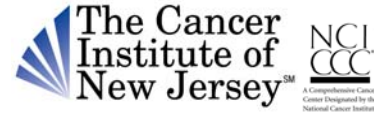




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## **Kaleidoscope of Hope Foundation to Establish Fellowship at The Cancer Institute of New Jersey**

*Fellowship will Help Advance Gynecologic Oncology Training*

**New Brunswick, N.J., April 28, 2005** -- Through the generous contributions of the Kaleidoscope of Hope Foundation, The Cancer Institute of New Jersey (CINJ) will establish the Kaleidoscope of Hope Fellowship to train a physician who has completed residency training in obstetrics and gynecology and wishes to pursue sub-specialty training in gynecologic oncology. Funds from the four-year (\$65,000 per year) fellowship will support the training and research of a post-doctoral fellow at UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in an effort to expand the number of board-certified gynecologic oncologists in New Jersey.

“Our foundation is very pleased to be able to establish the Kaleidoscope of Hope Fellowship at The Cancer Institute of New Jersey,” said Gail MacNeil, co-founder of the Kaleidoscope of Hope Foundation. “CINJ’s exceptional clinical research, outreach and education programs closely align with our mission to support ovarian cancer research and disease awareness.”

Ovarian cancer is the fifth leading cause of cancer death among women. According to the American Cancer Society, approximately 82,550 women across the nation will be diagnosed with a gynecologic cancer this year and nearly 29,000 women will die from the disease.

“We are extremely grateful to the Kaleidoscope of Hope Foundation for their generous support and look forward to working with them in expanding our post-graduate training programs in gynecologic oncology,” said Dr. Anthony Vintzileos, Chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.

Throughout the duration of the fellowship, the selected fellow will engage in laboratory research at The Cancer Institute of New Jersey with the hope of translating research findings into clinical practice. This highly competitive fellowship is expected to draw applicants from across the country and is expected to be awarded in the summer of 2006.

“Awareness and early detection of ovarian cancer are our best weapons in improving survival,” said Dr. Lorna Rodriguez, Chief of the Division of Gynecologic Oncology at CINJ and Associate Professor in the department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. “It is our hope that through the Kaleidoscope of Hope Fellowship we will be able to train a gynecologic oncologist who will stay in the state of New Jersey to continue the battle against this devastating disease.”

Based in Madison, NJ, Kaleidoscope of Hope Foundation was created in 2000 by three ovarian cancer survivors: Gail MacNeil of Chatham Township and Lois Myers and Patricia Stewart, both of Harding Township. After undergoing treatment for the disease, the women decided to turn their experiences into activism to increase awareness and help fund medical research. The Foundation, which is staffed entirely by volunteers, has raised almost \$500,000; donating to organizations involved in research and advocacy. For more information regarding the Kaleidoscope of Hope Foundation, visit [www.kohnj.org](http://www.kohnj.org)

The Cancer Institute of New Jersey is the state’s first and only National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center, and is dedicated to improving the prevention, detection, treatment and care of patients with cancer. CINJ’s physician-scientists engage in translational research, transforming their laboratory discoveries into clinical practice-quite literally bringing research to life. The Cancer Institute of New Jersey is a Center of Excellence of UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. To support CINJ please call 732/235-8614.

The Cancer Institute of New Jersey Network is comprised of hospitals throughout the state and provides a mechanism to rapidly disseminate important discoveries into the community. CINJ Partner Hospitals: Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, Atlantic Health System (Morristown Memorial Hospital, Mountainside Hospital, Overlook Hospital). CINJ Affiliate Hospitals: Bayshore Community Hospital, CentraState Healthcare System, Cooper University Hospital\*, Jersey Shore University Medical Center, JFK Medical Center, Monmouth Medical Center, Raritan Bay Medical Center, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Hamilton, Saint Peter’s University Hospital, Somerset Medical Center, Southern Ocean County Hospital, The University Hospital/UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School\*, and University Medical Center at Princeton.

\* Academic Affiliate-includes The Cancer Institute of New Jersey at Cooper and the UMDNJ-NJMS/University Hospital Cancer Center.

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