America’s Most Influential AIDS Treatment Activist Dies

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I blogged last year about how much he meant to me and so many others.

Among his many accomplishments, Marty Delaney was the father of the “parallel track” policy, developed by Anthony Fauci at the NIH in 1989, which allowed patients with AIDS whose condition prevents them from participating in controlled clinical trials to receive promising experimental drugs.

Although not HIV positive himself, Marty’s tireless activism with the FDA, NIH and pharma helped save my life, and the lives of thousands of people with HIV/AIDS. He died from inoperable liver cancer stemming from a history of hepatitis B virus infection.

On Monday, Marty was presented with the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) Director’s Special Recognition Award for his many contributions to the fight against HIV/AIDS. Fauci recorded the following video tribute for an event honoring Marty last year:

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