

Clarity Scientific Director, Dr. Deb Zajchowski presents at TEAL IMPACT 2010 OVARIAN CANCER SYMPOSIUM SACRAMENTO: Kick-off event prior to 'OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH'

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At the recent Teal Impact 2010 *New Hope and Future Directions* Ovarian Cancer Symposium in Sacramento, California, Clarity Foundation was represented by Scientific Director Dr. Deb Zajchowski, pictured here with Dr.

Afshin Bahador, Gynecologist Oncologist, South Coast Gynecologic Oncology, Inc. and Peg Ford, Ovarian Cancer Survivor, Patient Advocate and Facilitator, "Survivors Teaching Students: Saving Women's Lives" Program of the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance (OCNA) www.ovariancancer.org both of San Diego, CA



Teal Impact 2010 was the first California statewide gathering of ovarian cancer advocates, survivors, supporters and medical professionals who participated in a one-day program to discuss the latest ovarian cancer research and clinical trials and share experiences in patient outreach and education. There was representation from 16 organizations from across California. Thirty-eight ovarian cancer survivors, from recently diagnosed to the oldest survivor of 26 years were recognized and honored as a major source of strength, hope and inspiration to the ovarian cancer community. The symposium was sponsored by the California Department of Public Health's Comprehensive Cancer Control Program (CCCCP), in collaboration with the California Dialogue on Cancer which administers the California Ovarian Cancer Awareness Program (COCAP).

Dr. Bahador's presentation "*Evolution of Ovarian Cancer: From a 'Silent Killer' to a Peaceful Co-Existence*" was very well received and appreciated from the number of questions asked of him during the Expert Panel segment by the audience. Dr. Zajchowski's presentation "*Using Tumor Molecular Profiles to Enable Individualization of Cancer Therapy*" described how cancer treatment is becoming more personalized for ovarian cancer patients by providing examples from the Clarity Foundation's experience in molecular profiling tumors from ovarian cancer patients. Peg Ford appeared on the panel discussion "*Shared Experiences: Successful Outreach Efforts*" where she shared the success of the "*Survivors Teaching Students*" Program," throughout California and how she launched the program in 2008 for third year medical students at UC San Diego School of Medicine as well as expanded the program by participating in Dr. Bahador's Grand Rounds for practicing medical physicians in several Scripps Hospitals and Sharp Healthcare Hospitals in San Diego County.

Teal Impact 2010 was a wonderful kick-off event prior to the month of September which is Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month and National Teal Day is Friday, September 3, 2010!

More information about the California Ovarian Awareness Program (COCAP) is available at the Website: www.cdcc-online.org/ovarian (916) 779-0118 Shauntay, L. Davis, MPH, Program Director California's Comprehensive Cancer Control Program (CCCCP).