



News Brief

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Clark Atlanta University Hosts Prostate Cancer Advocates Leadership Conference February 8-10

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WHO: Dr. Shafiq Khan, director of the Center for Cancer Research and Therapeutic Development at CAU

WHAT: Will host the first African-American Prostate Cancer Advocates Leadership Conference

WHEN: February 8-10, 2008

WHERE: The Thomas W. Cole Research Center for Science and Technology on CAU's campus

BACKGROUND: Prostate cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in American men. Every year in the United States, approximately 200,000 men are diagnosed with this disease and approximately 30,000 men die of the disease. African-American men are affected disproportionately, having the highest rate of incidence and mortality than any other ethnic group. The mortality rate is 2.4 fold higher in African-American men as compared to Caucasian men. The purpose of this conference is to develop a national agenda for combating this devastating disease in the African-American community. This historic event will bring together prostate cancer survivors, activists, physicians, researchers and governmental agencies to develop a national organization that will explore issues and concerns related to community outreach, awareness, prevention, early detection and treatment, and research priorities. Visit www.ccrtd.cau.edu for the complete conference agenda.

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