



## What's New at AMDeC

### **[AMDeC President, Maria K. Mitchell, Quoted in \*Newsday\* Article on Stem Cell Research](#)**

The article reported on newly proposed legislation to fund stem cell research in New York State. AMDeC played a key role in organizing the press conference for Speaker Silver and the Office of the State Comptroller to unveil the new legislation and announce the Comptroller's release of a report underscoring the importance of state investment in biotechnology and stem cell research. Dr. Mitchell expressed the importance of funding research in the state to retain scientists and build expertise in the region. [Lawmakers seek \\$100M for stem cell research](#), *March 2, 2005*.

### **[AMDeC Helps Facilitate Lobby Day on Stem Cell Research in Albany](#)**

AMDeC, as a leading component of New Yorker's for the Advancement of Medical Research (NYAMR), worked to facilitate a lobby day in support of stem cell research in New York State. AMDeC spearheaded the formation of the NYAMR coalition two years ago in 2003, and has continued to work with the group to pass pro-stem cell legislation. *March 1, 2005*

### **[AMDeC Cited in Comptroller Alan Hevesi's Report: The Economic Impact of the Biotechnology and Pharmaceutical Industries in New York](#)**

The report discusses the importance of investing in biotechnology, noting that the industry generated \$18.1 billion in economic activity in New York State in 2003 and employed over 54,000 people. The report also highlights AMDeC's role in supporting biotechnology and advancing biomedical research. [State Comptroller's Report](#) [State Comptroller's Press Release](#) *February, 2005*

### **[AMDeC's New York Cancer Project Publishes in \*Ethnicity and Disease\*](#)**

David Vlahov, PhD; Jennifer Ahern, MS; Tara Vazquez, BS; Stephen Johnson, PhD; Laura A. Philips, PhD; Denis Nash, PhD; Maria K. Mitchell, PhD; Harold Freeman, MD. 2005. *Racial/ethnic differences in screening for colon cancer: Report from the New York Cancer Project*. *Ethn Dis.* 2005;15(1):76-83. [Read the abstract](#). *February, 2005*

### **[State Senator Kemp Hannon Awards AMDeC \\$225,000 to Help Kids Fight Obesity](#)**

This grant has been awarded to fund an Obesity Intervention Program in schools which aims to reduce obesity in children and consequently improve their long term health and well-being.

The program is unique in that it combines a rigorous scientific research study that will collect and analyze medical, psychological, and biological data with intervention measures, such as an exercise program and school-based nutrition campaign. The grant will fund a pilot program that will provide leverage for the additional funding necessary to implement the program at multiple sites for several years.

*November, 2004*

### **[AMDeC receives \\$500,000 in funding for its Communications Core from NYC Council Speaker Gifford Miller](#)**

AMDeC will utilize the funds to build a one-stop-shop portal for the New York biomedical community's communications needs. Read more about the Communications Core on our AMDeC Initiatives and Core Research Facilities pages. *August, 2004*

### **[AMDeC's New York Cancer Project Publishes in \*Journal of Urban Health\*](#)**

Mitchell, M.K., Gregersen, P.K., Johnson, S., Parsons, R. and Vlahov, D. for the New York Cancer Project. 2004. *The New York Cancer Project: Rationale, Organization, Design, and Baseline Characteristics* Vol. 81, No. 2. [Read the abstract](#). *June 1, 2004*