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US ARMY MEDICAL RESEARCH AND MATERIEL COMMAND  
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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

Office of the Commanding General

Dear Colleagues:

The United States Army Medical Research and Materiel Command (USAMRMC) delivers medical solutions to enhance, protect, treat, and heal members of our military worldwide. As the Army medical materiel developer, the USAMRMC supports the warfighter through medical research, development, and acquisition; medical information management and information technology; medical logistics management; and health facility planning. Our expertise in these areas help establish and maintain the capabilities the Army needs to fight and win on the battlefield.

The USAMRMC has been entrusted by Congress to manage several Congressional Special Interest (CSI) Medical Programs. The office of the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP), which has operated under the stewardship of the USAMRMC since its establishment, manages several CSI encompassing breast, prostate, and ovarian cancers; neurofibromatosis; tuberous sclerosis complex; autism; Gulf War illness; psychological health and traumatic brain injury; amyotrophic lateral sclerosis; deployment-related health research; and other specified areas of congressional interest.

The CDMRP represents a distinct partnership among the government, military, and American public. It is charged with finding and funding the best research to eradicate diseases and support the warfighter for the benefit of all Americans. This 2008 Annual Report summarizes the history, best business practices, management strategies, cutting-edge research, and accomplishments of the CDMRP. As described in this report, the CDMRP supports innovative and high-impact research at both the individual and team levels, recruits and trains the brightest investigators from diverse backgrounds, and promotes the development of products and technologies to augment clinical care and overall public health.

Together, we continue to lead the nation's effort to improve health and to pursue the ultimate goal of eradicating disease for the benefit of all people.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George W. Weightman".

George W. Weightman  
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## Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs

Dear Colleagues:

I invite you to explore the innovative and extensive developments of the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP) that are highlighted in this Annual Report. This exciting progress is being conducted around the world by leading scientists and clinicians who are striving toward the eradication, prevention, and treatment of cancer, neurofibromatosis, tuberous sclerosis complex, autism, Gulf War Illness, psychological health and traumatic brain injury, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, deployment-related health research, and other diseases.

The CDMRP was established 16 years ago by a grassroots campaign led by breast cancer advocacy groups. Their efforts led to a congressional appropriation of \$25 million (M) in 1992 for breast cancer research. Since then, the CDMRP has expanded to encompass 84 programs totaling \$4.8 billion through fiscal year 2008 (FY08). In FY08, the CDMRP received a total of \$455.7M in funding for 29 programs.

The vision of the CDMRP is to find and fund the best research to eradicate diseases and support the warfighter for the benefit of the American public. To fulfill this vision, the CDMRP seeks to support novel, high-impact, and cutting-edge research that will impact patient care. Our funded portfolio spans clinical research, innovative research, training and recruitment, and essential research resources. Our progress in these areas is the result of critical partnerships with the consumer advocacy and research communities as well as the government and military.

While we are continuing to learn about cancer and other significant health issues, there is a continued need for additional research. The CDMRP strives to be at the forefront of science and research administration. We are working collaboratively to develop new paradigms that will aid us as we work toward eliminating human diseases. I would like to express my sincerest appreciation and gratitude to the following individuals for their participation in the CDMRP:

- Disease survivors, family members, and consumer advocates, whose courage and commitment created these programs and whose vision and inspiration continue to infuse our programs.
- Scientists and clinicians funded by the CDMRP, whose foresight, skills, and talents are leading us closer to disease eradication.
- Members of our Integration Panels (i.e., advisory committees), who propose funding recommendations and program priorities to speed progress.
- Members of our peer review panels, who have brought their expertise and perseverance in the review of more than 56,000 proposals since FY93.
- Members of the Department of Defense, the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, and the CDMRP Program Management teams and support staff whose diligence and passion sustain the daily administrative functions of the CDMRP.

As the Director of the CDMRP, I am grateful for the collective effort and coordination of all of these individuals who have shaped the CDMRP. Together, we will work to target excellence and bring our vision to realization.

Sincerely,

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