



ETSU Community Partnerships Programs

*Programs Update
February, 2004*

Program Updates

Rural Primary Care Track

→ **Major projects** for 2004:

- Marketing Hawkins county health services
- Hawkins County health fair
- Timeline for Johnson critical access hospital
- Promoting health careers, childhood obesity and suicide prevention in Johnson

→ **Curricular revisions** in Medicine and Nursing drive need to revise RPCT offerings; retreat March 24

→ **Faculty turnover** through reassignments and retirements

Program Updates

Expanding Community Partnerships Program

- **Kellogg Foundation grant:** final report and request use of remaining funds
- → **Veterans History project:** planning dedication of collection at Archives of Appalachia with Congressman; theater production in Fall 2004, plan display at Reece Museum for Veterans Day 2004; Spring course through CASS
- **Expanding Community Partnerships book:** final book chapter on lessons learned to West Virginia University Press

Peacock Gala, 2003



**Exhibit from Art Therapy
course**



Sculptor at work display

Program Updates

Publications about Programs

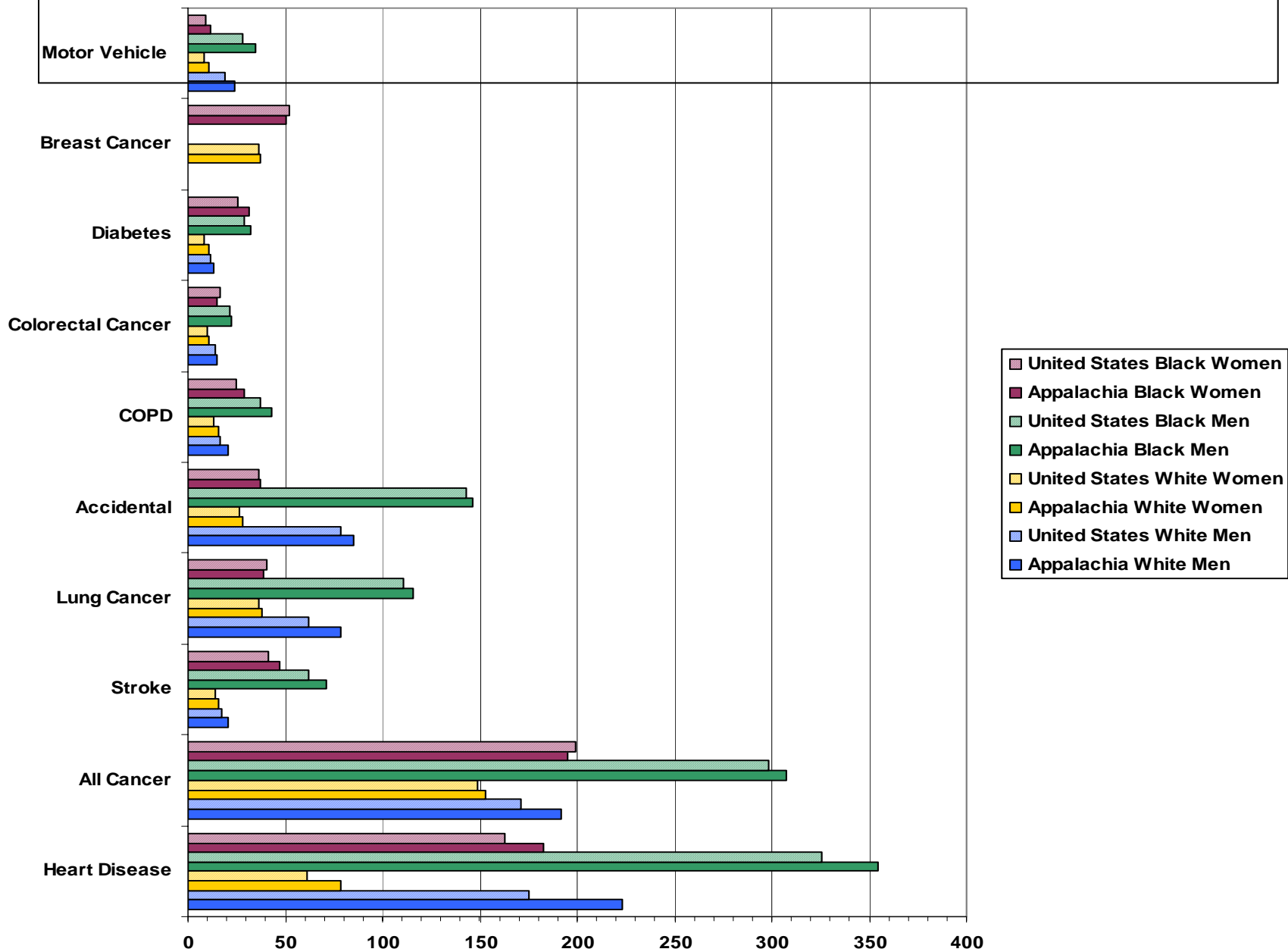
- **Impact of Titles VII and VIII:** Record of adopting new rural experiences; document 54% of family physician and nurse practitioner graduates practice in rural/HPSA or underserved areas; 86% in counties with designation
- **Training Family Physicians for Practice in Appalachia:** Tennessee Medicine: half graduates in TN and rural and underserved
- **Ten Year Study of RPCT:** Higher rates of work in interdisciplinary teams, group decision making about patient care, seek community based volunteer activities

