5th ANNUAL RACE AGAINST PH
Come out and join the fun!

Please join us on the beautiful Stanford campus Sunday, November 6th at 9:00 a.m. for the 5th Annual Race Against PH. One of our core missions at the Vera Moulton Wall Center is to raise awareness about PH. The race is a great way for the pulmonary hypertension community—patients, friends, family, and healthcare providers—to show their support. Proceeds from the race will benefit the Ewing Family Fund for PH Research at Stanford and the Pulmonary Hypertension Association.

The Race Against PH was started in 2001 by a patient and her family in an effort to promote awareness about PH. The race is a great way for the pulmonary hypertension community to raise funds for PH research, while also providing advanced training opportunities for researchers and clinicians. The Wall Center Update is published in the spring and fall. For information, consultation, or referral:

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VMWC Calendar of Events 2005-2006

PH Support Group, October 4
Clinical Conference, October 10, 24
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Research-in-Progress, December 28

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The Vera Moulton Wall Center for Pulmonary Vascular Disease at Stanford
Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital and Stanford Hospital and Clinics are one of the few combined centers in the United States currently offering diagnostic and advanced therapeutic services to both adults and children with pulmonary hypertension. In the fall of 2000, through the generous gift of an anonymous donor, the Vera Moulton Wall Center for Pulmonary Vascular Disease at Stanford was established.

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The Vera Moulton Wall Center was honored to welcome renowned researcher and clinician Sheila G. Haworth, M.D., F.R.C.P as the speaker at the 5th Annual Dunlevie Family Lecture in Pediatric Cardiopulmonary Medicine where she presented her initiatives to bring research progress on PH into the clinical realm.

Haworth is the British Heart Foundation Professor of Developmental Cardiology, Head of Cardiorespiratory Sciences, and Head of the Unit of Vascular Biology and Pharmacology at the Institute for Child Health, University College London. Early in her career, she held a fellowship in fetal and perinatal physiology at Columbia University. Dr. Haworth then completed her training in pediatric cardiology at London’s Brompton Hospital where she also became a staff member. Since that time, she has become a leading researcher and clinician responsible for standardizing the care of children with PH across the United Kingdom. In addition, she is a prolific contributor to major journals and symposia in the field of pulmonary vascular disease.

She began her presentation by noting that only within the past few years has the prognosis for children with PH improved, largely due to the advent of epoprostenol (Flolan) and heart/lung transplantation as treatments for the disease. But, because these methods encumber the lives of patients, they are far from ideal solutions—which has lead Haworth to conduct deeper investigations into the root causes of the disease itself.

Dr. Haworth’s research has helped reveal that PH does not develop due to a single cause but is “a disease of multiple etiologies and different pathological end points.” Thus, treatments must be tailored to the individual patient, which represents a significant challenge to PH scientists going forward. Haworth noted that she and her team have already made important discoveries which have influenced the development of new therapies like bosentan (a medication which reduces the occurrence of vessel-constricting endothelin) as a potentially effective medication for children with PH. At the conclusion of her lecture, Dr. Haworth called for continued exploration of strategies to reverse the damage done by PH. She also displayed video footage of a young boy with PH, enjoying himself at a swim park while wearing a Flolan pump underneath a wet suit, demonstrating that Flolan and other therapies can vastly improve quality-of-life for patients with PH—especially active young children.

5th Annual Dunlevie Family Lecture
Translating Research Progress into Clinical Realities

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