

# The Research

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## Top Research Advocates Named 2008 Award Recipients



Pat Furlong



Kenneth Cole



Mathilde Krim, PhD



William H. Foege, MD, MPH



Richard A. Lerner, MD

Research advocate **Pat Furlong**—founding president and chief executive officer of **Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy**—and **amFAR, The Foundation for AIDS Research**, are among those named recipients of Research!America's 2008 Advocacy Awards.

Our 2008 Advocacy Awards will be presented March 18, 2008, at the Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium in Washington, DC. **Pfizer Inc** is the corporate host, and **PARADE magazine** is the media sponsor.

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## New Report Shows Health Research Investment Stagnant

In 2006, the United States invested an estimated \$116 billion in research to improve health according to a recent Research!America report. This amount is only 5.5% of the \$2.1 trillion spent on health by the nation in the same year.

Research!America shows the U.S. investment in health research is headed in the wrong direction. Federal government funding for health research has been flat since 2004, and investment by industry,

Analysis of the 2006 data and previous year estimates by

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## Your Candidates—Your Health Enters Next Phase: 2008

Where do you stand on health and research? We asked the question of 2006 Congressional candidates and all members of the 110th Congress. Now Research!America and our partners are posing this question to all candidates for president with **Your Candidates—Your Health: Presidential Primaries 2008**.



A 15-question survey will be sent to all presidential candidates, asking them to let American voters know their opinions on a range of research, health and health care issues that affect us all. Their responses will be collected on the Web site [www.yourcandidatesyourhealth.org](http://www.yourcandidatesyourhealth.org).

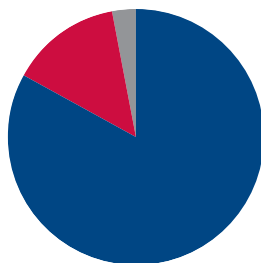
Responses will be posted for the public to view and compare in the late fall. In 2008 the effort will be expanded further to include a questionnaire

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## AMERICA Speaks

Do you agree or disagree that our health care system should be redesigned to encourage preventing illness rather than dealing with disease only once symptoms are apparent?

### Americans Want "Health" Care Not Sick Care



Agree	<b>83%</b>
Disagree	<b>14%</b>
Don't know	<b>3%</b>

# New ON THE Web

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

Download our **2006 U.S. Investment in Health Research** report.

Visit [www.yourcandidatesyourhealth.org](http://www.yourcandidatesyourhealth.org) and let the 2008 presidential candidates know you want to hear their views on health and research.

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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, health and scientific research.

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# Members TAKE Action



**Peter Hotez,**  
MD, PhD

## Sabin Institute

*The Sabin Institute is leading the fight against diseases of poverty by providing underserved communities worldwide with access to medicines and vaccines while also developing a new generation of vaccines. Through its three centers, the institute advocates antipoverty vaccine development and administration, in addition to disease control/elimination, as a means of breaking the cycle of poverty that affects billions.*

The Sabin Institute conducts vaccine research and development and campaigns globally so the world's poorest people have access to low-cost, safe vaccines and drug treatments. Much of this ongoing battle focuses on neglected tropical diseases (NTDs), a major cause of poverty and the most common affliction of the one billion people worldwide who live on less than \$2 per day.

"The institute is committed to developing and testing a new generation of antipoverty vaccines," said **Peter Hotez, MD, PhD**, president. "These low-cost vaccines are specifically intended for the world's poorest people."

The institute's three centers are Antipoverty Vaccine Development, Antipoverty Vaccine Advocacy and Neglected Tropical Disease Control and Elimination, which is home to the Global Network for Neglected Tropical Diseases. Launched in 2006, the network is an alliance of leading global health and poverty-focused organizations fostering campaigns that deliver safe, effective drugs to at-risk populations in endemic countries.

As part of this, Sabin recently launched a StopNTDs! campaign with the **Clinton Global Initiative**. This one-year campaign aims to build capacity to advocate for universal access to essential NTD medications and mobilize collective action in the fight against NTDs.

