

Town Hall Meeting

“Communities Coming Together to Explore Environmental Links to Breast Cancer”

Keynote Speakers:

Ken Olden, PhD, ScD, LHD,
Director Emeritus of NIEHS

and

Sandra Steingraber, PhD,
author of *Living Downstream*
and *Having Faith*

January 21, 2006

9:00 - 4:00

Kaiser Permanente Medical Center
Oakland, CA

Presented by
**The Bay Area Breast Cancer and
Environment Research Center**

Purpose

The causes of breast cancer are not yet fully understood. The Bay Area Breast Cancer and Environment Research Center (BABCERC) is one of four centers nationwide exploring how environmental factors impact breast development. It is a seven-year research program that seeks ongoing community participation in the research process. “Communities Coming Together to Explore Environmental Links to Breast Cancer” is designed to bring community members, public health officials, community-based organizations and breast cancer advocates together with researchers from BABCERC to learn about the history, accomplishments and future direction of the Center. The presentations and question and answer periods will provide opportunities among speakers and participants for dialogue regarding the Center’s second year. Small group sessions will allow participants to further explore related topics with panelists.

Who should attend?

Community members, community based and advocacy organizations, public health officials, health care providers, policy makers, researchers and anyone interested in learning about environmental links to breast cancer are encouraged to attend. Spanish translation will be provided.

Location, Transportation and Parking

The meeting will be held in the 12th floor Conference Room, Kaiser Permanente Oakland Medical Center, 280 W. MacArthur Blvd., Oakland, CA 94611.

Free parking is available in the Kaiser lot on Howe Street across from the Medical Center. For directions and public transportation information, go to http://oakland.kaiser.org/park_transpo.html.

Registration

The \$10 nominal registration fee covers continental breakfast, lunch and afternoon reception. Space is limited, so register by Friday, January 12, 2006, to ensure a place. Return the attached registration form or register online at www.breastcancerwatch.org. To apply for a fee waiver, check the appropriate box on the registration form.

Program

Individual presentations include 10 minutes for questions and answers.

9:00 **Registration & Continental Breakfast**
Entertainment by Northern California Soul Strutters

9:30 **Welcome and Opening Remarks.**
Janice Barlow, Executive Director, Marin Breast Cancer Watch

9:40 **A National Approach to Studying Environmental Links to Breast Cancer.**
Dialogue with *Ken Olden, PhD, ScD, LHD*, Director Emeritus of National Institute of Environmental Health Services (NIEHS) and The National Toxicology Program

10:15 **The Breast Cancer and Environment Research Centers.**
Robert A. Hiatt, MD, PhD, BABCERC Director; Director of Population Sciences and Deputy Director, UCSF Comprehensive Cancer Center

10:45 **Of Mice and Women: How Do Scientists Study Breast Cancer?**
Mary Helen Barcellos-Hoff, PhD, Head, Department of Cancer Biology, Life Sciences Division, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

- 11:15 **Sexual Maturation and Environmental Exposures in Young Girls.**
Lawrence H. Kushi, ScD, Associate Director for Etiology and Prevention Research, Division of Research, Kaiser Permanente
- 11:45 **Building Community Capacity to Overcome Health Inequities.**
Arnold Perkins, Director, Alameda County Public Health Department
- 12:00 **Lunch**
12:30 - 1:00 KIPP Bayview Academy African Drum and Dance Team directed by *Ken Doumbia*.
- 1:00 **Concurrent Break-Out Sessions.**
Includes opportunities for dialogue.
- Session 1: Environmental Justice and Disparities in Breast Cancer.** Panel will discuss efforts to overcome inequities in exposure to environmental toxins and in breast cancer. Moderated by *Dr. Ken Olden* with *Ayanna Kiburi, MPH*, Program Director, Health Education Council, and other panelists.
- Session 2: Reducing Toxins at Home.** Panel will discuss ways to reduce the use of toxic substances in the home with information on natural and non-toxic food, cosmetics and cleaning products. Moderated by *Fern Orenstein, MEd*, Marin Breast Cancer Watch, with panelists *Gretchen Lee* and *Janet Nudelman*, Breast Cancer Fund; *Deb Goldberg*, WAGES (Women's Action to Gain Economic Security); and *Pat Brown*, People's Grocery.
- Session 3: What's Puberty Got To Do With It?** Discussion on puberty in girls from diverse communities and its implications for breast cancer research.

- 2:30 **Keynote Address "The Timing is the Poison: New Thinking on Breast Cancer and Environmental Risk Factors"**
Sandra Steingraber, PhD, Distinguished Visiting Scholar, Ithaca College, New York; author of *Living Downstream: An Ecologist Looks at Cancer and the Environment* and *Having Faith: An Ecologist's Journey to Motherhood*.
- 3:10 **Q&A with Dr. Steingraber**
- 3:30 **Reception**
- 4:00 **Adjourn**

Questions

For questions about the program or registration or ways that you can get involved, please contact Judith Snead, BABCERC Community Outreach Coordinator, at (415) 507-1949 or by email at judiths@breastcancerwatch.org.

BABCERC

For more information on the Bay Area Breast Cancer and Environment Research Center, contact Dr. Robert Hiatt, UCSF Comprehensive Cancer Center, Box 0981, San Francisco, CA 94143-0981. www.bcerc.org



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