

Close the Gap Hosts Symposium on Pancreatic Cancer

As part of its initiative to support Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month, Close the Gap, a Boston Scientific health equity program, hosted a symposium to help educate employees about the deadly disease. More than 140 people attended the November 17 event held at the company's headquarters in Marlborough, Massachusetts, to learn about pancreatic cancer and the various organizations supporting research and clinical trials.

Employees heard from Dr. Priya A. Jamidar, professor of medicine, digestive diseases, and director of endoscopy at the Yale School of Medicine; Dana Dornsife, president and founder of Lazarex Cancer Foundation; as well as Cheryl Yacovone and Sandra Nagale, two Boston Scientific employees who lost family members to the disease. A special guest presenter was Jack Andraka, a teen innovator who developed a potential screening test for pancreatic cancer.

STUDENTS CONNECT INNOVATION WITH PATIENT CARE

Local Marlborough high school students who participate in the **STEM program (students interested in science, technology, engineering and math)** and raised money for pancreatic cancer research were also invited. They had the opportunity to hear from Andraka who shared his experience as a STEM student, and explained his innovative work, how he came up with his ideas and how a pancreatic cancer diagnosis of a close family friend inspired him to want to make a difference. He talked with students



From left to right: Dr. Priya A. Jamidar, Jack Andraka, Cheryl Yacovone, Dana Dornsife

about the challenges he faced when trying to get the necessary resources for his work and how young people can make significant contributions by pursuing a career in science. Andraka is also an author and his book, *Breakthrough: How One Teen Innovator Is Changing the World*, became available in March.

Afterward, students attended a product fair to learn how Boston Scientific technologies are used to diagnose and treat the symptoms of pancreatic cancer and other gastrointestinal diseases.



Participants in the No Shave November fundraiser.

Employees Do Their Part through Fundraising

Close the Gap spearheaded numerous activities throughout 2014 to help raise awareness about pancreatic cancer. Employees took part in various fundraising initiatives, raising more than \$42,000 in support of The Lustgarten Foundation and its mission of advancing research related to pancreatic cancer. The Boston Scientific Close the Gap team also sponsored pancreatic cancer research walks and employees participated in these walks in Naperville, Ill., Jones Beach, N.Y., Denver, Colo., and Boston, Mass.

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