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# Black men know info can help treat prostate cancer but won't share info with researchers

New survey reveals risky gap between knowing and doing

- Survey Key findings:**
- 79% of Black men know genetic information can help improve prostate cancer treatment options.
  - 75% of Black men know inherited gene mutations can increase their risk for prostate cancer.
  - 33% of Black men uncertain or unwilling to provide DNA samples even if it means finding new treatment options.
  - 64% of Black men report concerns about the privacy and security of their DNA information if shared with medical institutions.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15, 2023 /PRNewswire/ -- According to a new survey, Prostate Cancer and Black Men: From Disparity to Discovery, commissioned by Advancing Cancer Treatment and the National Alliance of State Prostate Cancer Coalitions, 3 out of 4 (75%) Black men know that inherited gene mutations can increase the risk for prostate cancer for themselves and their families. And nearly 4 out of 5 (79%) understand that genetic information can help improve treatment options. Yet, despite being well informed of these potential benefits, more than 1 out of 3 (33%) survey respondents say they are either uncertain or unwilling to provide DNA samples with researchers or doctors even if it means finding new treatment options.

"DNA may be a man's most powerful weapon in the fight against prostate cancer." With nearly 3 out of 5 (64%) Black men citing concern for the privacy and security of their DNA information, survey findings suggest mistrust of the research community remains a hurdle to bringing diversity to research participation, even when it comes to diseases like prostate cancer that impact Black men disproportionately. Merel Grey Nissenberg, president, National Alliance of State Prostate Cancer Coalitions said, "Black men are at a disadvantage

because they are underrepresented in valuable research that could impact their lives and the lives of their family members. Survey data underscores the importance of addressing health information privacy and security concerns to bridge this dramatic health divide and move us from disparity to discovery for all men."

According to Channing Paller, MD, medical oncologist at Sibley Memorial Hospital, associate professor of oncology at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and co-lead investigator of the PROMISE Registry, a registry of prostate cancer patients participating in a research study to learn how genetic differences can affect patient outcomes, "DNA may be a man's most powerful weapon in the fight against prostate cancer. A genetic database built from a racially diverse group of men is a critical step forward in prostate cancer research. We hope to bring personalized medicine to prostate cancer for all men, in the same way the research community has done for women with breast cancer."

Added Heather Cheng, MD, PhD, director, Prostate Cancer Genetics Clinic and associate professor, Clinical Research Division, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center, associate professor, Division of Hematology and Oncology, University of Washington, and co-lead investigator of the PROMISE Registry, "Black men are disproportionately affected by prostate cancer, with more aggressive disease, and higher mortality rates versus White men. To address these disparities, we need to focus on enrolling and retaining Black men in prostate cancer clinical trials and observational studies—the length and quality of Black prostate cancer patients' lives are depending on it, and the lessons learned can benefit all patients with prostate cancer."

Visit here for information about the PROMISE Registry. Visit here for information on the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act.

## NFL Media and UMe partner on 'Football and Flow' from sports-Ent. 5

an impressive roster of music legends including Beyoncé, Rihanna, Ariana Grande, Jay-Z, Kendrick Lamar and Travis Scott. As a rapper and songwriter, Hit-Boy has recorded and released seven mixtapes and six collaborative albums. In 2021, Hit-Boy earned a Grammy Award for "Best Rap Album" with Nas' "King's Disease." He has also collaborated with his father, Big Hit, on the album "The Truth Is In My Eyes," following his father's nine-year incarceration – a testament to the strength of their father-son relationship and the power of changing the narrative around fatherhood in Black communities.

