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President's Message

As we head into the longer days of summer, we can contemplate more waking hours to work towards the goals of the National Alliance of State Prostate Cancer Coalitions! Our **bi-monthly PROSTATEPEDIA Magazine and our weekly PROSTATEPEDIA DIGEST** Issues continue as the Gold Standard for prostate cancer education; our recently published March/April Issue of the Magazine (in Flipping Book version) covered “IMAGING”, and the May/June Issue will be on “ADVANCED PROSTATE CANCER” including BAT, PARP Inhibition and other treatments for advanced disease. To serve as a continuing resource, PROSTATEPEDIA Magazine Issues are also archived on our website, www.naspcc.org. NASPCC continues to hear that PROSTATEPEDIA is an outstanding resource for patients and physicians.

NASPCC continues its Webinar Series with Dr. Neeraj Agarwal of the Huntsman Institute discussing “**CLINICAL TRIALS WITH PARP INHIBITION**” on Thursday, June 15 at 7:00 pm Eastern. All of our Webinars are archived on our website after each presentation, and this includes both the recordings and the slides.

We had our 2nd Quarterly Board Meeting on April 18, and the next (3rd Quarterly) Board Meeting will take place on July 18. Also, our Executive Committee Calls continue on the 1st Tuesday of every month. As always, the Executive Committee manages the day-to-day operations of NASPCC. Guests are welcome to listen in for both the Board and EC Calls as long as they identify themselves.

NASPCC just introduced its revised [Informed Decision-Making Laminates](#), which was the first Laminates of our series. We have also completed several others: “PSA AND PROSTATE CANCER”; “NON-METASTATIC CRPC”; “METASTATIC HSPC”; “MOLECULAR IMAGING” and “IMMUNOTHERAPY”. Next up for production are “TESTING”; “PAIN MANAGEMENT IN ADVANCED PROSTATE CANCER”; “THERANOSTICS”; “BONE HEALTH”; and “GENETICS IN PROSTATE CANCER”. Completed Laminates are personally distributed and are also on our website; they can also each be downloaded as a pdf.

Our work continues! Wishing all of you a healthy, relaxing and productive summer.

Respectfully,

Merel Nissenberg

NASPCC WEBINAR JUNE 15, 2023

www.nasppc.org

CLINICAL TRIALS IN PROSTATE CANCER USING PARP INHIBITORS

7:00 - 8:00 pm CST

This Webinar will help Patients engage in better-shared decision-making with their Physicians.

Dr. Neeraj Aggarwal is a Professor of Medicine and a Presidential-Endowed Chair of Cancer Research at the Huntsman Cancer Institute (HCI) at the University of Utah. He also directs the Genitourinary Oncology Program and the Center of Investigational Therapeutics (CIT) at the Huntsman Cancer Institute.

Dr. Aggarwal has authored more than 375 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters. He serves as a panel member for the NCCN and ASCO Guidelines Committees in GU cancers; Chief Editor of the ASCO Daily News; specialty editor for ASCO's cancer.net site; and is a member of the ASCO Genitourinary Cancers Advisory Panel. He was recently appointed the Senior Director for Clinical Research Innovation at the Huntsman.



SPEAKER

Neeraj Aggarwal, MD
Huntsman Cancer Institute in Salt
Lake City

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NASPCC ANNUAL MEETING 2023

NASPCC 18th Annual Meeting

Washington,
DC at the
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In Memoriam
Alan W. Partin, M.D., Ph.D,
Brady Urological Institute at Johns
Hopkins

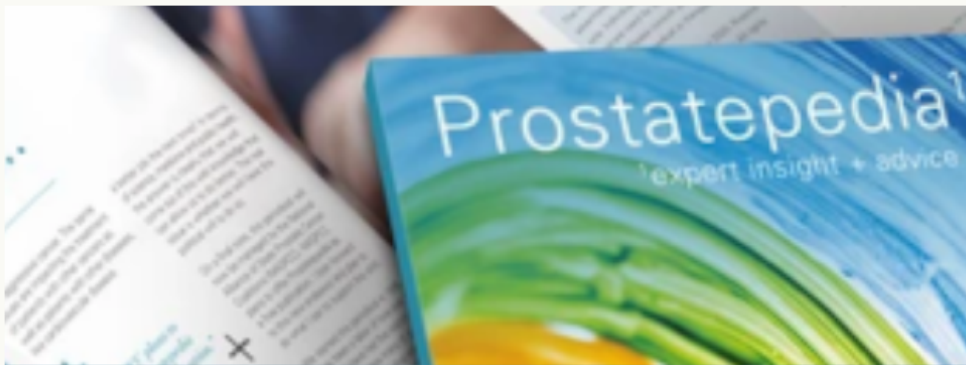
It is with extreme sadness that we announce the passing of Dr. Alan Partin, 62, one of the most eminent urologists and experts in prostate cancer, on March 28, 2023, and a friend to the National Alliance of State Prostate Cancer Coalitions. Dr. Partin was the Jakurski Family Director of the Brady Urological Institute, urologist-in-chief for The Johns Hopkins Hospital, and Director of their Department of Urology from 2004-2022.

