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Dr. Vincent T. DeVita Jr., director of the National Cancer Institute, has announced the award of \$165,195 in additional grant support for research on acquired immunodeficiency syndrome, known as AIDS.

This syndrome consists of life-threatening disorders that involve suppression of the body's immune system. These disorders include Kaposi's sarcoma, a rare form of skin cancer; Pneumocystis carinii, a rare pneumonia; and opportunistic infections. AIDS, which is affecting increasing numbers of people in the United States, has been reported among homosexual men, recent Haitian entrants, intravenous drug abusers and recently several hemophilia patients.

Last month Dr. Edward N. Brandt Jr., assistant secretary for health, directed the Public Health Service to increase activities related to AIDS. The supplemental money provided for 10 NCI-supported investigators is in addition to that included for current NCI research as well as \$2.205 million in FY '83 funds set aside for research in this area.

The investigators are involved in the study of Kaposi's sarcoma and other areas related to AIDS. The funds will support a range of research including study of viral and immunologic factors, epidemiology and cancer patient treatment.

Six of the awards for \$15,000 each are to investigators affiliated with the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. They are:

- o Nael Martini, M.D., to facilitate collection of tissue and tumor specimens on patients with AIDS.

- o Erwin Fleissner, Ph.D., to investigate the possible role of viruses in the causation of AIDS.

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- o Richard O'Reilly, M.D., to study the possible role of bone marrow transplantation and other nonchemotherapeutic forms of treatment in the syndrome.
- o David Schottenfeld, M.D., for epidemiologic studies on AIDS, data collection, and analysis.
- o Yong Sung Choi, M.D., Ph.D., to study immune regulation and other functions of the immune system.
- o Bo Dupont, M.D., D.Sc., to study the relationship of certain genetic phenomena and immune function in patients with AIDS.

The others are:

- o Michael Marmor, Ph.D., New York University: for clinical and laboratory studies on Kaposi's sarcoma patients, and animal studies--\$25,418.
- o Donald Abrams, M.D., University of California, San Francisco: to expand the ability to collect data on AIDS patients in a specialized clinic--\$19,777.
- o John Fahey, M.D., University of California, Los Angeles: to extend initial immunological studies on the basis for immune deficiency in patients with AIDS--\$15,000.
- o Richard Steckel, M.D., University of California, Los Angeles: to expand ongoing epidemiological studies on AIDS patients in California and their contacts--\$15,000.

PHS components concerned with AIDS include the Centers for Disease Control, National Institutes of Health (includes NCI and NHLBI) and the Food and Drug Administration.

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National Cancer Institute

Funds for Research on Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS)

<u>Extramural</u>	<u>FY 1982*</u>	<u>FY 1983*</u>
Grants	\$ 456,195 **	\$ 435,000
Contracts	450,000	520,000
Cooperative Agreements	<u>-0-</u>	<u>1,250,000</u>
EXTRAMURAL SUBTOTAL	\$ 906,195	\$2,205,000
<u>Intramural</u>	<u>1,500,000</u>	<u>1,600,000</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$2,406,195*</u>	<u>\$3,805,000</u>

*Estimated expenditures.

** Includes supplemental awards announced in Sept. 20, 1982 Department news release.

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