

IMPORTANT CORRECTION: Please note that the message sent yesterday included the incorrect RSVP email address. The correct email address for RSVPs for the telebriefing is [mcguirema@mail.nih.gov](mailto:mcguirema@mail.nih.gov).

## Mark your calendar — 9:30-11 a.m. Eastern Time, May 19, 2008

### Patient Advocacy Teleconference: NIH Undiagnosed Diseases Program, a program of the National Human Genome Research Institute, the NIH Office of Rare Diseases and the NIH Clinical Center

Dear Patient Advocates,

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) will host a teleconference beginning at 9:30 a.m. Eastern Time on Monday, May 19, 2008, to introduce **The NIH Undiagnosed Diseases Program**, a new program to study some of the most difficult-to-diagnose medical cases. The Undiagnosed Diseases Program is an unprecedented trans-NIH clinical initiative that will engage a wide range of consulting specialists to evaluate patients who suffer from conditions that have resisted diagnosis.

A research program with hopes of discovering variations of both rare and common disorders, the Undiagnosed Diseases Program will also provide hope for many Americans who now struggle with mysterious diseases. The goal of this teleconference is to introduce the program to patient advocates invested in the plight of those with undiagnosed disorders, and to provide an initial opportunity to discuss the vision and scope of the program.

Please consider participating in this informational teleconference, specially arranged for representatives of patient advocacy organizations. We will describe the program and its anticipated service to the medical community and patients from around the United States. Call-in information is below.

**Teleconference.** Dial-in to: **1-800-862-9098**; from outside of the U.S., call: **785-424-1051**. Conference ID/Password: **7NIHUDPADVO**

To assist us in making sufficient call-in lines available, please **RSVP** by 9 a.m. Eastern Time on Friday, May 16, 2008 to [mcguirema@mail.nih.gov](mailto:mcguirema@mail.nih.gov) with the name of your organization and the name of the person who will be representing your organization on the phone call. You may also RSVP by phone by dialing 301-402-0911.

We hope that you can join us.

Sincerely,

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