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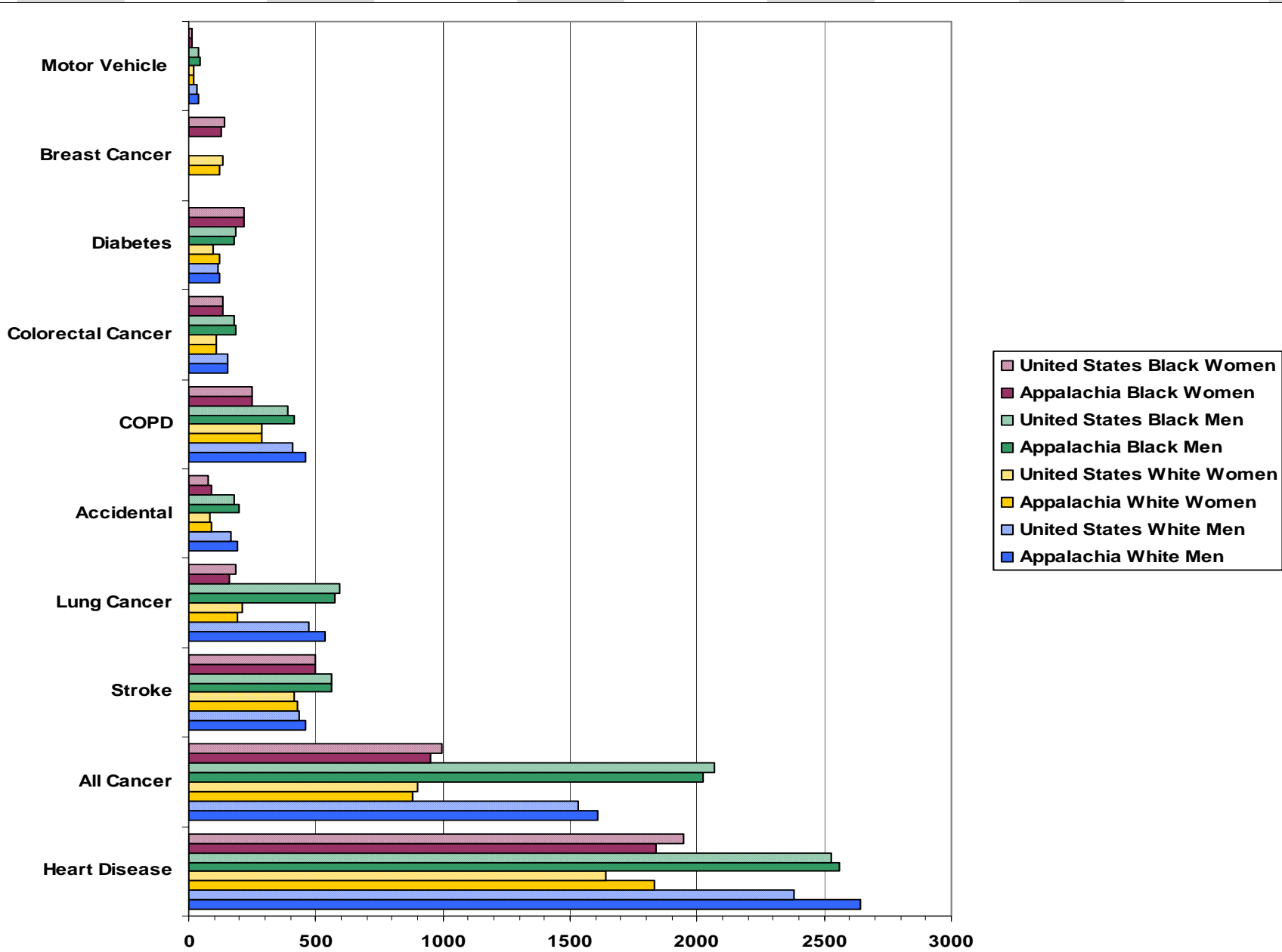
Rural Appalachian Cancer Demonstration Program

