

## Memorandum

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From Director, NCI

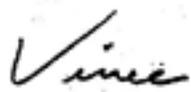
Subject Current Work on Kaposi's Sarcoma

To Assistant Secretary for Health  
Through: Acting Director, NIH \_\_\_\_\_  
ES/NIH \_\_\_\_\_

Pursuant to your memo of 7 January on the above subject, I asked Dr. Bruce Chabner to summarize the current status of our interest in Kaposi's sarcoma. Attached is a memo from Dr. Chabner explaining the Division of Cancer Treatment's plans in Kaposi's sarcoma, a draft protocol to study the disease in more depth (through the issuance of a request for applications for grants), and a summary of the workshop held by the Division of Cancer Treatment and the Centers for Disease Control. I have spoken to both Dr. Foegen and Dr. Krause on the subject, and the same information has been transmitted to them.

We are all interested in this rather fascinating accident of nature. I hope to not only provide some useful help for victims of this disease but perhaps cull some extraordinary scientific information during the next several years.

If you need any further information, please let me know.

  
Vincent T. DeVita, Jr., M.D.

## Attachments

cc: Dr. Foegen  
Dr. Krause  
Dr. Pollin, NIDA  
Executive Committee

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In summary, the Division of Cancer Treatment is moving ahead with plans for a multi-institutional clinical trial to treat Kaposi's Sarcoma and has invited participation of NCI and CDC investigators interested in etiology and epidemiology of this disease.

Bruce A. Chabner, M.D.

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