular briefings to educate members and staff, "Introduction to Public Health," will be in March. **The Campaign for Public Health** and other public health-focused

organizations will support the study group. To read the letter of invitation and see topics for future briefings, visit [www.FundCDC.org](http://www.FundCDC.org).

*Correction: Sen. Thad Cochran (MS) misidentified in our February issue. He represents Mississippi.*

### Awards Gala *Continued from page 1*

professors, and **Donald W. Seldin, MD**, internal medicine professor and chair emeritus.

Gala co-chairs are **Christopher A. Viehbacher**, president, U.S. Pharmaceuticals, GlaxoSmithKline, and **Mary J.C. Hendrix, PhD**, president and scientific director, Children's Memorial Research Center, Chicago. **Randy Siegel**, publisher of *PARADE* magazine, is the media host.



**Christopher A. Viehbacher**      **Mary J.C. Hendrix, PhD**      **Randy Siegel**

For more information, including gala sponsorship details, visit [www.researchamerica.org/outreach/awards2007.html](http://www.researchamerica.org/outreach/awards2007.html).

## Join Us March 20 for our National Forum and Annual Meeting

Research!America's National Forum "U.S. Investment in Research: Assuring Domestic and Global Dividends" and annual meeting will be March 20 at the National Press Club in Washington, DC.

**David Gergen**, commentator, editor, teacher, public servant, best-selling author and adviser to presidents for 30 years, will moderate. Panelists are:

- **George H. Atkinson, PhD**, science and technology adviser to the Secretary of State;
- **Carolyn M. Clancy, MD**, director, **Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality**;
- **Susan Dentzer**, health correspondent, *The NewsHour* with Jim Lehrer;
- **Julie L. Gerberding, MD, MPH**, director, **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**;
- **Martin Mackay, PhD**, vice president of **Pfizer Global Research & Development**, senior vice president, Worldwide Development;
- **Father Thomas G. Streit, CSC, PhD**, Center for Global Health and Infectious Diseases, University of Notre Dame;
- **Christopher A. Viehbacher**, president, U.S. Pharmaceuticals, **GlaxoSmithKline**; and
- **Elias A. Zerhouni, MD**, director, **National Institutes of Health**.

Prior to the National Forum, Research!America members will convene at our annual meeting to elect board members and hear from Research!America leadership, including **The Honorable John Edward Porter**, board chair, **Mary Woolley**, president and CEO, and **Martha N. Hill, RN, PhD**, treasurer.

Registration for both the forum and meeting is complimentary and required. Visit [www.researchamerica.org/outreach/forum07.html](http://www.researchamerica.org/outreach/forum07.html).

# Did YOU Know

The **National Cancer Institute's Office of Liaison Activities** is seeking advocates, consumers and survivors to fill four vacancies on the NCI Director's Consumer Liaison Group beginning in July. Applications are due March 30. Visit <http://dclg.cancer.gov>.

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Research!America President **Mary Woolley** spoke at a **Health Research Alliance** meeting at the **Howard Hughes Medical Institute** on January 26 and the **Huntsman Cancer Institute** of the **University of Utah Health Sciences Center School of Medicine** on January 31. HHMI and UUHSC are Research!America members. Both presentations focused on the importance of the public's voice in advocacy for research.

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Nominations for the annual **Michael E. DeBakey Library Services Outreach Award for Outstanding Service to Rural or Underserved Communities** are due March 15 and should be sent to [edolan@fnlm.org](mailto:edolan@fnlm.org). The award was established in the early 1990s and is named for **Michael E. DeBakey, MD**, Research!America honorary director and chancellor emeritus at Baylor College of Medicine.

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## Drug Discovery Video Series Launched

The **Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America**, a Research!America member, has produced a five-part online video series on stages of research and development as part of its **Innovation.org** project.

The videos give viewers an inside look at the science and scientists behind the discovery of new medicines. Each 5-7 minute video takes the viewer through a different stage of R&D, from target identification to FDA approval, with first-person descriptions from scientists. The narrator—a cancer patient whose life was saved by a new drug—connects the viewer to the end goal: better treatments for patients in need.

View the videos at [www.innovation.org](http://www.innovation.org).



## Bridging the Sciences

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"We need to encourage young people to take a stronger interest in science and encourage scientists to work more across disciplines," said **William Brown III, PhD**, vice president, Diagnostic Assays and Systems Development, Abbott.

**Phil Southerland** of Team Type 1 spoke of being part of a clinical trial for a wireless insulin pump. He said the idea for the pump came about when scientists from different fields brainstormed together.

**Tenley Albright, MD**, director of Collaborative Initiatives at the **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**, agreed that interaction among scientists is important.

"What scientists need is a way that they will bump into each other, ... and it's exciting to see what happens when they do," she said.

**Ira Flatow**, host of **National Public Radio's "Science Friday,"** moderator of the forum, said, "There is a huge thirst among the public for science."

Other panelists were **Jeremy Berg, PhD**, National Institute of General Medical Sciences director; **Christen Brownlee**, *ScienceNews* writer; and **Alan Merten, PhD**, George Mason University president.

This month's insert, our introductory *Bridging the Sciences fact sheet*, was released at the forum.

A Research!America member and principal partner, Abbott is a leading global healthcare company. More than 100 people attended the February 1 forum at the National Press Club.