Sabin is supported by the **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation** to develop the human hookworm vaccine.

"The Gates Foundation is leading the way when it comes to addressing

research and development for diseases of poverty," Hotez said. "However, it is incumbent upon the U.S. public and private sectors to increase their investment for NTDs.

"There is a concept related to research and development for developing country diseases known as the 10/90 gap, referring to the fact that only 10% of global R&D resources are devoted to 90% of the world's disease burden. For some NTDs such as hookworm, the gap is more like a 1/99 or 1/199!"

Dr. Albert Sabin, the institute's founder, was a great ambassador for the United States, working jointly with the Soviets at the height of the Cold War to develop the oral polio vaccine.

"The development of vaccines for hookworm and other neglected tropical diseases affords a unique opportunity to extend vaccine diplomacy to many developing countries," Hotez said. "When we help other nations through health research programs and other humanitarian efforts, attitudes and perceptions about the U.S. improve outside our borders."

As president of the institute, Hotez said he is committed to continuing its legacy of vaccine diplomacy through his work as an Ambassador for the Paul G. Rogers Society for Global Health Research. Through outreach to the media, policy makers and non-scientist audiences, Rogers Society Ambassadors advocate greater U.S. support for global health research

For more information about Sabin, visit [www.sabin.org](http://www.sabin.org).

## U.S. Competitiveness in Research Funding

*CQ Weekly* recently quoted Nancy Granese, executive director, **Campaign for Medical Research**, on U.S. science funding compared to other nations: "...at the rate they're spending and at the rate we're not spending, we've got a pretty short time frame... to get the NIH spending back on track in order to sustain the leadership we've had."



Randy Siegel

## A Personal Story Behind Medical Research

Rebecca, the daughter of *PARADE* Magazine publisher **Randy Siegel**, was diagnosed with epilepsy as an infant. She underwent dozens of drug trials and experimental therapies in her first 10 years of life but still lives with epilepsy today. In a *Newsweek* magazine essay, Siegel and his family called for an increase in funding for medical research to find treatments for the disease.

## Research!America in the News

Research!America's **2006 U.S. Health Research Investment** report was first covered in the August 31 issue of *Science* magazine. Research!America's Stacie Propst, PhD, who led the report's development, is quoted, "The proportion of each U.S. health care dollar that now goes to research is 5.5 cents and falling." In September, Research!America's President Mary Woolley discussed U.S. health research funding in further detail with reporter **Bruce Japsen** for a news segment on **ReachMD**, an XM Satellite Radio station.



Woolley delved into the issue of personalized medicine in the fall 2007 issue of Ohio State University's *Frontiers* magazine. In the article "This Time, It Is Personal," Woolley wrote about new scientific and technological advances making it possible to diagnose and treat cancer more effectively on a more personalized basis. But, she writes, there is a catch. It "will not happen if NIH budget stagnation eliminates all but the conventional research."

Woolley also authored an article for special distribution by the **United Health Foundation** with the British Medical Journal's *Clinical Evidence*. The article called for more investment in health services research, offering physicians tips for advocating for the **Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality**.

*The Kansas City Star* published a letter to the editor by **Samuel L. Stanley, Jr., MD**, a **Paul G. Rogers Society for Global Health Research** Ambassador.

He writes, "Our region has extraordinary strengths in biomedical and agricultural research," and "we need support to bring our expertise ... worldwide."

Ambassadors have met recently with editorial boards of their local newspapers in Ann Arbor (MI), Bloomington (IN), Galveston (TX) and Trenton (NJ).



Days after the Lasker Awards were conferred and during the month the Nobel prizes will be announced,

Research!America will present the Eugene Garfield Economic Impact of Medical and Health Research Award (see page 8). Its existence is as important as its recipients are distinguished. Dr. Garfield established the award in 2002 to stimulate the interest of more economists in elucidating the value of investment in research for health. He knew the economic case for research was understudied, misunderstood and likely to become even more contentious. What none of us knew then was that competing national priorities would relegate investment in research for health to life-support status (see page 1) and that a number of arguments contesting the value of increased investment in research would find traction.

