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Someone to talk to...  
who understands!



Dear Friends and Us TOO Support Group/Chapter Leaders,

Last month, I mentioned we would be sharing new information on advanced disease and a new committee with an important mission!! Hopefully by now you have seen the new Advanced Disease Kit, two books from Dr. Mark Moyad, as well as his letter announcing the new EAPPCa Committee. We have been preparing and mailing the material this week and last. We have also made available a bookmark which highlights the new kit for you to use as a marketing tool in your communities.

Some details about the kit appear in one of the cover stories in the August *HotSheet* along with other exciting news such as the announcement at the end of June that Medicare will be paying for Provenge. I want to thank those of you who helped raise the issue of equal access to this new treatment by signing the petition we helped circulate, by calling or contacting your elected official or even testifying at the CMS MEDCAC meeting. We did make a difference and you helped!!

There is also a cover page article on clinical trial news from MD-3100, another exciting treatment option for advanced prostate cancer. This is indeed a time of hope in our battle. I believe Dr. Moyad and our new committee can help us make a difference as other new options come on-line. Also as Dr. Moyad mentioned in his letter, access to abiraterone (Zytiga) was a focus for him and others. As a reminder, there is a clinical trial site worth visiting for access to this treatment.

<http://www.clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT01314118?term=prostate+cancer%2Cabiraterone&rank=19>

You will also note that we have placed an update on changes to the Us TOO website on page 5 which shows the new Advanced Disease Kit is also available on-line, new information for veterans and new information on the new Prostate Cancer Roundtable website for example. I have heard from many of you about working together more, we are dedicated to this and much progress has been made because of our increasing collaborations on the policy side. Visit the site and look for our new logo.



<http://www.prostatecancerroundtable.net/>

As we look ahead, Us TOO's August 19-20, 2011 Us TOO University Conference registration is now on the Us TOO website, sign up today...I hope to see you there! It is a great time to meet your fellow volunteers and activists, share your questions and experiences and help shape the future of Us TOO.

Thanks,

Thomas N. Kirk, President and CEO



PS. I hope you like the look of our new letterhead

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