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#### Hard Facts about PC

- It's the 4<sup>th</sup> leading cause of cancer death in the US, and the most lethal. Overall survival rate is 6%
- Over 45,000 Americans will be diagnosed this year. More than 42,000 will die.
- Nearly 90% of PC patients are over 55. There's no early detection (yet). Less than 20% of those diagnosed are eligible for surgery.
- There's no cure (yet), unless the cancer is surgically removed in its earliest stages.
- There's too little federal funding. PC research constitutes less than 2% of the National Cancer Institute's budget.
- But there is hope: with Cablevision's support of The Lustgarten Foundation, 100% of all donations go directly to pancreatic cancer research.



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#### The Lustgarten Foundation's Mission

To advance the scientific and medical research related to the diagnosis, treatment, cure and prevention of pancreatic cancer. **To date, over \$92,000,000** has been granted to research initiatives by the Foundation. Thanks to this research:

□ We now know more about the genetic makeup of this cancer than any other cancer.
 □ Families are being examined to determine which genes cause hereditary pancreatic cancer which will enhance early detection.
 □ Early detection tests are in clinical trials, including blood tests, scanning technologies and genetic screening.
 □ Vaccines are being tested for treating pancreatic cancer.



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Patrick Swayze, Steve Jobs and Randy Pausch (The Last Lecture) died of pancreatic cancer.
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Did you know that **Bonnie Franklin** ('70's TV sitcom, One Day at a Time) passed away from PC this year? We've also lost **Michael Landon** (*Little House on the Prairie*), **Donna Reed** (*It's a Wonderful Life*), **Lucianno Pavoratti** (opera singer), **Fred Gwynne** (*Car 54 Where are You, My Cousin Vinny*), and **Jack Benny**.

There are hundreds of other celebrities and famous people who have been affected by this disease <u>as well as 42,000 "everyday" people</u> who die annually of this disease. Help us fight it.