Meanwhile, candidates for president are talking about other national priorities much, much more than they are talking about health, much less research for health. We were very disappointed in the turnout for and media coverage of the LIVESTRONG Presidential Cancer Forums at the end of August. This lack of interest is mirrored in Congress, which will not act on appropriations for health and research during this fiscal year, if even in the calendar year (see page 4).

How can it be that neither Congress nor presidential candidates are engaged in a topic Americans say they are vitally concerned about? It matters less to speculate why this is than it is to get involved in turning it around. Too many members of Congress have yet to weigh in on [yourcongressyourhealth.org](http://yourcongressyourhealth.org); too many members of Research!America haven't asked their own elected officials to do so. If we aren't taking action, how can we expect our elected officials to step up?

Mary Woolley

## Welcome New Members!

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## Appropriations Timeline Remains Uncertain

While Congress returned to Washington after Labor Day, work on appropriations bills has stalled as other pressing issues—mainly Iraq—are taking center stage.

While Democrats are said to “control” the House and Senate, the margin of votes they have in both chambers is not high enough to override a veto by the president. This, coupled with several fundamental disagreements, means Washington is slowly creeping toward yet another deadlock.

At press time, it is unclear when Congress will return its attention to appropriations. Complicating matters is the end of the federal fiscal year: September 30. Without any agreements on appropriations, FY08 funding for the **National Institutes of Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** and the **Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality**—along with the rest of the federal government—remains uncertain.

To avoid this, negotiations are now focused on a continuing resolution. A CR allows federal agencies and programs to continue operation, spending at current-year levels until appropriations are enacted.

Keeping these critical agencies funded at last year’s levels for a significant

period of time would mean sustained cuts for CDC and zero gains for NIH and AHRQ. Advocates are urged to stay in touch with Research!America for updates and actions you can take to encourage strong federal support for NIH, CDC and AHRQ.

## Immunizations Briefing

While health-related appropriations bills are on Congress’ back burner, the **Campaign for Public Health** is still working to ensure CDC’s work has attention on Capitol Hill. CPH continues to meet with key congressional offices and recently worked with the **Congressional Study Group on Public Health** on a September 5 briefing, *Immunizations – A Public Health Success Story*.

Leading the discussion were **Melinda Wharton, MD, MPH**, deputy director of the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases at the CDC, and **Adel Mahmoud, MD, PhD**, professor at Princeton University, former president of Merck Vaccines and Ambassador in Research!America’s Paul G. Rogers Society for Global Health Research.

## New CMR Board Members

The **Campaign for Medical Research** is pleased to welcome three new members to its board of directors. **M. Cass Wheeler**, chief executive officer of the American Heart Association; **Daniel E. Smith**, president of the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network; and **Mary J. C. Hendrix, PhD**, president

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## 2008 FEDERAL RESEARCH BUDGET

Agency	2007 Funding Resolution	President’s Request	% Change from 2007	House
National Institutes of Health*	\$28.8 billion	\$28.3 billion	–1.7%	\$29.5 billion
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**	\$6.1 billion	\$5.8 billion	–4.4%	\$6.5 billion
National Science Foundation	\$5.9 billion	\$6.4 billion	+8.7%	\$6.5 billion
Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality	\$319 million	\$330 million	+3.4%	\$329 million

\* Does not include money for the Global HIV/AIDS Fund, which is appropriated to NIH but not available for research.

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

## Update: Stem cell research

Without a strong federal policy, embryonic stem cell research (ESCR) faces a mixed response at the state level. Last year, Missourians approved a constitutional amendment protecting such research and prohibiting human cloning. Opponents of the amendment are seeking to outlaw somatic cell nuclear transfer, a technique used in some stem cell research.

This has intensified the political climate in Missouri. The **Stowers Institute for Medical Research** has abandoned a \$300 million expansion plan. State legislators canceled plans for an \$85 million science center at the University of Missouri in Columbia because of fear the center may be used for ESCR.

