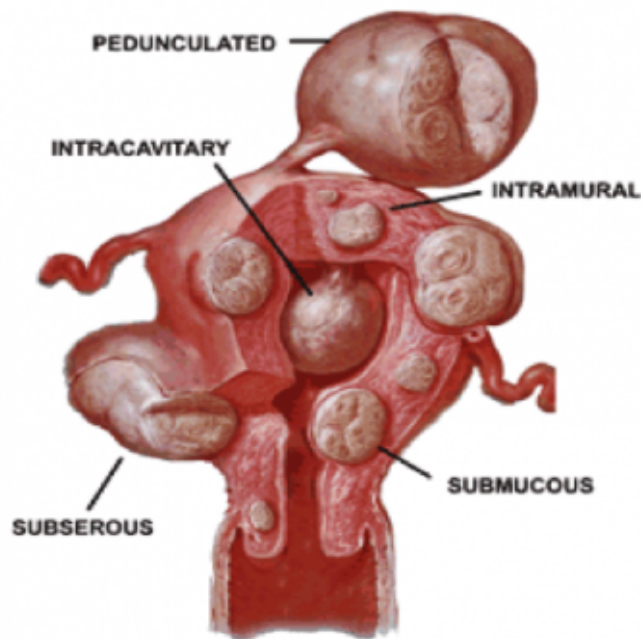


Focus 2014-2015

STOP THE PAIN AND BLEEDING: FUND FIBROID RESEARCH



Uterine fibroids are firm, stiff nodular tumors that occur in women's childbearing years.



The cost of uterine fibroids to our health care system is extremely high and is thought to be \$5.9 to 34 billion annually. Amazingly this is more than the current cost to treat Type II Diabetes in this country.



Symptoms include heavy periods and heavy bleeding between periods leading in many women to anemia.



Some uterine fibroids lead to infertility.



Studies show that fibroids grow differently in African-American women compared to White women. It is estimated that 80% of African-American women and 70% of Caucasian women will develop uterine fibroids before age 50.



In analyses examining both number and size of fibroids, 34% of African-American women versus 7.6% of White women had 10 or more fibroids *and* at least one large fibroid of 5 cm or more.



Hysterectomy is still the definite treatment for symptomatic fibroids and because it ends the ability to have a child it is a tragedy for many young women.



Treatment options will be stagnant until scientists discover the underlying reason for uterine fibroid growth and development.



This is why The Campion Fund has chosen to focus on fibroids in 2014-2015. Please help us support basic research and make new treatments a reality.

