

# How will the new PH bill help?

In July, 2007, a new PH-specific bill will be introduced in Congress. While some of the bill language has changed, many of the goals are the same. **The new bill will:**

## Increase collaboration among PH researchers

Leading to further understanding of PH, new treatments for the illness, and ultimately a cure

*Currently there are five FDA-approved treatments for PH and several new treatments are undergoing trial. The PH gene has been identified by researchers and there are two Specialized Centers of Clinically Oriented Research focused on pulmonary hypertension. The ability of researchers to share data and collaborate on future projects is crucial to maintaining this progress.*



## Increase public awareness of PH

Helping insurance companies and others to learn about PH symptoms, effective treatments, and the resources necessary to empower communities to fight PH

*Most Americans have never heard of PH and do not know that symptoms such as shortness of breath, fatigue, chest pain, and dizziness are common indicators of the illness. Without that knowledge, they accept improper diagnosis and lose precious time in treating PH.*

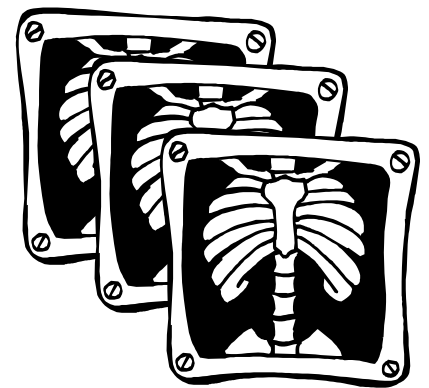


## Increase medical professionals' knowledge of PH

Helping to decrease the number of undiagnosed patients and increase the quality of treatment for those who have been diagnosed with PH

*Early diagnosis remains the best defense against PH. Quality of life and effectiveness of treatment are maximized when diagnosis is early in the onset of illness.*

*PH patients report an average of three physician consultations before a fourth doctor makes a correct diagnosis. This process can take years, and patient health often declines sharply over this important time.*



**Move us one step closer to a cure!**