Illinois **Gov. Rod R. Blagojevich** recently signed a law allowing public funds for ESCR and therapeutic cloning. The **California Institute for Regenerative Medicine** appointed **Alan Trounson, PhD**, director of Monash Immunology and Stem Cell Laboratories, as president.

ESCR forges ahead in other parts of the world. China intends to devote \$1 billion over 10 years toward an international center for stem cell research and regenerative medicine. In Britain, regulators plan to allow experimental stem cell research involving the creation of hybrid embryos.



## Seeking Better Online Health Information

Google, the popular search engine frequently used to gather health and medical information, recently announced the formation of the **Google Health Advisory Council** to recommend ways to provide the public with more relevant health search results and help them find the most accurate online health information.

The council's mission is to help clarify problems providers and consumers face and offer feedback on product ideas and development.

**Dean Ornish, MD**, founder and president of the **Preventive Medicine Research Institute**, is chair of the council, which is made up of 22 medical and health experts, including representatives from Research!America members **AARP**, the **American Medical Association**, **FasterCures**, **Genetic Alliance** and **RAND Health**.

## New CMR Board Members

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and scientific director of Children's Memorial Research Center at Northwestern University, representing the **American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology**. Hendrix and Wheeler also serve on Research!America's board.

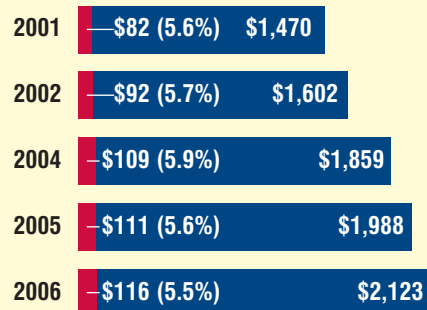
## Research Investment Stagnant

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state and local governments and other private sources has grown minimally. As a result, research as a proportion of the U.S. health dollar is falling.

While health research funding increased only 4.2% between 2005 and 2006, health spending overall increased 6.8%, and it is expected to grow at a similar rate for at least the next decade. Since health expenditures are projected to double by 2016, now is the time to accelerate investments in research to find solutions to costly conditions. The report includes further analysis and is available via [www.researchamerica.org](http://www.researchamerica.org).

### Health R&D as a Percentage of Total Health Costs (in billions)



SOURCE: RESEARCH!AMERICA, INVESTMENT IN U.S. HEALTH RESEARCH 2001, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2006; CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID, NATIONAL HEALTH EXPENDITURE AMOUNTS 2001-2016

## NIH and NASA Collaborate for Health Research in Space

The **National Institutes of Health** and **NASA** are partnering to bring medical researchers and space scientists together to improve human health on Earth and in space. NIH Director **Elias A. Zerhouni, MD**, and NASA Administrator **Michael Griffin, PhD**, signed a memorandum of understanding September 12. The agreement will promote innovative medical research aboard the International Space Station.

**Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchinson (TX)** championed the effort to keep the U.S. at the forefront of medical research. **Sen. Barbara Mikulski (MD)** said the alliance will inspire more young people to pursue careers in science and technology. Both senators were instrumental in establishing the space station as a national laboratory.

## Principal Partner Thank You

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# Did YOU Know

Research!America member **Alliance for Aging Research** hosted its Bipartisan Congressional Awards Dinner on September 18 honoring **Sen. Thad Cochran (MS)**, **Sen. Kent Conrad (ND)** and FDA Deputy Commissioner and Chief Medical Officer **Janet Woodcock, MD**.

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The Federal Collaboration on Health Disparities Research presented **Partnerships to Accelerate Collaboration on Health Disparities Research** on September 17. The committee discussed the role research could play in eliminating health disparities.

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NIH debuted “**Strength in Numbers**” a campaign to empower individuals to pursue careers in research. See [www.lrp.nih.gov](http://www.lrp.nih.gov).

