

NEW WAY TO COMBAT CANCER

ACCORDING TO DOCTOR ELAINE MARDIS, PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR CANCER RESEARCH, THERE'S ACTUALLY GOOD NEWS ABOUT CANCER THESE DAYS. ALONG WITH INCREASING FEDERAL INVESTMENT IN THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH AND OTHER MEDICAL RESEARCH THERE'S ALSO A RECORD NUMBER OF U-S CANCER SURVIVORS, SIXTEEN POINT NINE MILLION. THIS YEAR ALONE HAS SEEN TWENTY-SEVEN NEW CANCER TREATMENTS. ONE INVOLVES A SPECIFIC GENETIC BIOMARKER THAT WORKS REGARDLESS OF THE TYPE OF CANCER. ANOTHER USES THE PATIENT'S OWN IMMUNE SYSTEM TO BATTLE BREAST CANCER. AS FOR THE FUTURE, DOCTOR MARDIS SAYS: (BEGIN *SOUND BITE*): **"THE PROGRESS FROM BASIC RESEARCH INTO CLINICAL TRANSLATION FOR CANCER PATIENTS HAS BEEN ASTOUNDING. FEDERAL FUNDING IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT, WE CAN REALLY DRIVE THE FIGHT AGAINST CANCER FORWARD."** (END *SOUND BITE*) RESEARCHERS ARE POISED TO DELIVER THE NEXT WAVE OF LIFESAVING BREAKTHROUGHS. TO SEIZE THESE OPPORTUNITIES, IT IS VITAL TO ENSURE THAT MEDICAL RESEARCH REMAINS A HIGH PRIORITY FOR POLICY MAKERS. ROBUST ANNUAL INCREASES IN FEDERAL FUNDING WILL PAVE THE WAY FOR THE NEXT MAJOR BREAKTHROUGHS FOR PATIENT CARE. LEARN MORE ONLINE AT CANCER-PROGRESS-REPORT--DOT--ORG.