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President's Corner

I spent some time in August helping my parents move from their home of 44 years to a retirement community. Moving—many of you have done this recently and know what is involved. It takes a lot of planning, coordination, and is painful—no matter how organized you are! You have a “moving date” but it takes a lot of TIME to get prepared, packed, cleaned up and then unpacked! You know that you are moving forward, yet it seems like you are often in “quicksand” until you look behind and see how much has been accomplished!

Changes are necessary when moving. The Executive Board was busy in Minneapolis with discussion and actions to improve our specialty. Your ACVPM is moving toward the future with changes in committee structure, bylaws, and examination time and place.

The ad hoc Committee on Graduate Program Approval developed an evaluation process for review and approval of residency and graduate training programs. In Minneapolis, the Executive Board approved the University of Minnesota Veterinary Public Health Fellowship Program as a recognized ACVPM training program. The decision was made after reviewing the application and program documentation, meeting with the faculty, and a site visit. Congratulations to the coordinators, Drs. Will Hueston (Director) and Marguerite Pappaioanou on an excellent program! Thanks to Drs. Scott Wells, Heather Case, et al. for providing the site visit. This is the first training program to be approved by the ACVPM.

The ACVPM Executive Board will meet in Hershey, PA at the USAHA/AAVLD conference in November. We will sponsor a half day symposium in association with the AAFHV on Sunday, November 6th, on “Assessment of Risk in the Food Supply” with Dr. John Herbold and other speakers from CDC, FDA, USDA, and



Uniformed Services. Please visit our booth and let us know what you think of our newest endeavor.

SPECIAL THANKS to:

- Strategic Planning ad Hoc Committee members: Gary Bowman, Peggy Carter, John Herbold, Roger Krogwold, and Scott Severin. Dave Dreesen added to the discussion in Minneapolis.
- Ad hoc Committee on Graduate Program Approval members: Candace Jacobs (chair), Kelley Donham, Vicky Fogelman, Gary Gackstetter, John Herbold, Terry Lehenbauer, Peter Loizeaux, and Dale Moore.

Congratulations to Gary Bowman, Distinguished Diplomat!

Remember to encourage your colleagues to apply in February for the Board Certification Examination in Columbus, Ohio June 15-16!

Thanks for your support.
Mooving and ruminating,
Patty Scharko

Ad Hoc Graduate Program Review Committee Site Visitors



ACVPM Welcomes 14 New Diplomates

Marianne Ash—Lafayette, Indiana
 Michael L. Bonhage—Silver Spring, Maryland
 Todd A. Collins—Rockville, Maryland
 Tiffany S. Cottrell—Frederick, Maryland
 Gundula H. Dunne—San Diego, California
 Cathleen A. Hanlon—Decatur, Georgia
 Michael C. Hartzell—Reston, Virginia
 Elizabeth D. Hilborn—Chapel Hill, North Carolina
 Thomas R. Kasari—Fort Collins, Colorado
 Karen E. Lehe—West Lafayette, Indiana
 Tracey V. Lynn—Fort Collins, Colorado
 Barbara A. Progulske—Portland, Oregon
 Larry J. Shelton, Jr.—Takoma Park, Maryland
 Christopher A. Young—Alvaton, Kentucky

Demographics:

US Army	3	21%
APHIS	2	14%
State Agriculture	2	14%
State Health	2	14%
US Air Force	1	7%
Private Practice	1	7%
USEPA	1	7%
NCDC	1	7%
Foreign Vet (UK)	1	7%

University where obtained DVM:

Iowa State and Auburn – 2 each

All others 1 each: Purdue, Texas A&M, UC Davis, Penn, NC State, Colorado State, VA-MD, Florida, LSU, and Glasgow.



Members in the News

Dr. Jim Steele received the Surgeon General's Lifetime Achievement Medallion Award for "a lifetime of outstanding service to the nation."



Left to right: US Surgeon General, Dr. Richard Carmona; Dr. Jim Steele and wife; Captain William Stokes, Chief Veterinary Officer of the USPHS, and Dr. Bonnie Beaver, AVMA President.