Complete poll results, a transcript of the forum and the fact sheet are available at [www.researchamerica.org](http://www.researchamerica.org).

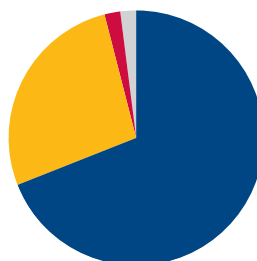


**William Brown III, PhD; Christen Brownlee; Alan Merten, PhD; Jeremy Berg, PhD; Tenley Albright, MD; Phil Southerland; Ira Flatow**

## AMERICA Speaks

How much do you think research in specific fields impacts scientific advances and discovery in other fields?

## Work in Various Scientific Fields Impacts Discovery



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## EU Announces Science & Technology Funding Plan

To fund research in the **European Union**, the 27-member intergovernmental union of nations launched its US\$70.3 billion **Seventh Framework Program for Research and Technological Development** in December.

The plan will fund the EU's science and technology programs for the next seven years and is 41% larger than the previous framework, which funded science and technology for five years. Health research will be funded at US\$7.7 billion in the plan.

The framework program is the main common fund for research in the EU, but member countries have their own research programs as well. The plan borrows the U.S. model of investigator-initiated research grants. Read more at <http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/>.

## Trust for America's Health Measures States' Preparedness

Oklahoma is the only state completely prepared for a public health emergency such as a flu outbreak or bioterror attack, according to a recent report from the **Trust for America's Health**.

"Ready or Not? Protecting the Public's Health from Disease, Disasters and Bioterrorism" focuses on surge capacity and immunization programs. Preparedness indicators also include ability to deliver supplies from the Strategic National Stockpile, the number of specially equipped labs and trained scientists, influenza surveillance, compatibility with the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's** National Electronic Disease Surveillance System and adequate funding of public health preparedness. See [www.healthyamericans.org](http://www.healthyamericans.org).

## Steps Forward for Genetic Nondiscrimination

The **House Education and Labor Committee** unanimously approved the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act (H.R. 493) on February 14. The bill, 12 years in the making, would prevent employers from seeking genetic information and using it in hiring, firing, job placement or promotion decisions. Health insurers could not deny coverage or charge higher premiums based on genetic predisposition.

While employer concerns over frivolous lawsuits have held back the bill in the past, **Rep. Louise Slaughter (NY)**, the lead sponsor, asserted that the current version is well refined. **Rep. Robert Andrews (NJ)** expressed hope that it would let government "catch up" with scientific advances.

The **Genetic Alliance**, a Research!America member, has more information at [www.geneticalliance.org](http://www.geneticalliance.org).

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The **International Longevity Center-USA** recently released *Stress: Putting the Brain Back Into Medicine* which discusses the major role of stress in health and disease. The report, by **Bruce McEwen, PhD**, Rockefeller University, is available at [www.ilcusa.org/pub/books.htm](http://www.ilcusa.org/pub/books.htm).

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Medical schools and teaching hospitals have a strong impact on their communities and on the United States economically, according to a new study from the **Association of American Medical Colleges**, a Research!America member. *The Economic Impact of AAMC-Member Medical Schools and Teaching Hospital*, released in early February, shows that AAMC's member institutions produced more than \$450 billion nationally in 2005 and employ more than 1.6 million people. The full report is at [www.aamc.org/economicimpact](http://www.aamc.org/economicimpact).

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## Americans Think Emerging Diseases Will Threaten the U.S.

In general, to what extent do you think infectious and emerging diseases facing other countries (such as the flu, tuberculosis, and SARS) will pose a threat to the United States in the next few years?

35% Will pose a major threat

58% Will pose a minor threat

7% Will not pose a threat

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# ComingUp

March 2007—*The American Medical Informatics Association's "Electronic Health Records & Patient Safety"* will air on public television stations nationwide as part of the Healthy Body, Healthy Mind series. See [www.itvisus.com](http://www.itvisus.com) to find clips and a viewing schedule.

March 12-18, 2007—*Brain Awareness Week* presented by The Dana Alliance for Brain Initiatives. Details at [www.dana.org/brainweek/](http://www.dana.org/brainweek/).

March 20, 2007—*Research!America's 11th Annual Advocacy Awards gala, National Forum and annual meeting*, Washington, DC. Details at [www.researchamerica.org](http://www.researchamerica.org).

March 26-27, 2007—*Annual Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee Conference: "Excellence in Animal Care and Use—Path or Destination,"* San Diego. Details at [www.primr.org](http://www.primr.org).

May 9-12, 2007—*First Annual Meeting of the Society for Women's Health Research Organization for the Study of Sex Differences*, Washington, DC. Details at [www.ossdweb.org](http://www.ossdweb.org).

# Advocacy & Action

## Senate Delays Vote on Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act Keep the Pressure On

Due to other legislative priorities, the Senate did not vote on the **Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act** (S. 5) in February as originally planned. Please keep up the pressure on your Senators to support the bill.

The House of Representatives passed the bill (H.R. 3) with strong bipartisan support (253-174) but short of the two-thirds needed to override the expected Presidential veto. Our goal is to secure a veto-proof vote in the Senate.

**Contact your Senators today** and urge them to vote YES on S. 5, the Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act. Visit [www.researchamerica.org/advocacy](http://www.researchamerica.org/advocacy) to take action now!

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