



Vascular Disease
Foundation

2005

Annual Report

Fighting Vascular Disease...Improving Vascular Health



Our Mission:

To reduce death and disability from vascular diseases and improve vascular health for all Americans.

Message from the Chair

It is with pride and excitement that I report to the many sponsors and supporters of the Vascular Disease Foundation (VDF). We have accomplished a great deal in the years since the organization was founded in April, 1998. This September marks the launch of the national awareness campaign on peripheral arterial disease (PAD) through a collaboration with the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI) of the National Institutes of Health. VDF began discussing the need for PAD awareness several years ago with NHLBI and worked to create the structure and coalition to support this campaign. That led to the creation of a coalition that now has over 40 member organizations that make up the P.A.D. Coalition. As the Coalition launches in September of 2006, it is with anticipation and pride that we will begin to see the fruits of those years of labor.

Additionally, our newsletter, brochures, public service announcements, media outreach and Web site were seen by an estimated 20 million Americans in 2005. We are making strides! People are starting to recognize the importance of vascular disease and that help and answers are easily available from VDF. These strides are most impressive when compared to other national organizations that have been organized for fifty or more years. We are making a difference in the lives of people affected by vascular disease, giving them information to improve their quality of life. Giving them hope.

Making a difference has been possible simply because of the support of individual contributors, sponsors and volunteers. Philanthropic support is central to our mission and I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your vision, support and commitment to our mission and programs. We will make a greater impact to help individuals live longer in communities across America in our fight against vascular disease.

Sincerely,



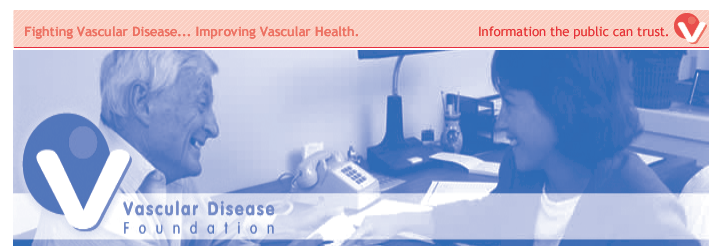
Dennis Newman, Chairman



2005 – Expanding Our Horizons

Completing its 7th year, the Vascular Disease Foundation hit new heights during 2005. Our new logo was unveiled early 2005 to create a more contemporary look that we hope will be as familiar as other famous organizations. The Web site (www.vdf.org) was redesigned and launched to make the site more user-friendly and informative. The quarterly newsletter, *Keeping in Circulation*TM, continued to serve more people with an increase in distribution. The P.A.D. Coalition held its first annual meeting and now has over 40 organizations as members. These are just some of the accomplishments during 2005 as the VDF expanded its horizons to create more awareness about vascular disease and serve more people. The following provides more specific information about the programs we conducted during the year in the areas of education and outreach.

Expanding our Educational Resources:



Web site: www.vdf.org

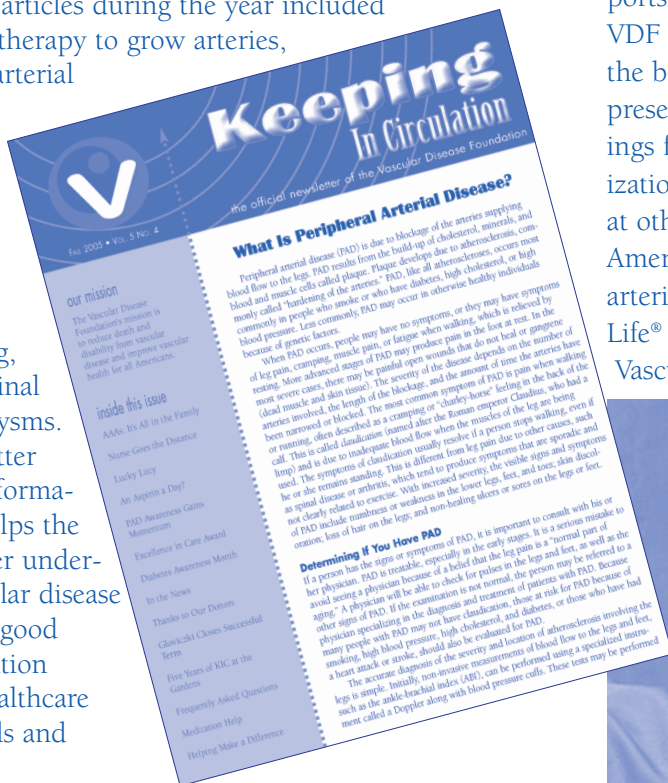
A redesign of the VDF Web site, created a new look and provided an easier-to-navigate resource for people seeking vascular disease information. Our Web site has the latest disease information, clinical trials, disease library, press releases, current headlines in vascular disease, upcoming events, patient profiles and information about VDF. Over 400,000 visitors to the VDF site come from as many as 120 countries and more than 250 other Web sites in the U.S. and abroad link to the VDF site or reference it as an expert resource. Making this site the most helpful and credible resource on vascular disease will continue to be a primary goal.

