



Ending the Era of Blind Cancer Care and
Creating the Future of Image-Guided,
Minimally-Invasive Diagnosis & Treatment

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US Senate Letter Urges NIH, DHHS to Fund Prostate Imaging Research

“The AdMeTech Foundation was pleased to learn that Senator Mike Crapo (R-Idaho), in coordination with Senators Brownback, Dole, Johnson, Wyden, Inouye and Session, sent a letter to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, the National Institutes of Health, and the National Cancer Institute urging them to increase funding for the development of imaging technologies for prostate cancer diagnosis and treatment.

“Prostate cancer has reached epidemic proportions in the United States and has become a threat to every man. At least one in six American men are diagnosed with the disease – yet reliable diagnostic tools, similar to life-saving mammograms for breast cancer, remain unavailable.

“The diagnostic problems prostate cancer patients face today are similar to what breast cancer patients dealt with in the 1990s, before advanced digital mammograms became available and accessible. The United States Congress provided leadership that resulted in increased funding for research and development of digital mammography. The widespread availability of this technology allowed for improved early detection of breast cancer, which in turn saves lives of millions of women and assures transition from traumatic, deforming and costly surgeries to minimally-invasive lumpectomies. Now, US Congress provides leadership in urging increased government investment in the advancement of prostate cancer imaging which will be critical for saving lives and improving quality of life in millions of men, and reducing health care costs to our nation.

“We believe that this letter, together with the legislation currently being considered by Congress such as the Prostate Research Imaging and Men’s Education Act (PRIME Act), are important steps to making these technologies available to prostate cancer patients. We applaud Senator Crapo and his colleagues for taking the initiative to write this letter and look forward to a day when all men will have access to life-saving imaging for improved early diagnosis and minimally-invasive treatment of prostate cancer.”