Chris "Ludacris" Bridges is a multi-talented recording artist who has sold more than 24 mil-

lion albums worldwide, with such singles as "Stand Up," "Get Back," "Southern Hospitality," "Number One Spot," "Money Maker" and "My Chick Bad." With an unrivaled match of lyrical acumen, wit and imagery, Ludacris has solidified himself as one of music's premier entertainers. His versatility and artistic complexity have also enabled him to make a seamless transition to acting, including the fan favorite role of Tej in Universal Pictures' box office phenomenon "Fast & Furious" franchise. This past summer, Ludacris reprised his role of Tej for the seventh time in "Fast X," while simultaneously hitting the road with Janet Jackson to perform his greatest hits for the 33-city "Together Again" tour.

## Kareem Jackson suspended from sports page 3

will not be tolerated. The League will continue to stress enforcement of the rules that prohibit using your helmet to make forcible contact with your opponent. On the play in question, you lowered your head and delivered a forceful blow to the shoulder and head/neck area of an opponent when you had time and space to avoid such contact. You could have made contact with your opponent within the rules, yet you chose not to. Following the Broncos' Week 7 game against Green Bay, Jack-

son was suspended for four games for violations of unnecessary roughness rules. That suspension was subsequently reduced to two games by hearing officer Derrick Brooks, jointly appointed and compensated by the NFL and NFLPA. Jackson was also disqualified from a Week 2 game against Washington for a similarly flagrant hit, and subsequently fined.

Jackson will be eligible to return to the Broncos' active roster following the team's Week 15 game against Detroit.

# Grizzlies announce Holiday Packs and Cyber Monday multi-deals for all ... from sports page 1

March 8 vs. the Atlanta Hawks. The final game of the holiday pack features a matchup with LeBron James and the Los Angeles Lakers on Wednesday, March 27. Holiday packs start at \$30 per game and are on sale now. Fans can call (901) 888-HOOP or go online



to grizzlies.com/tickets/packs to purchase theirs this holiday season.

New this season, the Grizzlies will have a **Mystery Black Friday** Ticket Sale for our 10th regular season home game, which is happening on Wednesday, Dec. 6, or Friday, Dec. 8. Fans are encouraged to sign up for SMS and **Grizz E-Nes** and follow Grizzlies social to be the first to know when this limited-time sale

goes live. Enjoy Black Friday savings at the Grizz Den at FedExForum. Get 40% off select items including fleece, tees and more, plus 40% off all headwear. The Grizz Den sale starts Friday, Nov. 24, at 11 a.m. and runs through Monday, Nov. 27.

In addition, the Grizzlies are offering a 24-hour Cyber Monday promotion. The Grizzlies' Cyber Monday sale, presented by Ticketmaster, begins on Monday,

Nov. 27, at 9:01 a.m. CT, where select tickets for all December home games will be available for up to 50% off. For one day only, fans will have the opportunity to choose from five December home matchups including Monday, Dec. 11, vs. Luka Doncic and the Dallas Mavericks, Friday, Dec. 15, vs. the Houston Rockets and the annual Holiday Game, presented by Bally Sports Southeast, on Thursday, Dec. 21 vs. the Indiana Pacers. Tickets for this limited-time offer are available for purchase online only at grizzlies.com/cybermonday.

**Grizzmas**, presented by Pinnacle Financial Partners, returns for a third season, giving fans an opportunity to win a variety of

items and giveaways including concert tickets, holiday packs, gift cards, floor seats, signed jerseys and much more. Grizzmas tips off Monday, Dec. 11 and runs through Friday, Dec. 22.

For more details on the Holiday Packs and Ticket Promotions, visit grizzlies.com or call (901) 888-HOOP. Single-game tickets for all Grizzlies regular season games are on sale and available for purchase at Ticketmaster.com, grizzlies.com/tickets or by calling 1-800-4NBA-TIX. For more information on the Grizzlies, visit grizzlies.com, 'like' Memphis Grizzlies on Facebook or follow @memgrizz on Twitter/X and Instagram.

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# NFL announces crowd-sourced HealthTECH Challenge I to improve safety of surfaces

\$100,000 challenge open to experts on playing fields and beyond

NEW YORK — Nov. 16, 2023 — The NFL announced the HealthTECH Challenge I, a crowd-sourced challenge to accelerate innovations that can help make playing surfaces more consistent and safer for players.

