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PROSTATE CANCER EDUCATION

A new education program designed to help the more than 40,000 men in the United States with late-stage prostate cancer has been launched by Immunex Corporation. EPIC (Empowered Patients in Control) is a patient and physician education initiative designed to provide the latest information and tools necessary to improve the management of pain commonly associated with advanced prostate cancer, thereby improving the patient's general well-being.

The cornerstone of EPIC will be the *EPIC Manual*, a 50-page document developed for patients and modified for physicians, which includes treatment guidelines, therapy goals, patient support materials, and other information for the prostate cancer patient and his family. A video for patients and their families also is being developed.

The EPIC program is sponsored by Immunex Corporation, marketers of Novantrone® (mitoxantrone), the first chemotherapy agent cleared for marketing by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of patients with pain related to advanced hormone refractory prostate cancer.

For more information, Immunex has established a toll-free number: 1-800-220-6302.

DECISIONS NEAR THE END OF LIFE

The Open Society Institute's Project on Death in America has awarded Education Development Center, Inc., a grant to adapt a nationally acclaimed, continuing medical education program, *Decisions Near the End of Life*, for use in the cancer treatment area. The program, which is multidisciplinary and institution-based, is

designed to improve terminal and palliative care in U.S. hospitals and nursing homes by promoting more humane and rational decision making about the use of life-sustaining medical technologies. The new project will be piloted and evaluated in a minimum of twelve cancer care institutions. Although the first training process began on January 9, 1997, it is not too late to reserve space for subsequent sessions. Please contact Karen Heller, Ph.D., Education Development Center, 55 Chapel St., Newton, MA 02158, (617) 969-7100, extension 2343.

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