

Henry Schein And LUGPA Encourage Families To Put Dad On Their Back To School List For Prostate Check-Ups

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Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in September Promotes Importance of Early Detection to Save Men's Lives

MELVILLE, N.Y., Sept. 3, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- Henry Schein Cares, the global corporate social responsibility program of Henry Schein, Inc., and the Large Urology Group Practice Association (LUGPA) have partnered again this year to raise awareness among families across the country about the importance of putting prostate cancer check-ups on the calendar for the men in their lives. September is back-to-school time for the kids of many families, but it's also National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. In recognition, Henry Schein and LUGPA have re-launched an educational campaign to increase public awareness about the importance of early detection of prostate cancer in saving men's lives, urging families to put a prostate cancer check-up for dad on the back-to-school list.

"One out of seven American men will have prostate cancer in their lifetime. We want to remind families that this disease can nearly always be cured with early detection," said Dr. Deepak A. Kapoor, Chairman and CEO of Integrated Medical Professionals, Clinical Associate Professor of Urology, at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, and Immediate Past President of LUGPA. "Take this opportunity to remind your loved ones – brothers, uncles, husbands, fathers or even grandfathers – that they should speak with their doctor to determine if prostate screening is right for them. By working together, we can help ensure that this and future generations of men will get to see their children grow up and go back to school each year."

According to the American Cancer Society, about 233,000 new cases of prostate cancer, the most common non-skin cancer for men in America, will be diagnosed in 2014. Additionally, African-American men, those with a family history of prostate cancer or a higher baseline prostate-specific antigen (PSA) in their 40's are at increased risk for prostate cancer. Since the 1990s, prostate cancer mortality has decreased by nearly 40% in the United States, when PSA testing was adopted by professional urological and oncological societies.

The European Randomized Study of Screening for Prostate Cancer (ERSPC), the largest randomized prostate cancer screening trial in the world, released updated results that demonstrated a significant survival advantage with prostate-specific antigen (PSA) screening for men from 50 to 74 years of age. The study found a prostate cancer mortality reduction of 20% in men who started PSA screening after age 60, and, even more crucial, men who started to screen before age 60 had a mortality reduction of 50%. "This update offers significant data to support the importance and effectiveness of PSA-based early detection efforts to reduce deaths from prostate cancer," said Dr. Kapoor.

There are no symptoms during the early stages of prostate cancer, when the disease is most treatable and the side-effects of treatment the least debilitating on physical and psychological health, according to Dr. Kapoor. "Despite improvement in patient education and awareness, many men avoid regular prostate check-ups, whether owing to reluctance to undergo screening for a sensitive medical issue or the perceived risk," said Dr. Kapoor. "When the disease is caught early, though, the 10-year survival is nearly 100 percent."

For this year's prostate cancer education campaign, Henry Schein and LUGPA will be employing a series of communication efforts to heighten awareness among practitioners and the public about the importance of early detection in the fight against prostate cancer. Tactics include the distribution of educational materials to practitioners, as well as public service announcements.

About LUGPA

LUGPA represents urology group practices in the United States, with more than 2,000 physicians who make up more than 20 percent of the nation's practicing urologists. LUGPA and its member practices are committed to best practices, research, data collection and benchmarking to promote quality clinical outcomes. For more information, visit www.lugpa.org.

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