



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Colleague,

By now, you should have received an invitation for the following briefing featuring Dr. Richard Burt of Northwestern University, author of a study published in the Feb. 27 issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association* (see U.S. News article below for more information).

REAL STEM CELL TREATMENTS AND ADVANCING SCIENCE

Thursday, March 13, 2008

12 Noon – 1:00 P.M.

HC-9, U.S. Capitol

FEATURED PRESENTER:

Dr. Richard Burt, M.D., Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine
Author, "Clinical Applications of Blood-Derived and Marrow-Derived Stem Cells for Nonmalignant Diseases" (*Journal of the American Medical Association*, 2/27/2008)

PATIENTS SPEAKING:

Barry Goudy, treated for Multiple Sclerosis

Amy Daniels, treated for Systemic Sclerosis

Jill Rosen, treated for Lupus

Light Refreshments Provided

This briefing is open to Members and their staff
Please R.S.V.P. by Tuesday, March 11, to Sherry Crater
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Dr. Burt will present the findings of this groundbreaking project, which examined hundreds of studies that were conducted between January 1997 and December 2007, and found that therapies using blood or bone marrow derived stem cells can successfully and safely treat heart disease and autoimmune disorders. In addition, you will hear first-hand accounts from patients who have successfully undergone this type of treatment. If you have any questions or would like to R.S.V.P. to the briefing, please contact Sherry Crater at smc@frc.org.

As sponsors of the Patients First Act (H.R. 2807), legislation that would prioritize funding for this type of research, we strongly encourage you to attend this event. For more information on the Patients First Act or to support this vital research by cosponsoring this legislation, please contact Carolyn Wise (Forbes) at 5-6365 or Carolyn.Wise@mail.house.gov, or Keith Devereaux (Lipinski) at 5-5701 or Keith.Devereaux@mail.house.gov.

Yours truly,

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