Keeping in Circulation Newsletter

The Vascular Disease Foundation's popular quarterly newsletter, *Keeping in Circulation*, expanded its circulation by over 40% in 2005, and now serves about 17,000

Expanding Our Horizons cont.

people across the U.S. and Canada. The newsletter is also posted on VDF's Web site for convenience. During 2005, funding allowed us to make it into a full color newsletter rather than two colors increasing its appeal and readability. Feature articles during the year included using gene therapy to grow arteries, peripheral arterial disease, varicose veins, venous ulcers, carotid angioplasty and stenting, and abdominal aortic aneurysms. The newsletter provides information that helps the public better understand vascular disease and fosters good communication between healthcare professionals and patients.



Printed Educational Materials

A new brochure called "Focus on

Varicose Veins" was intro-

duced to provide people with reliable and understandable information about diagnosis, causes and treatments for varicose veins. We also reprinted our popular brochure on PAD. All VDF brochures are provided free or at low cost to healthcare facilities, doctor's offices and hospitals, as well as health fairs and health programs. All vascular educational materials are reviewed by a committee from various medical specialties to insure that the materials are accurate and non-biased, truly information the public can trust.



Expanding Our Outreach and Service:

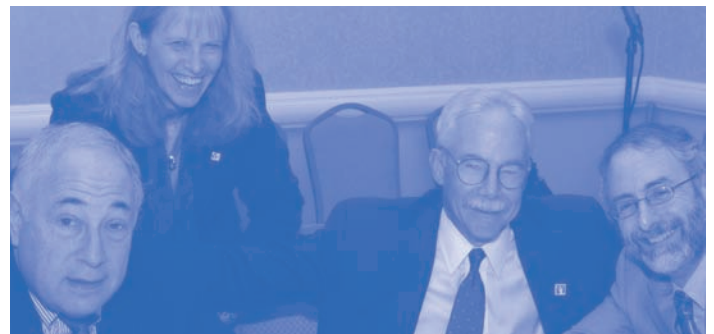
National Awareness Programs

As the premier independent non-profit organization working to inform the public about vascular diseases, VDF supports awareness events and collaborations. In Colorado, VDF held its fifth annual *Keeping in Circulation™* event at the beautiful Denver Botanic Gardens. This event provided presentations by local vascular disease experts, free screenings for PAD, and information from VDF and other organizations. VDF also supports and encourages participation at other national education programs such as the American Vascular Association screening programs for arterial disease and for venous disease, and the Legs For Life® program hosted each September during National Vascular Disease Awareness Month.



P.A.D. Coalition

VDF's efforts over many years led to the creation of a multi-organization collaboration to focus on peripheral arterial disease. By working together, the coalition was able to obtain the support of the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI), one of the National Institutes of Health. During 2005, the P.A.D. Coalition increased its membership to over 40 organizations and collaborated with NHLBI to begin to develop a national awareness campaign to be announced in September of 2006. VDF helped the P.A.D. Coalition hold its 2nd annual meeting.



Pictured are Jerry Goldstone, MD, Sheryl Benjamin, William Flinn, MD, and Alan Hirsch, MD at a P.A.D. Coalition meeting

Conferences and Meetings

During 2005 we provided information to the public, and to medical professionals at thirteen major meetings and conferences. Although this takes time and funding, it is valuable to provide information and resources, answer questions and understand the issues that confront those affected by vascular diseases and those that care for them.



Advocacy

A new area for VDF during 2005 was to help people get access to vascular care. We wrote letters to Medicare on the new screening benefit for people new to Medicare. We also participated on the National Aneurysm Alliance which was advocating for Medicare coverage for abdominal aortic aneurysms (AAA). We encouraged our readers and members to write their senators and representatives to pass the Screening Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms Very Efficiently (SAAAVE) Act and it did! The SAAAVE Act was signed into law in early 2006.

Training Programs

VDF conducted professional training workshops teaching health care providers how to perform the Ankle-Brachial Index test which is used to diagnose PAD.

Individual Service

VDF responds to as many letters, e-mails and calls as we can. In 2005, we received hundreds of inquiries seeking information and assistance. Many of the questions are answered in our newsletters in the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section or posted to the FAQ section of our Web site.



