

Redes launches national screening PSA campaign



Images from *Redes* cancer screening PSA campaign

Redes En Acción has unveiled six new public service announcements (PSAs) designed to educate Latinos about the importance of early screening in detecting breast, cervical and colorectal cancers.

The new PSAs can be viewed on the *Redes En Acción* [Web site](#) and also via the new *SaludToday* [Web site](#), which aims to promote healthier lifestyles among Latinos (see story on Page 2).

In the coming weeks, the new PSAs also will be distributed to television stations across the country.

The public service announcements were produced by *Redes En Acción* in both Spanish and English. The culturally relevant TV spots, funded by the National Cancer Institute (Grant No. U01 CA114657), show the benefits of preventive screening for breast, cervical and colorectal cancer among Latinos.

“We’re extremely excited to launch a

national Latino cancer public awareness campaign with these new PSAs,” said *Redes* Principal Investigator Amelie G. Ramirez, DrPH, director of the Institute for Health Promotion Research at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.

“Latinos are at a disadvantage when it comes to being in good health, so we want to raise awareness about disparities and prompt behavioral changes to improve Latino health.”

The national *Redes En Acción* public awareness campaign will encourage Latinos to learn more about how they can protect themselves from cancer. The PSAs and accompanying print materials are being developed in partnership with the NCI’s Cancer Information Service (CIS).

The 30-second TV spots encourage people to learn more about screening tests available for breast, cervical and

colorectal cancers by calling the CIS toll-free telephone number (1-800-4CANCER).

The public education campaign addresses priority cancers and cancer issues facing the Latino population, as outlined in the *Latino Cancer Report*, which was produced by *Redes En Acción*. The report found that access to care (and screening) was the number one issue and that the most important cancer sites with regard to Latinos are breast, cervical and lung cancers.

By topic, the PSAs focus on:

- Breast cancer – one promoting regular mammograms for women 40 and older, and a second PSA developed for younger Latina women with a strong family history of breast cancer
- Cervical cancer – one PSA promoting Pap tests and another focusing on the vaccine that can be taken beginning

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Redes En Acción: The National Latino Cancer Research Network is a major Community Networks Program initiative supported by the National Cancer Institute.

The primary purpose is to create a national and regional infrastructure for collaboration among grassroots leaders, local communities, researchers and public health professionals to stimulate cancer control research, training and awareness. Through network activities, *Redes En Acción* is establishing training and research opportunities for Latino students and researchers, generating research projects on key cancer issues impacting Latinos and supporting cancer awareness activities.

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Latino health *SaludToday* Web site unveiled

A new Latino health blog and Web site, *SaludToday*, will use cutting-edge technologies to promote healthier lifestyles among Latinos.

The innovative and interactive endeavor was developed by the Institute for Health Promotion Research (IHPR) at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (UTHSCSA), which coordinates *Redes En Acción*.

The Web site, www.SaludToday.com, features a blog about Latino cancer, obesity and other health topics, as well as videos, resources and the capability for people to share their own success stories, from beating cancer to losing weight to quitting smoking.

