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Dear Colleague:

The Florida Cancer Data System is pleased to announce the publication of ***Cancer in Florida Persons of African Descent 1988-2007***, a monograph of cancer trends covering a span of 20 years. The first publication of its kind in Florida, this monograph provides an overview of the cancer experience in Florida Persons of African Descent, and includes information by gender, cancer site, and cancer stage to provide a more complete review of differences compared to the White population. Also, it is produced to stimulate cancer surveillance and research, and advance the state's cancer control and prevention activities for researchers, policymakers, health professionals, and the public. In addition to offering the publication as a PDF download on the FCDS website (<http://fcds.med.miami.edu/inc/statistics.shtml>), all data tables are available in PDF.

This monograph includes the following:

- Data on the incidence and staging for the top cancers in Florida for Persons of African Descent and the White population by gender
- Cancer incidence and staging trend data from 1988 to 2007
- Florida distribution of cancer among Persons of African Descent by county 2000 to 2007
- Percentage of new cancer cases by race, site, and gender in 2007
- Percentage distribution of cancers by race and gender
- Detailed tables of age-adjusted rates and trend output data by race, gender, site, stage, and year

This monograph could not be possible without the dedicated work of cancer registrars and abstracters throughout the state that have diligently provided accurate, complete, and timely data to the statewide cancer registry since its inception in 1981. The Florida Cancer Data System appreciates and recognizes these efforts.

Should you require any additional information please contact Dr. Monique Hernandez at (305) 243-9673. Thank you for your support of Florida's statewide, population-based cancer registry.

Sincerely,

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