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The National Corporate Advisory Board of the Vascular Disease Foundation helps VDF with its goals of reducing the devastating effects and mortality from vascular diseases. These organizations help provide information to help VDF navigate the complexity of business and marketing in the medical environment and help us create awareness about vascular disease. Without their commitment to VDF and our mission, we would not be able to accomplish these many tasks and so we appreciate and recognize these organizations:

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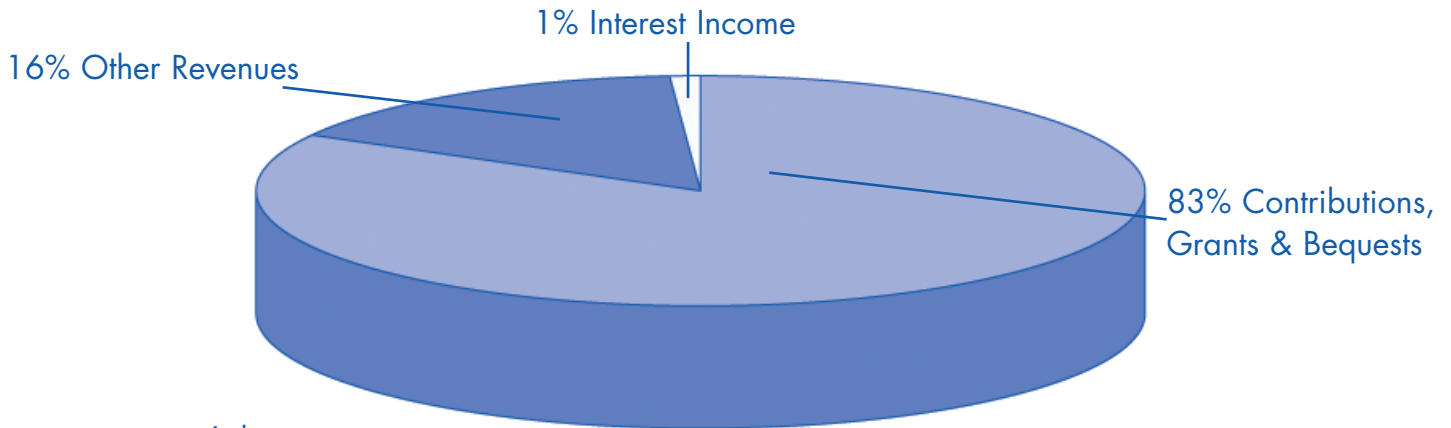
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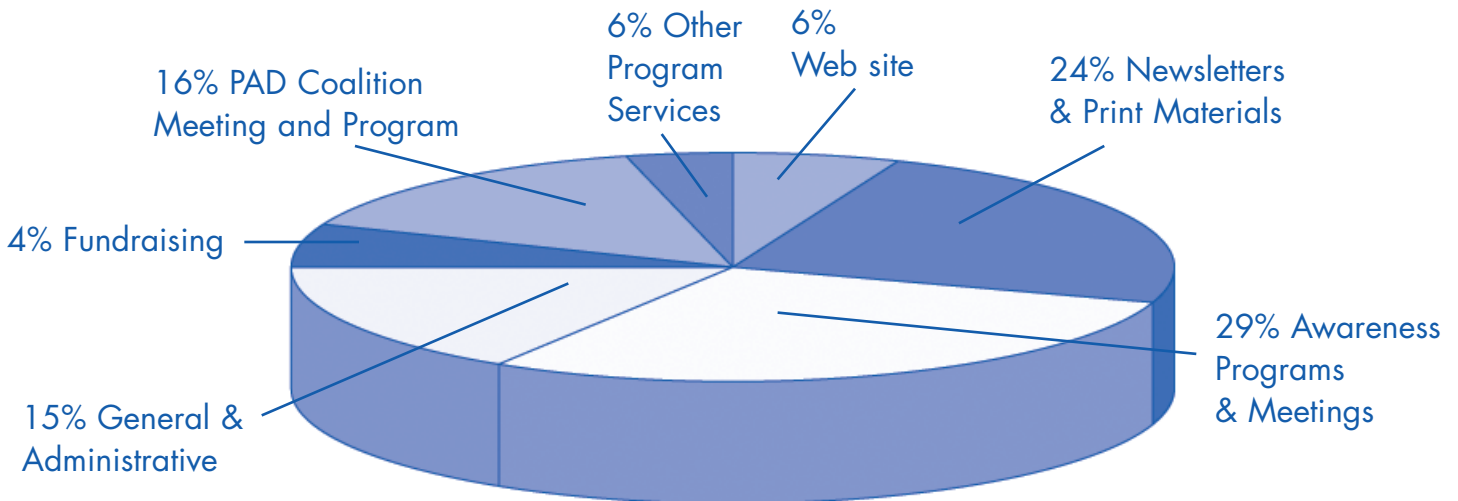
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