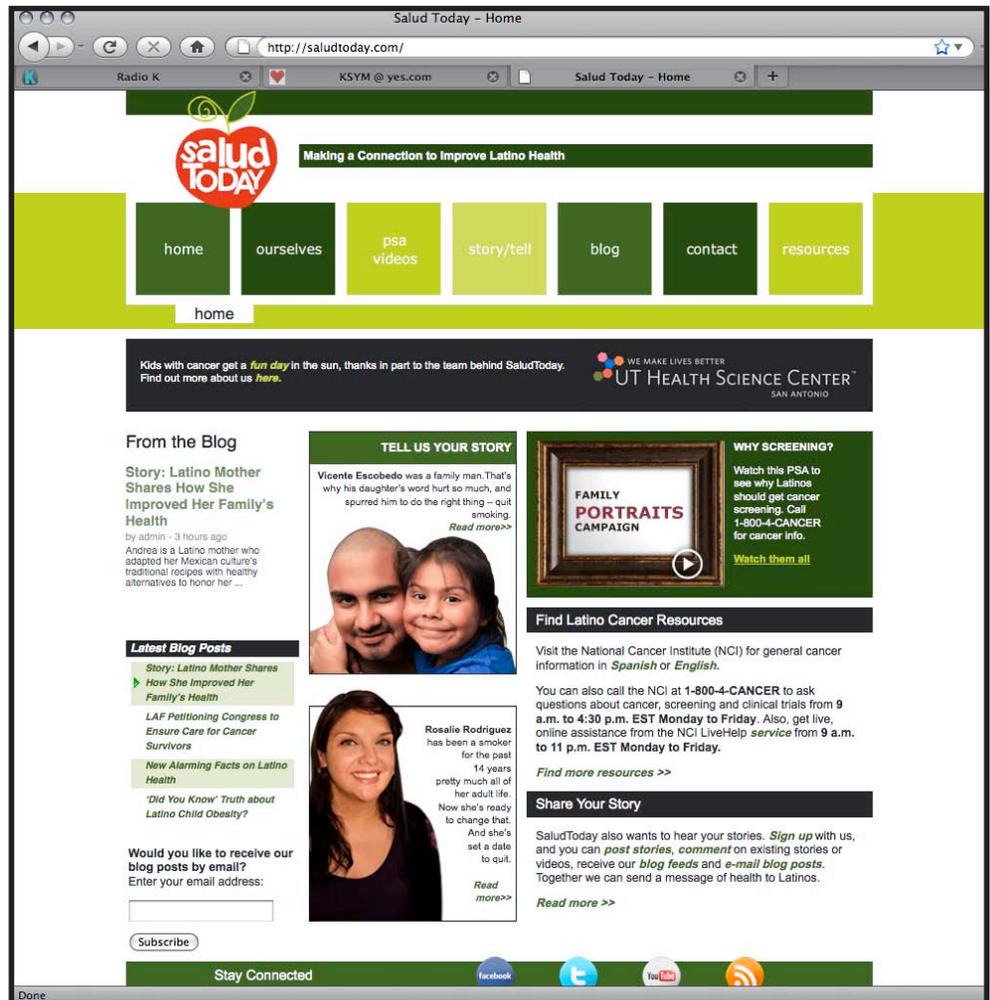
The blog also feeds social media sites, including [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#).

The IHPR outreach effort aims to catalyze Latino families, community leaders and health researchers to reduce and prevent health disparities.

“By bringing Latinos the latest stories, news and events regarding Latino health through a blog and social media and encouraging them to contribute their own insight and stories, we hope we can make huge leaps in improving Latino health,” said *Redes En Acción* Principal Investigator Amelie G. Ramirez, DrPH, director of the IHPR.

SaludToday elements include:

- **Latino Health Blog.** The *SaludToday* blog gathers the latest news, videos and research on many Latino health topics, such as cancer, obesity and cultural issues. The blog simultaneously feeds [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#) pages to feature stories about Latino life and health, from Latino cancer research to exercise interventions for Latino youths to personal accounts of Latinos who have quit smoking.



- **PSA Videos.** *SaludToday* features six new public service announcements (PSAs) produced by *Redes En Acción* in Spanish and English promoting screening for breast, cervical and colorectal cancer among Latinos (see story on Page 1).
- **Sharing Stories.** *SaludToday* offers a variety of stories about Latinos who have overcome obstacles to beat disease or improve their health. The Web site also offers people the capacity to post their own photos and stories, receive our blog feeds, and vote in health polls.
- **Latino Health Resources.** *SaludToday* also aims to link Latinos with the

latest information and resources on health. For example, a person can find out how to get local or national cancer information in Spanish, find out the best steps to take to quit tobacco, or find a cancer clinical trial near them. Resources include *Redes En Acción*, the National Cancer Institute, American Cancer Society, *Salud America!* The RWJF Research Network to Prevent Obesity Among Latino Children, and the Cancer Therapy & Research Center at UTHSCSA. To learn more about the blog and *SaludToday* Web site, e-mail IHPR by clicking on this [link](#) or visit our Web site at this [link](#).

AWARENESS

Mercedes Renee Soto, San Diego, California

A passion for helping others

In her “day job,” Mercedes Renee Soto serves as a health educator in the Health and Research Promotion Research Department of San Ysidro Health Centers.

“It gives me a great feeling of satisfaction to work for an organization where I can help raise awareness and help the Latino community by providing services, education and resources to those in need,” she says. “I believe that patient education is critical. In raising awareness we can begin to decrease the high disease rates affecting Latino communities.”