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**National Institute on Drug Abuse’s Kenner C. Rice, PhD**, received the 2007 **Smissman Award** from the American Chemical Society for his 35-year career researching medications to treat addiction.

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**Trust for America’s Health** issued its fourth annual *F as in Fat: How Obesity Policies are Failing in America* about the U.S. obesity epidemic. See [www.healthyamericans.org](http://www.healthyamericans.org).

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## Award Recipients

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Furlong, who will receive our “Gordon and Llura Gund Leadership Award,” founded her organization after her two sons were diagnosed with Duchenne muscular dystrophy. Her sons lost their battles as teens—the disease has no cure—yet Furlong remains an active research advocate.

Receiving our “Paul G. Rogers Distinguished Organization Advocacy Award,” amfAR is one of the world’s leading nonprofit organizations dedicated to the support of HIV/AIDS research, prevention, treatment and education, and sound AIDS-related public policy. **Kenneth Cole** is amfAR’s chair. **Mathilde Krim, PhD**, founding chair, will accept the award, made possible by **Hogan & Hartson, LLP**.

**William H. Foege, MD, MPH**, will be recognized with our “Raymond and Beverly Sackler Award for Sustained National Leadership” for his public health advocacy that included the successful campaign to eradicate smallpox in the 1970s. Foege, a former **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** director, is a **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation** senior fellow and a presidential distinguished professor at **Emory University Rollins School of Public Health**.

Our 2008 “Builders of Science Award” will be presented to **Richard A. Lerner, MD**, president of **The Scripps Research Institute**. Lerner led Scripps from a small adjunct facility to become a major biological research institution.

Additional 2008 Advocacy Award recipients will be named at a later date.

## Lasker Awards Announced

The 2007 **Albert Lasker Medical Research Awards** were announced September 16. The awards honor outstanding contributions to basic and clinical research and outstanding public service on behalf of such research.

**Ralph M. Steinman, MD**, of Rockefeller University in New York City,

received the award for basic medical research. The award for clinical research honored **Alain Carpentier, MD, PhD**, and **Albert Starr, MD**, of the Providence Health System in Portland, OR.

The Mary Woodard Lasker Award for Public Service was awarded to **Anthony S. Fauci, MD**, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

See [www.laskerfoundation.org](http://www.laskerfoundation.org).

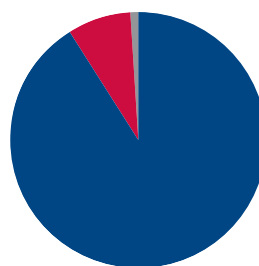
## Third Annual Public Health Thank You Day

Research!America, **American Public Health Association**, **Association of Schools of Public Health**, **Association of State and Territorial Health Officials**, **National Alliance for Hispanic Health** and **National Association of County & City Health Officials** invite you to join us in celebrating our public health heroes Monday, November 19—**Public Health Thank You Day**. Visit [www.publichealththankyouday.org](http://www.publichealththankyouday.org) and see this month’s insert for ways to say thank you.

## AMERICA Speaks

Studies show that certain health problems such as diabetes, heart disease and infant mortality happen more often among minorities or citizens with lower incomes. How important do you feel it is to conduct medical or health research to understand and eliminate these differences?

## Important to Eliminate Health Disparities



Important	91%
Not important	8%
Don't know	1%

SOURCE: NATIONAL SURVEY, 2006  
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## WHO: New Diseases, New Research Needs



Margaret Chan,  
MD

“New diseases are emerging at the historically unprecedented rate of one per year,” writes **Margaret Chan, MD**, director-general of the **World Health Organization** in the annual World Health Report. Mainstay antimicrobials such as antibiotics “are failing at a rate that outpaces the development of replacement drugs.”

“A Safer Future: Global Public Health Security in the 21st Century,” released in August, addresses these concerns. The report shows how collective international action can build a safer future.

Chan writes, “Vulnerability is universal. Better security calls for global solidarity. The new watchwords are diplomacy, cooperation, transparency and preparedness.” Download the report from [www.who.int](http://www.who.int).

