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Organization Fact Sheet

Overview

The Preeclampsia Foundation, founded in 2000, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to reducing maternal and infant illness and death due to preeclampsia and other hypertensive disorders of pregnancy by supporting innovative research, raising public awareness, and helping women access safe reproductive technology, support and care. It is the only patient advocacy organization in the United States dedicated solely to preeclampsia.

The international advocacy group was established by a few individuals who had been either affected by preeclampsia or involved in studying or treating the disease. Foundation co-founders include Anne Garrett, Thomas R. Easterling MD, Joan Lambert and Anil Singh-Molares. Internationally known medical experts on preeclampsia joined the medical board within the first few months of the foundation's inception to help participate in world health advocacy, advance research and development, increase public awareness efforts, and to provide accurate medical guidance for the myriad women seeking the latest information.

Funding partners and sources for the foundation stem from a variety of resources including individual pledges and grants from maternal health, life science and corporate organizations such as the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Apex Foundation, and Microsoft Corporation.

Highlights (2000-2006)

- Online forum has over 3,700 members with 126,210 posts in 14,458 topics (March 2006)
- Produced patient informational brochure and began distribution to doctor's offices, clinics, patients, etc. (12,000 gone out thus far); secured endorsement of Society for Maternal Fetal Medicine for distribution to their membership, June 2005-ongoing
- Successfully launched annual benefit gala – *Saving Grace: A Night of Hope* – to raise awareness and financial support, November 2005
- Participated in special task force to develop Canadian Perinatal Network, September 2005
- Held 2nd Annual Preeclampsia Foundation patient conference at Oglebay Resort in Wheeling, WV, August 2005
- Launched inaugural nationwide walk-a-thon (2,000 walkers in 18 cities) Mother's Day weekend to raise awareness and financial support, May 2005 (on track to repeat success this year)
- Held 1st Annual Preeclampsia Foundation patient conference in Seattle, July 2004
- Participating in a joint research study with the National Institute of Health (NIH), National Institute of Child Health & Human Development (NICHD), 2004-2005

- Received significant grants from the Apex Foundation earmarked for development and special projects, November 2000, March 2001, November 2004
- Received the Dulcian, Inc. grant for development of the National Preeclampsia Registry, August 2003 (production model nearing completion after early technical challenges met).
- Received Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation grant to convene first International Preeclampsia Summit in Seattle, April 2003
- Received significant private donation to improve online information sharing among patients, February 2003
- Spoke at U.S. Senate Press Conference to introduce S.M.A.R.T (Safe Motherhood Act for Research and Treatment), S. 2328/H.R. 4602, April 2002
- Appointed to NIH's National Heart Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI) Public Interest Research Task Force to help prioritize preeclampsia funding at NIH, April 2001
- Launched Web site as primary forum for patient communications, June 2000 (as of March 2005, daily visits exceed 2900 unique visitors, 26 million site hits per year)

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