But Mercedes’s public health activities don’t end at 5:00. Indeed, they’re just beginning. You see, for this dedicated professional, helping others isn’t just a job – it’s a lifestyle. In her free time, she volunteers for such groups as the American



Cancer Society, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and the Cancer Care Ministry at the Rock Church in San Diego.

Mercedes, who has a psychology degree, had served as a volunteer throughout college – helping the elderly, the mentally disabled and elementary school kids. But her life changed dramatically when, at the age of 24, she was diagnosed with leukemia.

Her treatment was long and arduous: intense chemotherapy, blood transfusions, chemotherapy spinal taps, total body irradiation and, finally, a bone marrow transplant. Complications ensued and she was put in an induced coma due to respiratory lung failure. After 31 days in the intensive care unit and months of rehab, she was released from the hospital. February of 2010 marks a happy milestone: five years in cancer-free remission.

“My personal experience with cancer steered me in a new direction,” says Mercedes. “I became motivated to help cancer patients in any way that I could.”

And, oh yes, in what’s left of her free time, she’s also returned to college. “I am currently pursuing a degree in nursing and following my passion to help cancer patients.”

TRAINING

Leticia Márquez-Magaña, PhD, San Francisco, California

Mentoring for diversity in science

In the past 15 years as a researcher at San Francisco State University, Dr. Leticia Márquez-Magaña has worked with world-class scientists and earned praise and respect for her investigative skills. But just as important – perhaps even moreso – has been her impact on the many minority students who have worked in her laboratory.

“The mentoring of students is one of my most profoundly rewarding activities at SF State,” she says. “In fact, I measure my personal and professional success as a research professor by the number of individuals I help to reach their true potential, instead of the number of papers I publish or the grants I am awarded.”

As Health Equity Institute Professor of Biology at SFSU, Dr. Márquez-Magaña is part of a committed team dedicated to the study of health and health disparities through transdisciplinary research that includes basic, clinical, behavioral and social sciences. Her current research interests lie in



transdisciplinary approaches for the study of cancer disparities.

Her work at SFSU has been well-funded and has led to several publications co-authored by minority student investigators. Importantly, it has also led to the training of more than 50 underrepresented minority students in her laboratory, allowing Dr. Márquez-Magaña to realize her dream of mentoring for diversity in science. In 2001, she was awarded the prestigious AAAS Mentor Award by the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

“Latino health disparities in the U.S. are the result of a complex set of issues that require a well-trained scientific and health care workforce that is committed to their elimination,” says Dr. Márquez-Magaña. “The appropriate training and mentorship of students, especially Latino students, will lead to the development of a scientific and health care workforce that is equipped to solve the problems that underlie Latino health disparities.”

New CNP initiative set for 2010 launch

The National Cancer Institute has announced plans to implement a new Community Networks Program (CNP) initiative next year, with up to \$117.85 million in funding to support national and regional centers across the country.

The program will provide up to 23 awards nationwide from 2010 to 2015, according to a funding opportunity announcement issued by the Department of Health and Human Services for *Community Networks Program (CNP) – Centers for Reducing Cancer Disparities through Outreach, Research and Training*.

In effect, the initiative provides

continuity to the current CNP effort, which was originally funded for five years in 2005.

Over that period, *Redes En Acción*: The National Latino Cancer Research Network has been one of six national centers supported by the original CNP initiative. Prior to that time – from 2000 to 2005 – *Redes En Acción* was a national component of the NCI’s Special Populations Networks (SPN) initiative, a predecessor to the CNP.

The CNP is designed to address the cancer burden in racial / ethnic minorities and other underserved populations, using community-based

participatory research to reduce specific cancer disparities through research, training and outreach.

The CNP will include projects that address health disparities affecting various racial / ethnic minorities (e.g., Hispanics / Latinos, African Americans, Asians, Pacific Islanders, American Indians and Alaska Natives) and other underserved populations (e.g., Appalachians, rural and low socioeconomic status groups).

Of the centers to be funded, up to five will be national in scope. The remainder will be regional centers.

The earliest anticipated start date for the new CNP is July 2010.

RESEARCH

Sandra E. Echeverría, PhD, Piscataway, New Jersey

Neighborhoods and health

Dr. Sandra E. Echeverría’s research focuses on examining the social determinants of health, particularly the role of neighborhood characteristics in patterning chronic disease outcomes.

