

Prostate Institute of America

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Dear Friends,

As some of you may know, I have been interested for some time in the concept of combining cryoablation of the prostate with immune therapy in order to improve our ability to fight prostate cancer. While we know that cryoablation of the prostate by itself is a very effective treatment for localized prostate cancer, we have yet to devise treatments that offer hope to men who have developed stage IV, also known as stage D, or metastatic, cancer.

Therefore I am very excited to be writing to inform you of a research study that we have begun here at the Prostate Institute of America. The study involves the freezing of the prostate gland where cancer is present, followed by the injection into the prostate of tens of millions of dendritic cells that are derived from each patient. I have been actively involved with the development of this treatment the past several years, and am looking forward to conducting this important Phase I/II trial here in the U.S.

Recent years have seen a great deal of excitement develop in the area of immunotherapy for prostate cancer. Our study differs in key ways from other studies, most notably in the sense that we will attempt to use the patient's own prostate cancer itself as the basis for the immunotherapy.

The requirements for this study dictate that patients eligible for study will have cancer in their prostates and up to (but no more than) three metastases that are visible on bone scan or computed tomography (CT). Patients will also have had hormonal therapy to treat their metastatic cancer, which must have stopped working. Patients acceptable for the study must not have had treatment with chemotherapy.

Treatment will be performed at the Prostate Institute of America in Ventura, California, but interested patients are advised to call one of the study coordinators first, as it will be very helpful to review the medical records of potential patients before further work-up.

A more detailed description of the study is available on the world wide web at:
<http://www.clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT00753220?term=NCT00753220&rank=1>

If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Valdes at 888-234-0004 for more information.

Sincerely,

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