

The **UMass Pancreas Program** is finding new ways to understand and treat this devastating disease.

Through basic research, clinical trials and the SOAR group, we are advancing understanding of pancreatic cancer in order to better fight it.

The **Pancreatic Cancer Alliance** is a local, all volunteer organization.

Since its founding in 2003, the group has raised more than \$500,000, 100% for research at UMass Medical School in Worcester.

# It's time to fight pancreatic cancer

- Pancreatic Cancer is the **4th leading cause of cancer death** in the United States.
- **Each year, more than 37,000 Americans are diagnosed with pancreatic cancer;** more than 33,000 die, making pancreatic cancer more deadly than prostate and close to breast cancer.
- **Five-year survival is less than 5 percent.**

**Know the signs:** Pancreatic cancer is silent and sneaky. There are no early detection methods. Here are some of the risk factors and symptoms

- **Family history of pancreatic cancer**
- **Lack of appetite, sudden weight loss**
- **Sudden onset diabetes** or a sudden change in blood sugar control in diabetes
- **Change of color in urine or stool**
- **Indigestion, nausea, vomiting**
- **Abdominal/Back pain**
- **Chronic pancreatitis**
- **Jaundice**
- **Fatigue**

*And remember ... don't smoke!*

**For more information, please call your doctor or the UMass Pancreas Program at 508-856-8663.**