She is currently investigating association of neighborhoods and cancer staging and cancer survival in urban centers. She is working on both empirical and conceptual papers describing how neighborhoods may pattern cancer outcomes generally and among racial / ethnic groups specifically.

Born in Ecuador, Dr. Echeverría received her PhD in Epidemiology from Columbia University in 2006 and is now Assistant Professor of Epidemiology (tenure-track) at University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey’s School of Public Health.

“My previous work has shown that neighborhood socioeconomic condition is associated with a range of health outcomes,” she said. A recent study showed “significant associations between advanced-stage breast cancer and poor neighborhoods.”

Dr. Echeverría’s research received a boost from *Redes En*

Acción when she earned a Junior Faculty Award for a project, *A Local Area Analysis of Racial, Ethnic and Neighborhood Disparities in Breast Cancer Staging*.

She is currently completing a follow-up study of cancer survival by neighborhood of residence in a large urban center, examining contextual associations with breast, cervical, colorectal and prostate cancer.

“Preliminary results suggest that there is sufficient variability in neighborhood socioeconomic condition *within* urban centers and that this in turn patterns survival differently for different groups of the population,” Dr. Echeverría notes.

Her career goal is to translate research findings into health interventions and policy initiatives that can directly improve the health of disadvantaged populations.



AROUND REDES

Northwest Region

Anna Nápoles, PhD, was presented the *Robert H. Crede Award for Excellence in Clinical Research, Division of General Internal Medicine (DGIM)* at the University of California, San Francisco. The Robert H. Crede Awards provide the faculty and staff of DGIM an opportunity to recognize their co-workers for their dedication and service to the division, students, patients and the community. Dr. Nápoles is a *Redes En Acción* Northwest Region co-investigator.

Eliseo Pérez-Stable, MD, co-principal investigator of the *Redes En Acción* Northwest Region, is the recipient of the National Medical Fellowships' 2009 Humanitarian Award. National Medical Fellowships is dedicated to improving the health of low-income and minority communities by increasing the representation of minority physicians, educators, researchers, policymakers and health care administrators in the United States; training minority medical students to address the special needs of their communities; and educating the public and policymakers to health problems and needs of underserved populations.

Southeast Region

Redes En Acción National Steering Committee member **Venus Ginés** is in the media spotlight for her work with *Día de la Mujer Latina*, a nonprofit Latina health education organization she founded. The headline of the article on abcnews.com is *LEAVE YOUR MARK: Cancer Crusader*. The article says, "This Puerto Rican cancer crusader has made it her life's mission to look out for the health and lives of Latinas all over the country." An editor's note reads, "Read more about Venus Ginés's battle with breast cancer in



the December issue of *Selecciones* magazine, on newsstands November 17th. And learn about Venus's brilliant 'health fiestas' aimed at educating Latinas all over the United States and Puerto Rico about breast and cervical cancer." See the article [here](#).

Northeast Region

Redes En Acción program consultant **Elena Rios, MD**, was named one of the 100 most influential Hispanics for 2009 by *Hispanic Business* magazine. Dr. Rios is president and CEO of the National Hispanic Medical Association. The complete list of "influentials" and their profiles are in the October issue of *Hispanic Business*.

Elda Railey, Redes En Acción National Steering Committee member, has authored an article in the National Cancer Institute's *Clinical Proteomic Technologies for Cancer* newsletter entitled *An Advocate's Perspective: A Response to 'The Promise and the Reality of Proteomics' Webinar*. Railey, co-founder of the Research Advocacy Network, discusses how proteomics is helping to realize the promise of personalized medicine in cancer detection and treatment.

The *Redes En Acción* Northeast Region's Annual Regional Advisory Committee Meeting / Cancer Conference focused on the theme *Cancer Prevention in the Latino Community*. Presentations included Cancer, Culture and Latinos; Breast Cancer Screening among Latinas: Psychosocial, Cultural and Controversies; The Role of Social Support in Cancer Screenings; and Defining and Targeting Healthcare Access Barriers to Cancer Prevention.

In other Northeast Region news, *Redes En Acción* Co-PI **J. Emilio Carrillo, MD** recently appeared on National Public Radio (NPR) *Science Friday*. He discussed *Redes En Acción* in a show focusing on *Latinos and Cancer*.

