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CAU's Center For Cancer Research And Therapeutic Development Hosts Sixth Annual National Symposium On Prostate Cancer March 14-16

*Nation's Leading Cancer Researchers Convene to Advance Assault on Disease
Discourse Spans Latest Thinking in Cancer Research, From PSAs to New World Spices*

ATLANTA (March 4)—Clark Atlanta University's Center for Cancer Research and Therapeutic Development (CCRTD) will hold its sixth annual National Symposium on Prostate Cancer March 14-16 at the University's Thomas W. Cole Jr. Research Center for Science and Technology.

According to CCRTD Director Dr. Shafiq Khan, a tenured professor in the University's department of biological sciences, "This annual symposium transcends a collective status report on the current state of cancer research. It is a highly regarded gathering of the sharpest, most visionary thinkers in cancer research conferring to determine how best to advance the pace and scope of innovation in battling the disease."

Clark Atlanta University President Carlton E. Brown noted that "the Center's work—research, advocacy and community outreach—continues to inform and expand the frontiers of cancer research. Its very presence, be it in the local communities or as a member of the global research community, affords a level of confidence in the direction and aggressive pace of the battle against prostate cancer."

The Symposium's featured plenary speaker is Dr. T. Ming Chu, one of the world's foremost cancer researchers. Dr. Chu discovered the prostate-specific antigen (PSA) and developed a prostate cancer detection test based on PSA that now saves thousands of lives worldwide each year. In addition, Dr. David Satcher, director of the Satcher Health Leadership Institute and the Center of Excellence on Health Disparities at Morehouse School of Medicine, will be heading the Health Disparities/Community plenary session.

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This symposium will host renowned cancer researchers from various universities across the country. Presentations will provide information on cutting-edge research in prostate cancer, featuring renowned cancer experts. Topics of interest will be geared toward the scientific community and individuals seeking to increase their awareness for prevention, early detection and treatment. The symposium will also feature a national student poster competition for research presentations in biomedical sciences. Visit www.ccrtd.cau.edu for the complete agenda.

Located on the campus of Clark Atlanta University, The Center for Cancer Research and Therapeutic Development (CCRTD) comprises a team of 50 research scientists and student research associates devoted to significantly increasing the body of knowledge on cancer research, particularly as these diseases disproportionately impact the population mainly served by Clark Atlanta University, African Americans. The Center seeks to do this through research, advocacy, community education and outreach in the battle against cancer, prostate cancer in particular. CCRTD was developed in 1999 and is currently supported by the Research Center in Minority Institutions (RCMI) program of the National Center for Research Resources at the National Institutes of Health, and is a key member of the Georgia Research Alliance. In 2007, CCRTD received funding as a “Center of Excellence in Prostate Cancer Research, Education and Community Services” from NCMHD. For more information on the Cancer Center, visit www.ccrtd.cau.edu or call 404-880-6878.

Formed in 1988 by the consolidation of two historic institutions, Atlanta University (1865) and Clark College (1869), Clark Atlanta University is the largest of the United Negro College Fund institutions with an enrollment of nearly 4,000 students. Clark Atlanta University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097; Telephone 404-679-4501) to award the Bachelor’s, Master’s, Specialist and Doctor’s degrees. The Carnegie Classification lists CAU as a Research University – High Research Activity. CAU is listed as one of the best southeastern colleges by *The Princeton Review* and has been selected to the *Washington Monthly*’s 2008 list of best colleges and universities. National business and consumer publications rank Clark Atlanta high among the best buys in American higher education.

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