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Hey Dr. Dean, I am a longtime HUGE fan (from SF originally, now Irvine). You gave me a great quote for my book, "Elder Rage", and I was thrilled to meet you in a greenroom in Rochester NY when we were speakers for Preferred Care. And for a couple years now, I have written about Alzheimer's for your HealthCentral.com site: <http://www.healthcentral.com/alzheimers/c/43/>

Anyway, today you discussed the inequities in funds for breast cancer research, so I want to make you aware of the F.A.I.R. Foundation (I've been a Board Member for several years <http://www.fairfoundation.org/Board/board.htm>), which advocates for Fair Allocations In Research funds for ALL diseases from Congress and the NIH. What is even more astonishing than the inequities in BC funds (and I am a recent survivor of advanced invasive BC) is the inordinate amount of funds given to HIV/AIDS (2.9 **BILLION**) and West Nile Virus (56 million), as both kill so few people compared to other illnesses. I know you'll appreciate having these stats--perhaps you can mention this and FAIR. It is free to join our cause—we'd love to have you!

<http://www.fairfoundation.org/factslinks.htm>

**Our Government's Bio-Medical Research Allocations
 by the National Institutes of Health**

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

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The Alzheimer's Association's

Warning Signs of Alzheimer's

Memory loss

Difficulty performing familiar tasks

Problems with language

Disorientation to time and place

Poor or decreased judgment

Problems with abstract thinking

Misplacing things

Changes in mood or behavior

Changes in personality

Loss of initiative