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- at age 9 to protect Latinas from the human papillomavirus (HPV), which causes cervical cancer
- Colorectal cancer – two PSAs raising awareness of the test for colorectal cancer – one TV spot specifically for men and the other for women

This is the second national cancer awareness campaign developed by *Redes En Acción* aimed at the Latino population. In 2001, under the Special Populations Networks initiative of NCI, *Redes En Acción* produced a series of PSAs

promoting Latino clinical trial participation. These PSAs can also be viewed on the *Redes En Acción* and *SaludToday* Web sites.

As in the earlier campaign, the new PSAs are culturally appropriate and rely on the knowledge and talents of a team of experts. Before final production, the PSAs were pre-tested by a representative sample of the target audience.

"Educating the Latino community about cancer is a major facet of the



Redes En Acción mission," said Dr. Ramirez. "These new PSAs will help raise awareness by showing how we can all learn more and take action to protect ourselves and our families from this disease."

Redes Pilot Projects

A WARDEE SPOTLIGHT:

Dr. Martin Perez

Had Dr. Martin Perez remained on his original education path, he'd likely be a lawyer today. But a fortuitous decision to double major in college offered new interests and opened new doors – and has led to a successful research and clinical psychology career.

"I was actually on track to become an attorney, but while at the University of California, Irvine, I had the option to double major in criminology and psychology," he recalls. "Ultimately, I became much more interested in the psychological aspects of human functioning."

Today he's in private practice in Pasadena, California. His practice, Martin A. Perez, PhD & Associates, a professional clinical psychology corporation, provides comprehensive adult and child psychological services.

Somewhere between college and private practice, a fruitful association with *Redes En Acción* played a role in shaping events in his life, said Dr. Perez.

"*Redes* provided me with mentored opportunities to gain skills in grant writing, conducting quantitative and qualitative research with underserved Latino samples," he said. "And *Redes* opened professional doors for me to direct my own clinical psychology consultation practice that specializes in the psychological treatment of Latinos and their loved ones who are distressed due to cancer or other medical illnesses."

While a psychology practice has been a goal since choosing a health career path, Dr. Perez also wanted to establish credentials as a research psychologist, particularly in the area of psycho-oncology.

He began his post-doctoral training as a Fellow in Psycho-Oncology in the Department of Supportive Care and Palliative Medicine at City of Hope National Comprehensive Cancer Center in Duarte, California. City of Hope allowed the opportunity for his clinical

work to influence his research.

"Similarly, my research allowed me to bring a scientific and inquiring stance to my clinical work with cancer patients and their loved ones," he said.

During his eight-year tenure at City of Hope, Dr. Perez was promoted to co-director of the Department of Psychology, and with the support of *Redes En Acción*, he was able to conduct two pilot studies – one focusing on the role of Latino culture in coping with cancer and the other with the ways Latinas cope with the process of genetic cancer risk assessment for breast and ovarian cancer.

Dr. Perez holds the distinction of being the only investigator to be granted multiple *Redes En Acción* pilot project awards, which are funded by the National Cancer Institute. Both studies aimed to provide data to guide clinical interventions and program development, according to Dr. Perez.

"Although I did not know it at the time, my experiences at City of Hope and the *Redes*-sponsored research created a focus in clinical consultation with a specific focus providing services to an often ignored population – Latino cancer patients," he said.

Dr. Perez says his research has afforded an opportunity to formally establish an area of emphasis in providing psychological treatment to Latinos facing cancer. At the same time, it opened doors to join multidisciplinary clinical teams that wanted a Spanish-speaking clinical psychologist with this expertise.

"Data from my research also helped me hone my clinical evaluation of patients, developing specific questions and areas of clinical focus based on our findings – for example, types of coping, time-points of the illness trajectory when patients may be more vulnerable, and information-seeking behaviors."

Asked if he believes his research

Martin A. Perez,
PhD & Associates



Adult Services

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- Treatment of pre-illness depression and anxiety
- Couples counseling to enhance relationship functioning
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Consultation Services

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experience – and his *Redes* experience, in particular – will help enable him to reach his career goals, Dr. Perez is quick to respond.

"Absolutely! I'm living it right now," he said. "My *Redes*-sponsored research has allowed me to develop an expertise in providing clinical psychology services to Latino cancer patients. The research experience created academic experiences that gave me exposure, mentoring and growth in this area.