Dr. Suzanne Jenkins received "The Pump Handle Award," a national epidemiology award from the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists for outstanding achievement in the field of applied epidemiology.



Left to right: CSTE/CDC Applied Epidemiology Fellow, Tanya Bobo, Dr. Suzanne Jenkins.

New Production Medicine Service Facility Groundbreaking

Groundbreaking for Deriso Hall, a new building that will house operations for the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine's production medicine service, took place June 6. The college's food animal and reproduction service (FARMS) will finally have the opportunity to be located under one roof. Previous operations had been scattered among other college facilities.

The FARMS faculty work closely with extension veterinarians—a team of specialists in animal health and production medicine who work with dairy and beef cattle, poultry, aquatic animals, equine and companion animals. As part of their teaching duties, FARMS faculty also service the herds of several private beef and dairy farms. Veterinary students on their FARMS rotations become familiar with production medicine in this way.

The building was funded as the result of an initial \$1.3 million bequest from the estate of the late Bob and Evelyn Deriso, a Tampa couple who were in the cattle business. The couple made the gift in honor of a UF professor of veterinary medicine, Dr. Paul Nicoletti, who had made valuable contributions toward the control of brucellosis, a disease that was a major threat to livestock in the Deriso's day.

Nicoletti, now a professor emeritus at the college, and his wife, Earline, were among the 60 or so guests who gathered at the building site to celebrate the occasion.



Left to right: Dr. Jimmy Cheek, vice president of agriculture and natural resources, IFAS; Dr. Paul Nicoletti, professor emeritus of infectious diseases, UF College of Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Eleanor Green, chair, department of large animal clinical sciences, Dr. Joseph DiPietro, dean of the college, and Dr. Bernie Machen, president of UF.

Speakers at The 2005 General Membership Meeting



Dr. Larry Heider, American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges



Dr. Charlie Stotenau, candidate for AVMA President-Elect



Dr. Hugh Mainzer, American Association of Public Health Veterinarians



ACVPM Awardees



Dr. Gary Bowman, 2005 Distinguished Diplomate (with Nancy Bowman) above, and other awardees below.



Membership Activities at Minneapolis



From the Desk of the EVP

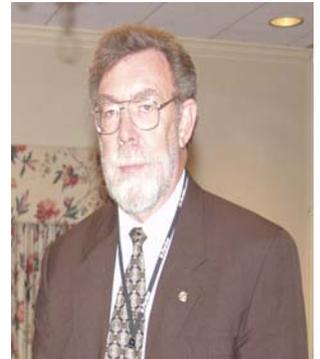
Convention Notes: I believe we (the ACVPM) had a successful program at the AVMA Convention in Minneapolis. For your EVP it was a hectic but enjoyable 10 days what with the exams, two Executive Board meetings, several ad hoc committee meetings, interaction with other specialty groups, and finishing with the General Membership meeting on Monday afternoon (about 80 in attendance); in between, making certain the booth in the Exhibit Hall was up and functioning properly. I want to thank all who helped me out (both mentally and physically) during the convention, and most particularly, Major/Dr. Jimmy Davis for his last minute total involvement in seeing that the booth was 'manned' at all times. Special thanks to those who helped at the booth. Just a partial list: Fred Kelsey (double duty), Peggy Carter, Jeff Mlander, Scott Severin, Kathy Miller, Rob McHargue, Joseph Williams, Charles Pixley, Robin King, Wayne Schlosser, Paul Whippo, Patty Scharko, and John Sanders; and all the others whose names I do not have.

Twenty-nine (29) candidates sat the Board Certification Examination, 25 for the first time and 4 repeated one or more parts of the exam. Fourteen (14) passed the exam (48.3%), all from those who took the exam the first time. A disappointing pass rate, certainly. The Exam Committee reviewed all parts of the exam in detail and believed it was representative of exams given in previous years. There did not seem to be any one thing that stood out as an indicator of this low pass rate. Six (6) candidates sat the ACVPM Epidemiology Specialty Examination and five (5) passed. Names and other information on all the successful new Diplomates and specialty members can be found else where in the News & Views. Congratulations to all!

