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RE: National Vital Statistics Report, Latest Final Data at

http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr57/nvsr57_14.pdf

Dear Donna,

Thank you for sending us the latest NVSS report.

On behalf of our 26-member Board of Directors of surgeons, medical directors and patient advocates, and on behalf of our thousands of FAIR Foundation members, I am respectfully requesting that you discuss with your fellow authors (Melonie Heron, Ph.D.; Donna L. Hoyert, Ph.D.; Sherry L. Murphy, B.S.; Jiaquan Xu, M.D.; Kenneth D. Kochanek, M.A.; Betzaida Tejada-Vera, B.S.) the need to recognize the great success against HIV disease with a corresponding deletion of a portion of your description of this malady.

Presently, the report states, "Although mortality from Human immunodeficiency virus disease (HIV disease) has not been on the list of 15 leading causes of death since 1997 (25), it is still considered a major public health problem."

If HIV disease with its 12,113 deaths is "a major public health problem" when it has not been on the list of 15 leading causes of death since 1997 then what adjective is appropriate for those 15 including cardiovascular disease, which the CDC reports at 857,000 deaths or cancer at 576,000? In the USA, which is what your report encompasses, HIV disease is a preventable public health illness but not a major one.

Correspondingly, we are requesting deletion of any reference to HIV disease as a "major" health problem.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Dr. Richard Darling, DDS: [Past National Public Citizen of the Year \(NASW\)](#)

President and CEO: [The FAIR Foundation](#), a national organization with thousands of members and supporters whose goal is to reverse inequities in NIH research funding and to institute [new organ-donor policies](#) to reverse America's organ-donor crisis

Founder: [The FAIR Foundation Liver Disease & Transplant Support Group](#)

Author: [Coma Life](#), an autobiographical memoir of life "within" coma and survival over hepatitis C induced liver cancer, coma, 3 liver transplants, heart attack, diabetes & Muscular Dystrophy (Myasthenia Gravis)

Disease	2009 NIH Research \$	Deaths Per Disease	\$ Per Patient Death	\$ Per Patient
COPD**	90 Million	126,128	\$ 714	\$ 7
Hepatitis C	107 Million	12,000	\$ 8,916	\$ 20
Cardiovascular Dis.	2.3 Billion	871,500	\$ 2,639	\$ 29
Hepatitis B	42 Million	5,000	\$ 8,400	\$ 34
Diabetes	1 Billion	74,817	\$13,365	\$ 39
Parkinson's Dis.	186 Million	19,547	\$ 9,516	\$ 124
Alzheimer's Dis.	644 Million	71,696	\$ 8,928	\$ 124
Prostate Cancer	344 Million	27,050	\$12,717	\$ 181
HIV/AIDS	2.9 Billion	14,016	\$ 206,906	\$ 2,774
All Cancers	5.5 Billion	559,650	\$ 9,888	\$ 3,830
Breast Cancer	716 Million	40,910	\$ 17,501	\$ 3,967
West Nile Virus	56 Million	121	\$ 462,809	\$ 15,564

** COPD = Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

Statistics derived from the CDC & NIH facts. See: <http://www.fairfoundation.org/factslinks.htm>

NIH Orphan (rare) Drug Allocation of \$1.2 Billion for 6000 diseases equals only

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Fourteen million Americans have impaired vision. 702 million is spent on "eye disease"

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