- → **Tennessee Health Board:** presentation helped prompt additional resources to upgrade cancer registry
- → **Congressman Jenkins:** secured second year (\$192,000) and third year (\$375,000) funding for continuing regional studies
- **New studies:** primary care provider role, framing messages for women about screening, questions to prompt better communication
- **ARC study:** documents geographic regional health disparities: premature death

Regional Death Rates from Specific Causes, U.S. and Appalachia, 1990-1997 – Persons Ages 35 to 64



Regional Death Rates from Specific Causes, U.S. and Appalachia, 1990-1997 – Persons Ages 65 and Older



Program Updates

Care Data Exchange

Community Health Improvement Project

- **Three Phase plan:** infrastructure to reduce duplicate testing, improve immediate access to data for providers at health visits
- **Kingsport Tomorrow:** regional health providers cooperate in effort
- **eHealth Initiative:** grant to establish new organizational structure to support sharing
- **Critical access hospitals:** planning application in Johnson and Hancock

Program Updates

TennCare Graduate Medical Education

- **The Partnership:** with Rural Health Association and schools
- **Statewide Recruitment Program:** TennCare approve funds to set up new organization linking training to communities
- **Revise underused Stipend Program:** adopt ETSU models to encourage more rural training and site support

Program Updates

New Grant Applications

- **Burdick Rural Interdisciplinary Program:** begin interdisciplinary summer course for students to conduct quality improvement projects with Consortium
- **R-25 Cancer Education Program:** health communication, medical education, and storytelling to test CDs to improve communication between medical residents and cancer patients
- **Underage drinking:** invitation from NIAAA to help establish rural research agenda

Program Updates

Healthcare Partnership in Northern Iraq

- → **Deans visit in October:** select anatomy, library improvements and Rural Teaching Health Centers as topics; 14 compact disks
- → **Suresh Ponnappa**, ETSU Medical Library Director, visits Northern Iraq
- → **Extension and expansion proposal:** to Coalition Provisional Authority in Baghdad: ETSU \$10.3 million including study tours, training, exchange visits, more curricular improvements and strategic planning

Suresh Ponnappa Visit



New Internet Center in Duhok



**Faculty development for
nurses in Erbil**