

BREAST CANCER PREVENTION:

UPDATE on the QUEST for a CURE

On May 2nd at 7:00 p.m. Wellesley Cancer Prevention Project (WCPP), Wellesley Free Library & Mass Breast Cancer Coalition (MBCC) are co- sponsoring an educational forum featuring Dr. Julia Brody, executive director of Silent Spring Institute, who will provide an update based on recent research regarding environmental pollutants, diet, body size and physical activity and their relation to the incidence of cancer. Silent Spring Institute focuses on the environment, an understudied area that can lead to the discovery of preventable causes that can increase cancer, particularly in communities with higher risk.

This forum will be held at the Wakelin Room at the Wellesley Free Library, 530 Washington Street, Thursday May 2nd at 7:00PM. Refreshments will be offered and a short Q&A session will follow Dr. Brody's remarks.

Since 1996, Dr. Brody has been the principal investigator of the Cape Cod Breast Cancer and Environment Study, a case-control study of 2,100 women that includes testing for 89 endocrine disruptors in homes and historical exposure mapping. The study was the first to measure estrogenic activity in groundwater and drinking water. Results have been published in Environmental Health Perspectives and elsewhere.

Dr. Brody is an adjunct assistant professor at the Brown University School of Medicine. She earned her PhD at the University of Texas at Austin and her AB at Harvard University. She also serves on the National Advisory Environmental Health Sciences Council, appointed by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and she is as an advisor to the California Breast Cancer Research Program and breast cancer.

The Wellesley Cancer Prevention Project (WCPP) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan group that studies the relationship between illnesses and the environment with the goal of reducing health risk factors for residents of Wellesley and surrounding communities. wcpponline.org