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RE: [http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/cityregion/s\\_473002.html](http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/cityregion/s_473002.html)

Dear Ms. Roebuck,

We hope you will consider publicizing other, more effective organ-donor policies that are being recommended by many eminent physicians and organ donor advocates. You may view their signed template letter in support of these new policies that has been forwarded to many politicians, UNOS Ethics Committee, ADA and AHA, et al. [here](#).

Thank you for your consideration.

## Richard

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Disease	2007 NIH Research \$\$	Deaths Per Disease 2004	\$\$ Per Patient Death	\$\$ Per Patient
<b>HIV/AIDS</b>	<b>2.9 Billion</b>	<b>15,798</b> (a)	<b>\$ 182,807</b>	<b>\$ 3,040</b>
Parkinson's Dis.	232 Million	17,898 (f)	\$ 12,403	\$ 148
Alzheimer's Dis.	645 Million	63,343 (d)	\$ 10,182	\$ 143
Prostate Cancer	373 Million	29,578 (e)	\$ 12,474	\$ 133
Diabetes	1.05 Billion	73,965 (c)	\$ 14,236	\$ 50
Cardiovascular Dis.	2.35 Billion	930,000 (b)	\$ 2,523	\$ 37
Hepatitis B	33 Million	5,000 (h)	\$ 6,600	\$ 32
Hepatitis C	122 Million	12,000 (g)	\$ 10,166	\$ 25
COPD *	63 Million	126,128 (i)	\$ 499	\$ 5

West Nile Virus	42 Million	116 (j)	\$362,068	\$ 14,242
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\*\* COPD = Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

[NIH Orphan Drug Allocation of \\$1.2 Billion](#) for 6000 diseases equals only \$200,000, on average, for research on each disease.

[Fourteen million](#) Americans have impaired vision. [702 million is spent on "eye disease" research](#), which is only \$50 per patient.

Statistics based on information from the CDC & NIH See: <http://www.fairfoundation.org/update.htm>.

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