Of considerable satisfaction to the College was the approval, during the convention time, of the residency program in veterinary preventive medicine at the University of Minnesota. This, we hope, is only of the first of several such programs we will approve. Such approval is in keeping with our By-laws and our candidate credentialing process. There is more on this in President Scharko's comments elsewhere in this issue.

The minutes of the Executive Board Meetings and the General Membership Meeting will be on the Members Only page of the web site as soon as they are approved by the Executive Board, which should be about the time this News & Views is on line.

2006 Board Certification Examination: The 2006 Board Certification Examination will be held earlier next year and at a different venue than at the AVMA Convention. The exam will be in Columbus, Ohio at The (for all you Buckeyes) Ohio State University on 15-16 June. Deadline for submission of applications is February 10, 2006. As I have commented in previous issues of the News & Views, the College membership is not increasing; this year our active member numbers have decreased slightly. The 2006 exam is in middle-America, this time with the use of computers, and away from the



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distraction of the convention. But, we need YOU to sell the College to prospective members and to serve as sponsors. This request is not made lightly – it is of extreme importance for the continued viability and growth of the College.

Web Site and Directory:

Names of the current Executive Board and Committee members are now on the web page.

The Executive Board voted to provide funds to update and revise the College web site (www.acvpm.org). It will soon have a new look, a simplified means of log-in to the Members Only page, greater means of searching the directory of names, new pages for the Epidemiology Specialty and Association of Public Health Veterinarians, and other new features.

Several of you have inquired about the availability a new ACVPM Directory of members. The directory is on the Members Only page of the web site and readily accessible (as always, if you have problems accessing this page or other electronic College deliveries, contact the web master for help (webmaster@acvpm.org). Rather than print hard copies or create CDs of a directory, it is the feeling of the Executive Board that the Directory maintained on line is far less expensive, easy to keep current (if you will remember to keep your individual information up-dated), and can be searched by various key words. A short version of the directory may be printed later this year with just names and addresses for those who do not have access to a computer or the internet.

We do need and appreciate your in-put to the information we use for our periodic (several times per month) E-news mailings. Send any information you think is of importance to your fellow diplomats. We may not use it all, or it may be edited as necessary, but it is of help to us in keeping the membership up-dated on pertinent information of interest.

Fiscal Issues: The College is in good financial condition and there will be no increase in dues or exam fees for the next fiscal year. We have increased our funds in the certificate of deposit and will make a further increase in January, 2006. The American Board of Veterinary Specialties (ABVS) of the AVMA requires each specialty organization to maintain funds in a saving account equal to one-year's budget. We are working toward this and should be able to meet this requirement in another 2-3 years. A dues billing will be in the mail in mid-December. Remember, you can pay by check or by credit card – but please, remember to pay and to keep your mailing address current – that really helps.

All the best. Dave

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ACVPM Budget Detail

Financial Summary	Activity	2004 Actual	2005 Budget	2005 Actual	2006 Budget
	AVMA Meeting				
In bank July 1, 2005:	AVMA hotel	7,110	7,500	5,060	5,500
\$57,358	AVMA Exec. Brd. Travel	3,188	4,000	3,742	7,500
		\$10,298	\$11,500	\$8,802	\$13,000
	Salaries				
Certificate of Deposit:	EVP	11,700	13,760	13,740	17,000
\$60,720	Computer specialist	5,100	5,660	5,664	6,600
		\$16,800	\$19,420	\$19,404	\$23,600
	Office Operations				
Net Worth July 1, 2005:	Office rent & utilities	3,217	3,500	3,374	3,500
\$118,078	Telephone - DSL	1,431	1,500	1,400	1,500
(+\$22,586)	Conference calls	259	500	298	500
	Newsletter printing	484	500	288	500
	Other printing	2,191	2,500	413	1,000
Net Worth July 1, 2004:	Postage & shipping	2,313	2,000	718	1,000
\$95,492	Supplies & equipment	915	3,000	2,730	1,700
	Awards & certificates	736	1,200	898	1,500
	Refunds	0	0	1,200	0
	Legal fees	0	1,500	0	1,500
	Insurance	2,184	7,200	8,119	8,200
	Administrative support	206	500	830	800
	Web page maintenance	600	900	510	3,100
	Accounting & Auditing	2,100	500	966	1,000
	Miscellaneous	480	1,000	74	500
	Certificate of Deposit	0	0	5,430	4,000
		\$17,116	\$26,300	\$27,248	\$30,300
	Committees				
	Examinations	10,218	11,000	9,440	10,000
	Strategic planning	4,208	3,000	1,291	1,500
	Credentials	0	100	0	100
	Membership	0	100	0	500
	Standards & recognition	0	100	0	100
	Publications	0	100	0	100
	Internal affairs	0	100	0	100
	Nominations	0	100	0	100
	Historian	0	100	0	100
	Epidemiology specialty	813	1,400	1,223	1,500
	Job analysis/psychometric	0	0	0	3,000
		\$15,239	\$16,100	\$11,954	\$17,100
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$59,453	\$73,320	\$64,037	\$84,000
	Dues	52,327	64,375	66,839	65,000
	Interest & misc.	220	200	113	250
	Exam fees	16,850	18,900	18,075	19,000
	TOTAL INCOME	\$69,397	\$83,475	\$85,027	\$84,250
	Income	69,397	83,475	85,027	84,250
	Expenses	59,453	73,320	67,037	84,000
	INCOME OVER EXPENSES	\$9,944	\$10,155	\$17,990	\$250