### Fall Burroughs Wellcome Interns

Three interns have joined Research!America this fall, thanks to generous support from the **Burroughs Wellcome Fund**.

**Amit Mistry** recently completed a doctorate in bioengineering from Rice University.

**Candice Burch** graduated in May from University of Alabama-Huntsville. She is enrolled in the masters of public administration program at George Mason University.

**Colleen Boselli** recently received her bachelor's in biobehavioral health from Pennsylvania State University. She is also part of the postgraduate professional development program with the **Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars**.

### Your Candidates—Your Health

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for all 2008 candidates for Congress. Visit the site to review the questionnaire and ask the candidates to respond to this important initiative.

Our partners include **AdvaMed, Bristol-Myers Squibb, American Association for Dental Research, American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, American Medical Group Association, American Public Health Association, Association of American Medical Colleges, Association of Schools of Public Health, Emory University, FasterCures, Kidney Cancer Association, Lovelace Respiratory Research Institute, National Alliance for Hispanic Health, ONE Campaign, Society for Neuroscience, University of Michigan, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and Washington University in St. Louis School of Medicine**. To join us, e-mail [bill@researchamerica.org](mailto:bill@researchamerica.org).

### Did You Know?

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CDC published **Advancing the Nation's Health: A Guide to Public Health Research Needs, 2006-2015**.

See [www.cdc.gov/od/science/PHResearch/cdcra](http://www.cdc.gov/od/science/PHResearch/cdcra).

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**National Institutes of Health's Fogarty International Center** is accepting applications for its International Clinical Research Scholars Program. Deadline is December 14. See [www.aamc.org/overseasfellowship](http://www.aamc.org/overseasfellowship).

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NIH's **Peer Review Advisory Committee** added eight new members. See <http://enhancing-peer-review.nih.gov> for a complete list.

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**Prevent Blindness America** released *The Economic Impact of Vision Problems*, and National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research/Alliance for Eye and Vision Research boards President **Stephen J. Ryan, MD**, commented at its release. [www.preventblindness.org](http://www.preventblindness.org).

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The **Addiction Project**, a 14-part documentary created by **HBO, National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism** and the **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation**, received the Governors Award from the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. See [www.hbo.com/addiction](http://www.hbo.com/addiction).

## RESEARCH Takes Cents

That would fund the CDC for more than two years!

SOURCE: AD AGE 16 JULY 2007; CDC FY07

Amount the Harry Potter franchise has grossed worldwide:

**\$15 billion**

# ComingUp

October 9, 2007—Presentation of Research!America's **Eugene Garfield Economic Impact of Medical and Health Research Award**, Washington, DC.

October 22-25, 2007—**AcademyHealth's Health Policy Orientation Program**. Washington, DC.  
[www.academyhealth.org/orientation](http://www.academyhealth.org/orientation).

October 29-31, 2007—The 2nd **End-to-End Preparedness for Pandemic Influenza Conference**, "Extending the Enterprise," Washington, DC. <http://infocastinc.com/pand07.html>.

November 16, 2007—**Transforming Health: Fulfilling the Promise of Research**, presented by the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America and Research!America. Washington, DC.

November 19, 2007—Third annual **Public Health Thank You Day** to recognize the nation's public health heroes.  
[www.publichealththankyouday.org](http://www.publichealththankyouday.org).

December 2-4, 2007—**PRIM&R 2007 Annual HRPP Conference: Human Research Protection Programs in an Evolving Research Landscape**. Boston.

# Advocacy & Action

## Urge the Presidential Candidates to Speak Out on Health

Research!America recently invited presidential candidates to participate in **Your Candidates—Your Health: Presidential Primaries 2008**. Now it's your turn. Tell the candidates that their positions on health and research issues are important to you and your community.

Please visit [www.yourcandidatesyourhealth.org](http://www.yourcandidatesyourhealth.org) and write to one or all of the campaigns. Let the candidates know that you want to see their responses to the **Your Candidates—Your Health: Presidential Primaries** questionnaire.

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