"From there I was able to establish myself as a clinician who provided psychological treatment to Latinos with cancer. My connections and reputation grew and I was able to pursue a vision to create my own psychology clinic with this area of specialization."

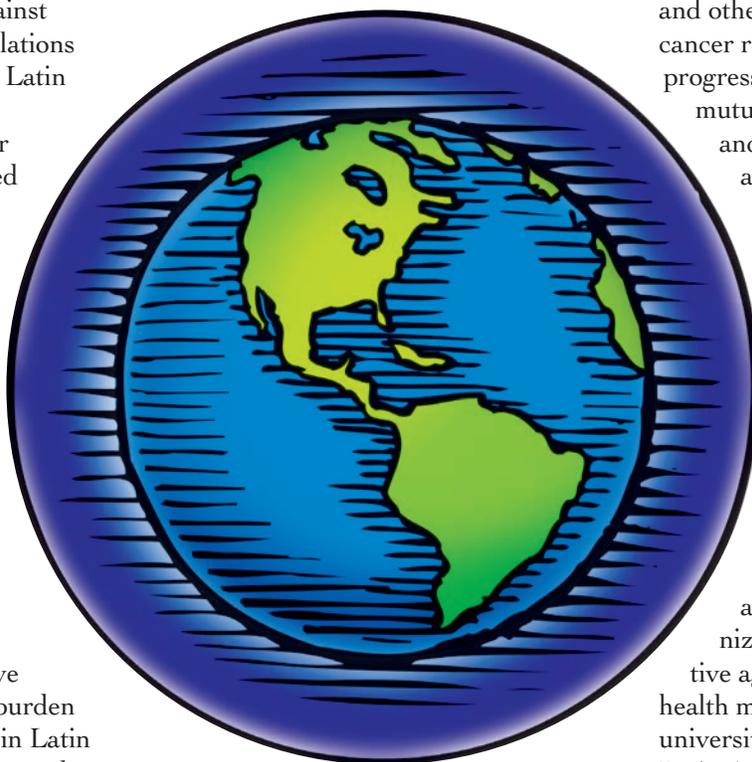
NCI partners with other countries to improve Latino cancer research

To accelerate progress against cancer in Hispanic populations in the United States and Latin America and improve cancer research, the National Cancer Institute (NCI) has formalized bilateral partnerships with the governments of Mexico, Argentina, Chile, Brazil and Uruguay.

NCI Director John E. Niederhuber, MD, signed formal letters of intent to collaborate in cancer research efforts. These countries and the United States comprise the United States-Latin America Cancer Research Network (US-LA CRN), which is committed to developing a comprehensive understanding of the cancer burden among Hispanic populations in Latin America and the United States and to enhancing the cancer research and care infrastructures in both regions.

In Latin America, cancer is among the top three deadliest diseases, and its incidence in these countries continues to rise. Cancer also takes a large toll on Hispanic / Latino populations in the United States. It is estimated that the U.S. Hispanic population will climb to nearly 60 million and represent approximately 19 percent of the U.S. population by 2020. Reducing the burden of cancer in this country and abroad will depend heavily on understanding and controlling cancer in this population.

Spearheaded by NCI's Office of Latin American Cancer Program Development (OLACPD), this research network will support the co-development of programs in three broad scientific areas: 1) cancer research and clinical trials, 2) multi-national and multidisciplinary training



programs, and 3) technology and capacity building.

The Latin American countries and the United States will link their research efforts through the cancer Biomedical Informatics Grid, an information network enabling the US-LA CRN members to share data and knowledge. Network participants will also initiate pilot projects to expand research efforts and improve the delivery of cutting-edge cancer treatments to patients in the United States and Latin America.

The OLACPD was launched in 2008 as an innovative partnership between the NCI and the National Institutes of Health's Fogarty International Center to support and enhance cancer research and care in Latin America.

The mission of OLACPD is to develop appropriate strategies, research and training programs,

and other actions needed to advance cancer research and accelerate progress in reducing cancer for the mutual benefit of the United States and Latin America. OLACPD achieves its mission by collaborating with government agencies, researchers and organizations to support a comprehensive and coordinated effort.

The OLACPD coordinates, develops and administers multidisciplinary cancer research programs for Latin America in partnerships with other U.S. government agencies and nonprofit organizations. It promotes collaborative agreements with the national health ministries, research institutions, universities and scientists throughout Latin America.