Epidemiology Specialty News

Greetings from Nebraska. I am happy to begin serving the Epidemiology Specialty as President for the next two years. Many thanks to immediate past-president Dr. Millicent Eidsen, who has provided exceptional leadership to the Specialty. Also, I want to extend my thanks to Dr. Wayne Schlosser for serving as Secretary of the Epidemiology Specialty. Dr. Schlosser has one more year before completing his term in office. Elections for Secretary will be held this Spring.

Committees are currently being organized. Please consider volunteering for a committee to help keep the Epidemiology Specialty strong. Also, I would enjoy hearing from anyone with ideas about how to improve our Specialty. Please call me at (402) 472-2362, or send me an e-mail <dsmith8@unl.edu>

The Epidemiology Specialty is strong and getting stronger. As evidence, I am very pleased to announce that six candidates sat for the Epidemiology Specialty exam in July. It has been a long time since so many sat for the exam in the same year. Five candidates passed the exam. Congratulations to the following new Diplomates of the Epidemiology Specialty:

Dr. Roy Berghaus, Davis, CA
Dr. Bob Larson, Ashland, MO
Dr. Alecia Naugle, Germantown, MD
Dr. Kathy Orloski, Livermore, CO
Dr. Patrick Sullivan, Atlanta, GA

Thanks to the Credentials and Examination committees for their work to certify these individuals.

Best regards,

David R. Smith





AAPHV Newsletter:

From John Sanders, AAPHV President Elect

I am the current President Elect of AAPHV and currently work for FDA at the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN) on the Emergency Coordination and Response Staff. Prior to working for FDA, I worked for USDA's APHIS VS, and FSIS as a Regional Epidemiology Officer and an Inspector in Charge. Hugh Mainzer has asked me to address updates on Food Safety and the United States Animal Health Association (www.usaha.org). USAHA will meet in Hershey, PA from Nov. 5 -9, 2005. The Public Health and Rabies committee will meet on November 8, 2005 from 8 am to noon. Another development of note is the Department of Homeland Security's development of the Target Capabilities List (TCL) which will link the National Response Plan (NRP) to the Universal Task List (UTL). This column is too short describe all these terms so I refer you to <http://www.naccho.org/topics/emergency/PrepPolicyIssues/DHS-Factsheet.pdf> for additional information. Of the 36 TCL, those impacting food safety and epidemiology are Agriculture and Food Safety and Safeguarding Public Health. DHS will publish the first draft of this document in August 2005.

Just-In-Time Avian Influenza Continuing Education Seminar sponsored by the Center for Public and Corporate Veterinary Medicine

By Katherine Feldman:

About 50 veterinarians, including practitioners and public practice vets working for state and federal agencies, packed into the classroom at the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine's (VMRCVM) Maryland campus for a four-hour continuing education seminar on avian influenza on June 14, 2005. Experts took a comprehensive look at influenza viruses in general and the H5N1 strain that has plagued Asia and is increasingly viewed with alarm as an agent that could cause a global pandemic of human influenza.

