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Four Physicians Inducted into Prestigious Professional Society

Society of University Surgeons Honors Physicians from UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and The Cancer Institute of New Jersey

New Brunswick, N.J., March 22, 2005 -- Four members of the Department of Surgery at UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School were recently inducted into the Society of University Surgeons.

Randall Burd, M.D., Ph.D., David Gorski, M.D., Ph.D., and Roderich Schwarz, M.D., Ph.D., all Assistant Professors of Surgery at UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and James Goydos, M.D., Associate Professor of Surgery, UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, were honored by the Society for excelling in their work as surgeons, teachers and researchers and showing great promise for the future of academic surgery. Drs. Gorski, Goydos and Schwarz are surgical oncologists at The Cancer Institute of New Jersey (CINJ). Dr. Burd is a pediatric surgeon at UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.

“This is a major academic honor and having more than one surgeon inducted from a single institution is a strong testament to the academic stature of our institution,” said Stephen Lowry, M.D., Chair, Department of Surgery, UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. “We are extremely proud of Drs. Burd, Gorski, Goydos and Schwarz and congratulate them on their induction into this prestigious professional society.”

“Membership in the Society of University Surgeons is extremely competitive with only 250 members under the age of 45 throughout the country,” added David August, M.D., Chief, Division of Surgical Oncology at CINJ and Associate Professor of Surgery, UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.

The mission of the Society of University Surgeons is to advance the art and science of surgery by encouraging its members to pursue original clinical and laboratory research, develop methods of graduate teaching of surgery, and exchange free and informal ideas pertaining to academic surgery. For more information about the Society of University Surgeons, visit www.susweb.org.

As one of the nation's leading comprehensive medical schools, UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School with campuses in New Brunswick, Piscataway and Camden, is dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in education, research, health care delivery and the promotion of community health for the residents of New Jersey. With 2,500 full-time and volunteer faculty, the medical school maintains educational programs at the undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate levels for more than 1,500 students, as well as continuing education courses for health care professionals and community education programs. The medical school encompasses 21 basic science and clinical departments and also integrates diverse clinical programs conducted at its 34 hospital affiliates and numerous ambulatory care sites in the region. UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School also hosts 85 centers and institutes; among them are The Cancer Institute of New Jersey, the Cardiovascular Institute; the Child Health Institute of New Jersey, the Center for Advanced Biotechnology and Medicine, Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences Institute and the Stem Cell Institute of New Jersey.

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.

CINJ's Partner and Affiliate Network is comprised of hospitals and institutions throughout the state and provides a mechanism to rapidly disseminate important, valid 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*, 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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