Held in partnership with Football Research, Inc. (FRI) and Duke Biomedical Engineering (Duke BME), the Challenge invites submissions that address several possible elements of natural and synthetic playing surface safety. These include:

- New or improved field maintenance techniques.
- Equipment that reduces variability across the surface and/or over time.
- Methodologies to prolong the viability of natural grass surfaces in NFL stadiums.
- Topical treatments for synthetic surfaces that improve traction for players.
- Equipment to protect playing surfaces during non-sporting events.
- Field usage monitoring technologies.

HealthTECH Challenge I will

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provide up to \$100,000 to entrants with ideas that further improve the safety and consistency of playing surfaces. The individuals or groups who submit projects that are selected for funding will have the opportunity to work with an expert support team to further develop their concept and plan for creating a finished product.

In addition to companies that currently specialize in playing surfaces, the Challenge is open to

submissions from companies and new ventures from outside the surface industry, including representatives of academic institutions, design houses and other entities that specialize in engineering, advanced manufacturing and material science.

### Timeline for Challenge:

- Nov. 16, 2023 to Feb. 20, 2024:** Submission window open. Applications can be submitted here (more details are available in the official rules).
- March-April 2024:** Review by Duke BME and a panel of expert judges established jointly by Duke BME and FRI.
- April 2024:** Deadline for a selection of finalists and oral presentations on the submissions.
- May 2024:** Final selection.
- May 2024-May 2025:** Funding period.

**The full request for applications is available for review. Please, visit NFL.com**

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"With a topic as complex as playing surfaces in the NFL, we believe this unique challenge will breed innovation and present new perspectives and solutions towards the improvement of playing surfaces across our league and throughout sports," said Nick Pappas, field director for the NFL.

HealthTECH Challenge I is part of the HealthTECH Challenges (previously known as the HealthTECH Challenges), a series of innovation challenges intended to deepen understanding of and advance solutions in the areas of head protection, lower extremity protection, materials science and kinematic measurement, among others.

# No. 8 Tigers women soccer historic season closes in NCAA Sweet 16 after AAC West Division win

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark.- Nov. 19, 2023 – The No. 8-ranked, sixth-seeded University of Memphis women's soccer team's historic season came to an end on Sunday, Nov. 19 in the NCAA Tournament Round of 16 after falling 3-0 to No. 11-ranked, seventh-seeded Pittsburgh.

"Pitt is extremely athletic and a very well-coached team," head coach Brooks Monaghan said. "I thought we had a really good game plan going in and we played them well in the first half. I'm just proud of what this team has accomplished this season and

want them to focus on that."

Memphis finishes the season with a 20-2 overall record along with an AAC West Division Championship, its third-consecutive American Athletic Conference Tournament Championship and back-to-back trips to the NCAA Sweet 16 match. The defeat snapped an impressive 17-game winning streak for the Tigers that dated all the way back to Aug. 27.

### KEY MOMENTS

The Tigers came out swinging with shots from Anna Hauer,

Momo Nakao and Mya Jones in the opening 20 minutes.

While Pitt continued to pressure the Memphis defense, Kaylie Bierman and the Tiger backline held strong with five saves and two blocked shots in the first half.

Saorla Miller opened the second half with a rocket of a shot to the bottom left corner of the net but was not able to get it past Panther goalkeeper Ellie Breech.

Pitt got on the board in the 52' before finding the back of the net again in the 76' and 88'.

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Panther defense with shots on goal from Miller, Hauer, Finley Lavin and Grace Stordy in the final 45 minutes of play– but none would roll past the goal-line.

Memphis won the battle in shots (19-13) and corner kicks (7-6). Bierman recorded a career-best six saves for the second-consecutive match while the defense blocked three shots.

This year marked the first 20-win season for the Tigers since the 2011 season.



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