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The Cancer Institute of New Jersey Celebrates Grand Opening of Resource and Learning Center

Center Educates Patients, Family Members & the Community

New Brunswick, NJ, June 15, 2004 – The Resource and Learning Center (RLC) at The Cancer Institute of New Jersey (CINJ) is officially open for business and ready to provide patients, their families and the community with reliable, relevant and current information about all aspects of cancer.

“We are excited to now be able to offer such a valuable resource to our patients and their families,” said Regina Cunningham, Ph.D., R.N., A.O.C.N., Chief Nursing Officer at CINJ. “Feedback from the Resource and Learning Center patrons has been positive and we encourage all patients and their families to utilize the center to help deal with the various challenges of a cancer diagnosis,” she continued.

Staffed by a medical librarian, the Resource and Learning Center is a reference area where patients and their families can research their cancer diagnosis and learn more about treatment procedures, clinical trials, nutrition, support groups, palliative care and symptom management. The RLC is located on the second floor in room 2500 at The Cancer Institute of New Jersey in New Brunswick and is open Monday-Friday from 9am-5pm.

Patients, families and the community can also access the RLC’s online catalog on our web site at www.cinj.org. Through this web site, users can view all of the materials that are available, including health education books, videos, CD-ROMs, consumer health magazines and newsletters, children’s books and other resources. While only CINJ patients and their families can check materials out of the RLC, anyone is welcome to visit the center, utilize cataloged materials and consult with the medical librarian. Patrons can also contact the RLC by phone at 732/235-9639 or via e-mail at cinj-rlc@umdnj.edu.

A second component to the Resource & Learning Center, a learning room, is currently under construction and scheduled to open in late fall. The learning room was designed to provide a meeting place for CINJ classes, special programs and support groups.

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The RLC is supported by tax-deductible donations from individuals, corporations and foundations. Donations are used to support the RLC operations, to purchase materials, and to maintain up to date equipment and library collection. The Karma Foundation of North Brunswick, NJ provided seed funding for initial maintenance of the RLC. In addition, Teresa A. Clark and James R. Knickman of Princeton, NJ provided a grant to name the Resource Room in memory of their beloved aunt, Charlotte Anna Wright. If you are interested in making a donation to the Resource and Learning Center at CINJ, please contact CINJ's Development Office at 732/235-8614.

The Cancer Institute of New Jersey is the state's first and only National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center. CINJ 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. CINJ's Providers' Network is comprised of twenty-one Partner and Affiliate institutions throughout the state and provides a mechanism to rapidly disseminate important, valid discoveries into the community. The Cancer Institute of New Jersey is part of UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.

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***Note:** Photos of the Resource & Learning Center at CINJ are available upon request.