The OLACPD program also promotes development of a high-caliber workforce in Latin America by providing opportunities for training and education. The overall goal of the training program is to create a cadre of basic and clinical scientists who will, over time, assume leadership for the advancement of cancer research in their respective countries.

The capacity-building program strengthens sustainability for Latin American nations by facilitating the acquisition of appropriate tools, providing access to needed information, enhancing communication among investigators, and improving the research infrastructure in the region.

For more information about the Office of Latin American Cancer Program Development or the United States-Latin America Cancer Research Network, visit this [Web site](#).

NEW PROJECTS / NUEVOS PROYECTOS

Project will study risk, protective factors in Hispanic health



Southeast Region

A two-year complementary study to the Hispanic Community Health Study / Study of Latinos (HCHS / SOL) at the University of Miami will examine varied risk and protective factors in Hispanic health, particularly cardiovascular disease (CVD) risk and prevalence.

Title of the study is *Ancillary to HCHS / SOL: Sociocultural Factors and CVD risk / prevalence in Hispanics*.

A goal is to provide much-needed information on the role of socioeconomic status, sociocultural and psychosocial factors that can guide future prevention and intervention efforts for the Hispanic population overall and for distinct Hispanic subgroups.

Co-Principal Investigator Frank Penedo, PhD, notes that to date, little research has examined these variables in relation to CVD in Latinos, the largest and fastest-growing ethnic minority population in the United States. To fully understand CVD and other health issues in Hispanics, additional evidence exploring these associations is needed. Dr. Penedo is *Redes En Acción* Co-PI for the Southeast Region.

The research will be conducted in a sub-sample of participants from HCHS / SOL, an epidemiologic study of the prevalence of multiple health conditions and their risk factors, with a special emphasis on CVD. The HCHS / SOL will include 16,000 persons of Cuban, Puerto Rican, Mexican and Central / South American origin, recruited from four U.S. field centers (San Diego, Miami, Chicago and New York/The Bronx).

HCHS / SOL is supported by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute.

Northwest Region

A new three-year study will evaluate a breast cancer risk education (BCRE) intervention in a primary care setting. The project is entitled *Breast Cancer Risk Reduction: A Patient-Doctor Intervention*. Study principal investigator is Celia Kaplan, DrPH, of the University of California, San Francisco.

The intervention will be culturally tailored and targeted toward Latina women.

Two hypotheses will be tested:

- 1) Women and physicians in the BCRE intervention group will indicate high rates of satisfaction with the format and content of the intervention, and
- 2) Women in the BCRE intervention group, as compared to those in the control group, will report increased knowledge of risk reduction options, accurate perception of own risk, greater participation in patient-physician discussion of breast cancer risk and recommendations of risk reductions based on patient risk, and more up-to-date mammography screening.

The study, supported by a \$750,000 grant from the California Breast Cancer Research Program, runs through August 31, 2012.

A second study directed by Dr. Kaplan will comprehensively examine the factors that facilitate or hinder participation in prostate cancer trials by examining patients' attitudes, physicians' perceived barriers, characteristics of prostate trials and sites, and broader community indicators.

To achieve this goal, all active prostate cancer clinical trials in 2008 in the greater San Francisco Bay Area and Los Angeles counties will be identified through clinical trial search engines sponsored by the [National Cancer Institute](#) and the National Library of Medicine (clinicaltrials.gov).

Title of the study is *Minorities and Clinical Trials: Patients, Physicians, Clinical Trial Characteristics and their Environment*.

Research team members at the trial sites will be contacted and sites will be characterized based on cultural competence and outreach efforts. In addition, researchers will identify 800 Latino, Asian American, Black, and White patients through the California Cancer Registry who were newly diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2008.

These men will be invited to participate in a telephone survey to assess their knowledge of and participation in clinical trials. During the interviews, patients will be asked to identify their "most influential" physicians in making treatment decisions. To assess the usual practices of physicians, researchers will contact these physicians and mail them a brief self-administered paper survey.

Finally, the prostate cancer clinical trial environment will be examined using publicly available sources of demographic, social and community characteristics data.

The project, funded by a \$579,375 grant from the Department of Defense / USAMRC, runs through July 31, 2011.

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