Presentations were shared on the molecular biology of the virus, biosecurity, public health and emergency response planning. After opening remarks from Center for Public and Corporate Veterinary Medicine Assistant Director Dr. Katherine Feldman, Dr. Daniel R. Perez, one of the nation's leading experts on avian influenza who works at the Maryland campus of the VMRCVM, presented "Jumping influenza viruses from ducks to humans." Perez recently received a \$5 million grant from the USDA, the largest ever awarded by the agency to study a single disease, to lead a multi-university consortium on a major project to study avian influenza; his principal research interests lie in the interspecies transmission and pathogenesis of avian influenza.

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Next, Dr. Nathaniel L. Tablante, associate professor and extension poultry veterinarian at the Maryland campus of the VMRCVM, presented a talk entitled “Clinical Presentation and Pathology of Avian Influenza.” During his talk, Tablante outlined how the disease is spread in avian populations and discussed the low-pathogenic and highly-pathogenic types that affect poultry. Tablante said that stepped-up biosecurity protocols with special emphasis on isolation, traffic control, sanitation, surveillance and education and outreach were key to preventing and containing outbreaks.

The significance of the threat that avian influenza H5N1 presents to U.S. agriculture was presented by Dr. Tracy DuVernoy, an emergency management official with USDA’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. Total U.S. poultry production is estimated at \$23.3 billion dollars, she said, and the U.S. is also the world’s largest exporter of broilers and turkeys. DuVernoy said that USDA views H5N1 as a continued threat to U.S. agriculture and is participating in inter-agency and multi-national working groups designed to mitigate the threat and protect U.S. agriculture.



Dr. Daniel Bautista of the Maryland Department of Agriculture discussed the 2004 outbreak of low-pathogenic avian influenza on Maryland’s Eastern shore during a presentation entitled “Avian influenza and emergency response in Maryland.” Dr. Bautista stressed the importance of biosecurity, surveillance, and appropriate disposal of poultry carcasses. Dr. Jean Taylor of the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene discussed strategic planning for pandemic influenza in a talk entitled “Pandemic influenza planning in Maryland.” She emphasized that the threat of pandemic flu is highly likely, and that planning is critical because of the high impact pandemic flu will have locally, nationally and globally.

The conference was organized by the VMRCVM’s Center for Public and Corporate Veterinary Medicine (CPCVM) located on the Maryland campus. The CPCVM was established with the assistance of a grant from the Pew Charitable Trusts, and is a national resource to train veterinary students and graduate veterinarians for career opportunities in public practice. The CPCVM currently has three faculty members: Dr. Bettye Walters, Dr. Ted Mashima, and Dr. Katherine Feldman. CPCVM activities include sponsoring continuing education seminars such as the avian influenza seminar, coordinating senior-year clerkships for veterinary students interested in public practice, teaching in the veterinary curriculum, and providing career counseling.

2005 AVMA

The 2005 AVMA conference was a great place to meet up with old friends, catch up on information from a variety of veterinary related topics and also to have breakfast with members of AAPHV. The annual AAPHV breakfast was held on Monday morning, July 18th at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Minneapolis, MN. Hugh Mainzer led the meeting and welcomed a few new members and the past year’s AVMA congressional fellows. Minutes from the meeting follow:

1. **Membership:** Membership is open to members of ACVPM and others interested in public health. Membership consists of persons from several different agencies. Quarterly meetings are held.

