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Subject: Re: 9-11 medical fund
From: Dr. Margaret Dessau (335 Greenwich St. NYC 10013)
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Date: February 22, 2009 1:10:15 PM EST
To: Catherine McVay Hughes cmh176@gmail.com

I want to know if epidemiologic statistics are being compiled as to the incidence of all types of cancer occurring in the residents of the area, i.e. within a half mile radius of ground zero since 2001, especially lung cancer in non-smokers.

Margaret Dessau. M.D., FAACP

On Feb 22, 2009, at 12:19 PM, Catherine McVay Hughes wrote:

Hello,

The Tribeca Trib forwarded your request on information about 9-11 medical fund/surveillance of disease for neighborhood residents. I have been following this issue for some time and I am on the WTC HR Community Advisory Committee and the WTC Environmental Health Center. I don't know if you I can answer your questions, but was there anything in particular that you wanted to know?

Dr. Dessau,

Unfortunately, there is not the breakdown of data that you are looking for. However, NYS released WTC responder mortality figures at this link
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/doh/wtc/html/news/10302008.shtml>

I would like to talk to you about your interest on this topic. Do you have a phone number that I can call you?

Thanks,
Catherine McVay Hughes

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Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2009 9:17 AM
To: Catherine McVay Hughes
Subject: Re: WTC Health registry

Dear Catherine,

It was very informative & revealing how this WTC Health registry operates, with all the different turf interests & motives. I see the scientists as hot to get grants in order to do their thing, that is research & publication in noteworthy

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journals; the employees whose livelihood codependson coordinating all systems; & then the community whose self health interest is at stake without claiming any secondary gains of altruism or scientific knowledge. It shocks me to see how incomplete the data base of subjects registered is, given that the goal of discovering epidemiologic short & long term effects of 9/11 on those most exposed. Their scope of including treatment programs is laudible though their closed registry is a disservice. I lived here all that time, & was unable to join the registry because of red tape. I know that none of my neighbors was enrolled & I doubt that the majority of residents living below Canal St. were solicited to join or even knew about its existence. The registry site states: "From 2003 to 2004, 71,437 people enrolled in the WTC Health Registry by completing an initial survey. Among all enrollees on 9/11:

More than 43,000 were building occupants and passers-by in Lower Manhattan south of Chambers Street, including 4,000 survivors of the collapsed WTC Towers. Close to 15,000 lived south of Canal Street in Lower Manhattan.

Approximately 2,500 were children and staff in schools (pre K-12) south of Canal Street.

About 31,000 were rescue, recovery and cleanup workers and volunteers at the WTC site, the Staten Island recovery operation site or on the barges "

Since downtown residents, most of whom were not evacuated, certainly were exposed to toxic acrid fumes for a much more prolonged period of time than the transient "building occupants & Passers-by", their 20% composition under-represents a significant portion of the population at risk which is under study. By omitting this group, the data will be skewed as to under recognition of risks. What is the actual total population of residents living below Canal St. from 9/01 to the present? I propose that a new comprehensive data collection campaign be conducted to canvas this cohort by mass mailing a brief physical & mental symptom questionnaire to be delivered to everyone in the correct zip codes by mail. I can help draft the questionnaire.

Let me know what you think of this idea.

Margaret

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Subject: NIOSH forum 9/11

From: dessauwheeler@earthlink.net

Date: March 1, 2011 1:10:49 PM EST

To: Catherine McVay cmch@verizon.net

Hi Catherine,

I read about the Zadroga Act & upcoming forum in Downtown Express. I met you last year at WTC Health Comm. meetings when I volunteered with Public Health Dept as a Pulmonary Physician.

I would like to note my concern that the Tribeca neighborhood is not being monitored for cancer incidence. I suspect there is an increased incidence especially of lung cancer since 9/11 & epidemiologic surveys are not being done. My husband who was a non-smoker was diagnosed with Stage 4 lung adeno carcinoma 1/09 & died 4 months later. No one in his family, despite being heavy smokers, ever had cancer. I can't help but suspect a causative relationship with heavy exposure to toxins released from the WTC collapse.

Margaret Dessau, M.D.

Appendix
I suffer from severe depression + PTSD + have been receiving private therapy treatments medication which have been reimbursed by 9/11 Program. It has ended 1/7/11 + not been renewed. This causes financial stress for me. The Zadroga act should include coverage for my treatment + medications as before.