

Men's Health Network Welcomes its Newest Member to its Nationwide Team The Sean Kimerling Testicular Cancer Foundation

The Sean Kimerling Testicular Cancer Foundation (SKTCF) is pleased to announce it is joining forces with Men's Health Network (MHN). The partnership will help spread the message to men and their families about symptoms of testicular cancer and the importance of self-examination. While the reason is unknown, the incidence of testicular cancer is growing.

MHN is a national non-profit organization whose mission is to reach men and their families where they live, work, play, and pray with health prevention messages and tools, screening programs, educational materials, advocacy opportunities, and patient navigation. SKTCF was established in memory of Sean Kimerling, the Emmy Award-winning anchor of CW11 sports and pre-game announcer for the New York Mets. Sean died from testicular cancer on September 9, 2003. He was only 37.

"Sean fought a brief, intense battle with cancer. He was unaware of his cancer until very late when severe back pain sent him to the doctor. He was a young, healthy, vibrant man, intelligent and kind ... his life was cut short in its prime", said Noah Kimerling, Foundation President and Founder. "The Foundation's goal is that all men will have the information they need about the disease, its symptoms and what to do about them so that more cases will be diagnosed early, and lives saved" said Rob Seaver, Vice President of the Foundation.

Testicular cancer is the number one cancer among young men between the ages of 15 and 40. This year, almost 8,000 young men will be diagnosed with the disease and 400 will die. Testicular cancer has one of the highest curability rates of all cancers, with a survival rate of over 95 percent if detected and treated early. Too often, young men like Sean are not aware they have the disease until it has spread throughout their body, greatly complicating treatment and their chances of survival.

"Working in collaboration we can educate more men about testicular cancer while driving home the importance of self examination," said Scott T. Williams, Vice President of Men's Health Network.

The goal of the partnership between SKTCF and MHN is to ensure all men will have the information they need about the disease, its symptoms, and what plan of action to take so that more cases can be diagnosed early and lives can be saved.

For more information about testicular cancer, you can visit www.seankimerling.org or <http://www.menshealthnetwork.org/library/tca.pdf>. You can also contact the Sean Kimerling Foundation at info@seankimerling.org and Men's Health Network at info@menshealthnetwork.org or 202-543-6461 ext. 101.