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2. Board members: Hugh Mainzer – President; John Sanders-President Elect; Katherine Feldmen-Secretary; Editor- Heather Bair-Brake; Treasurer-Kristy Bradley (formerly Bob Garrison)
3. Report Approval: there were no reports to approve
4. House of Delegates meeting: A discussion was held about getting AAPHV messages on through AVMA and placed on the House of Delegates agenda. The resolution was to work with house advisory committee for better communication and to attempt to meet with incoming AVMA president.
5. Visit from AVMA congressional fellows: The AVMA Congressional Fellows are veterinarians who spend a year working in congress. The experience is intended to give them a sense of what it is like to work in the government as well as to provide a means to bring veterinary issues to light on the Hill. One of the fellows, Wendy Shelton stated that fellows were “put on the hill to inform policy with fact.” In the past, two fellows have been assigned to congress. Starting this year, there will be one additional fellow assigned to Homeland Security.
 - a. Robert Hay is the congressional fellowship coordinator. His contact information is rhay@avma.org and 202-289-3208 ext. 3208.
 - b. Wendy Shelton DVM, MPH and Kent Ames DVM were the fellows for this past fiscal year. Wendy Comments that she noticed an under representation of veterinarians in government and that many people did not know what “DVM” meant. She felt that there was a misunderstanding of the role of veterinarians both in government settings and in the general public. Kent Ames mentioned that the best way to get a veterinary issue noted was to send a one page summary with item and who to contact to the congressional fellows. Kent also mentioned that he felt veterinarians were underutilized and that their skills were under-recognized. The Secretaries and their staff did not realize that veterinarians could work in public health.
 - c. Where do veterinarians fit into public health? One of the issues that will need some work is to help veterinarians realize what jobs are available to them. Job postings don’t have to say “veterinarian” in order for a veterinarian to be qualified for them.
 - d. Congressional Fellow Orientation takes place this Summer Aug 30-September 2nd. Please call Robert Hay in order to get on the agenda.
6. Motions made and approved:
 - a. A motion was made and approved to give \$250 to the AVMA Congressional Fellow Program
 - b. A motion was made and approved to gather further information about becoming an affiliate with the US Animal Health Association and the Public Health Association.
7. AAPHV Web space: Discussion was held about the inability to update the AAPHV web page on AVMA website. We are considering getting space on the ACVPM website that can be easily updated.

Message from: Dean, LSU SoVM

We at the School of Veterinary Medicine, like everyone else in the country, are overwhelmed by what we have seen on the news in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. In an effort to help our colleagues and fellow citizens, the School is working with the Louisiana Veterinary Medical Association, the Louisiana Animal Control Association, and the Louisiana SPCA to provide shelter and care for those pets that have traveled with their owners from the flooded areas and animals that have been rescued from those areas.

The School's faculty, staff and students are volunteering their time at the Parker Coliseum on the LSU campus and the Lamar-Dixon Expo Center in Gonzales, LA, where animals are being sheltered. This is not something that will end in a few days. The School will require on-going support from the community. We desperately need volunteers, especially veterinarians and veterinary technicians, to help us in this effort. Non-veterinary volunteers are also welcome, though only those people that have been vaccinated for rabies will be able to work directly with the animals.

The animal shelters are in dire need of large crates and cages. The volunteers also need ice, beverages and food. Other animal supplies, such as food, cat litter, pooper scoopers, vaccines, antibiotics, bandages, and catheters are also welcome and needed. Monetary donations can be made to the Louisiana Veterinary Medical Association by calling 1-800-524-2996 or 225-928-5862. You can also download a donation form at the LVMA website at www.lvma.org, or send a check or money order made payable to the Dr. Walter J. Ernst, Jr. Veterinary Memorial Foundation, 8550 United Plaza Blvd., Suite 1001, Baton Rouge, LA 70809.

It is during times of adversity and tragedy that people must come together. The School of Veterinary Medicine, along with state and local animal organizations, wants to do our part by caring for as many animals as possible. Please help us in our efforts. Veterinarians and veterinary technicians who want to volunteer assistance can contact Dr. David Senior at the School of Veterinary Medicine at 225-578-9551 or dsenior@vetmed.lsu.edu. Non-veterinary volunteers can contact the School of Veterinary Medicine at 225-578-9900. Thank you for your prayers and support.

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Late Breakers

Millicent Eidson and coworkers report on the relationship between dead crow density and risk of humans developing West Nile Virus Infections in the journal Emerging Infectious Diseases.

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/EID/vol11no09/04-0712.htm>

A new theory proposes that mad cow disease may have come from feeding British cattle meal contaminated with human remains infected with a variation of the disease. See the article in The Lancet.

<http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140673605672182/abstract>

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