Dr. Partin was an exemplary physician-scientist, prostate surgeon, and scholar whose work throughout his career was guided by a desire to help patients. He is renowned for developing the “Partin Tables” used to predict prognosis for prostate cancer patients, and for developing several unique tests used to identify and track prostate cancer, such as the Prostate Health Index. He was always available and willing to help patients, to answer questions, and to give sage advice. Dr. Partin contributed to more than 600 scientific articles and was a member of many societies, including the American Cancer Society, the AMA, the AUA, the Society of Urologic Oncology (SUO), and the Clinical Society of Genitourinary Surgeons. His work on the Partin Tables enabled physicians to better predict the pathological stage from clinical (pre-surgery) variables, leading to more appropriate treatments which can be tailored to each patient.

In October 2018 NASPCC awarded Dr. Alan Partin an Award for Excellence in Prostate Cancer, and we hosted both Dr. Partin and his wife Vicky at our Reception in Washington, DC for the presentation. In December 2022, the “Alan W. Partin, M.D., Ph.D, Professorship in Urology” was established at Johns Hopkins to support a faculty member’s research to develop diagnostic tools, treatments, and cures for prostate cancer. NASPCC is so grateful



RESOURCES




The image shows the cover of the Prostatepedia magazine. The cover is blue and green with the title 'Prostatepedia' in white and 'expert insight + advice' in smaller text below it. The background of the cover features a stylized green and yellow graphic.

Prostatepedia

Prostatepedia features informal conversations with doctors, patients, and activists about prostate cancer. Each month they tackle a different topic facing prostate cancer patients today—from how imaging has impacted treatment to dealing with erectile dysfunction after radiation or surgery to the evolving field of immunotherapy.

[Learn More](#)



NEW LAMINATED RESOURCES

NASPCC has published a series of free durable double-sided informative resources for patients and for physicians. Please feel free to read, download, print and share these PDFs. Informed Decision Making (PDF), Immunotherapy in Prostate Cancer (PDF), Imaging in Prostate Cancer (PDF) Prostate-Specific Antigen (PSA) and Prostate Cancer (PDF) Non-Metastatic Castrate-Resistant Prostate Cancer (nmCRPC) (PDF) Metastatic Castrate-Sensitive Prostate Cancer (mCSPC)

[Learn More](#)

Tips for Strengthening your Coalitions Work

Members are the lifeblood of your organization or coalition. Without volunteer members the important work we do might be left undone. Therefore, membership recruitment is so important. Interestingly, all organizations face challenges in membership growth. You will find tips below to help recruit and maintain the foundation of your coalition – our MEMBERS.

- *Develop and publicize membership benefits
- *Offer incentives for signing up as a new member
- *Create a referral Program
- * Host a “Bring A Friend” Event or Meeting
- *Recruit members through your website
- *Host a “Family Friendly Event” (pool party, picnic, member brunch)
- *Create a video thank you message for your members
- *Most of ALL make prospective and current members feel valued and appreciated.

"Every Man Needs a Prostate Plan"

"Every Man..." began a year ago as an Arizona Prostate Cancer Coalition tagline and became a billboard campaign aiming to reach our highest-risk population. This year, NASPCC's own Awareness and Education Committee led by Clarence Williamson has adopted the strategic message and billboard tactic, offering them to participating Coalitions nationwide.

But there's more.

us engaged in advocacy to vanquish this disease -- have not done a good job navigating the well-meaning diversity of screening opinions, guidelines, and positions to develop and communicate a consistent, simple, overarching, easily-understood, proactive message to the world. How do we know this? The number of late stage diagnoses. Every man I've known for whom prostate cancer was the cause of death was a late state diagnosis. As a prostate cancer community, we're not making full use of the tools we have today. The single biggest breakthrough we could have, short of an immediate vaccine or cure, would be fully utilizing the tools we have today so that the right people are being screened at the right time for the detection of clinically significant disease.

"Every Man Needs a Prostate Plan" seeks to address our messaging need. No one can do anything in life without a plan, and everybody who has/had a prostate needs to have and follow a prostate plan -- regardless of whether it's for determining one's first screening, active surveillance, definitive therapy, BCR/follow-up, or treatment of metastatic disease. [Here's](#) an example of a simple plan that provides for personalization. It's *a* plan, not *the* plan. I'm sure there are others, probably better ones. The point isn't the plan; it's that every man needs one.

Please join us in sharing the "Every Man Needs A Prostate Plan" message, and encourage others – advocacy groups, physicians, academic medical institutions and hospitals, pharmaceutical firms, etc. -- throughout the prostate cancer advocacy community to do the same. Hopefully, with all of us singing out of the same book together, we'll begin delivering a consistent message to men everywhere and driving down the number of late stage diagnoses.

Questions or to learn more, contact Bruce
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Celebrations!



Happy Birthday

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