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CINJ and RWJUH to Host Free Prostate Cancer Screenings

The Cancer Institute of New Jersey and its partner hospital, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital are hosting its annual prostate cancer screening event September 22, 23, and 24, 2008 from 5:00pm – 8:00pm each evening at CINJ in New Brunswick. A team of physicians from the Dean and Betty Gallo Prostate Cancer Center at CINJ will be conducting the screenings, which will include a digital rectal exam and the prostate specific antigen (PSA) blood test. The screening is open to all men 50 years and older with no history of prostate cancer or 40 years and older with a family history of the disease. The screening is free but, an appointment is necessary and can be made by calling 732/247-2050. CINJ and RWJUH have joined forces with New Brunswick-area clergy and community leaders to better educate men and their families about the risks of prostate cancer and the importance of being screened. The American Cancer Society estimates that 183,000 new cases of prostate cancer will occur in the U.S. this year, with over 5,000 new cases diagnosed in New Jersey.

Team from CINJ Instrumental in Compiling Nutrition and Exercise Resource Guide

Did you know that only 26-percent of New Jersey residents consume the recommended five servings of fruits and vegetables each day and more than 37-percent of adults in the state are overweight? Those Center for Disease Control statistics are just a few that epidemiology researchers at The Cancer Institute of New Jersey and the state Office of Cancer Control and Prevention hope to improve on with the dissemination of healthy lifestyle information they compiled in the latest *New Jersey Nutrition and Physical Activity Programs* resource guide. The booklet focuses on nutrition, wellness and physical activity programs at hospitals, community centers and other entities throughout all 21 counties. It stems from a database developed by a sub-group of the Task Force on Cancer Prevention, Early Detection, and Treatment in New Jersey chaired by Elisa Bandera, MD, PhD, an epidemiologist at CINJ and assistant professor of epidemiology at UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and the UMDNJ-School of Public Health. The guide is now available at www.state.nj.us/health/ccp/npap/index.shtml.

Honorees Announced for 13th Annual Award of Hope Gala and Benefit Auction

Recognizing significant contributions made to The Cancer Institute of New Jersey and the fight against cancer, the Cancer Institute of New Jersey Foundation will be honoring six outstanding individuals at the 13th Annual Award of Hope Gala and Benefit Auction on October 4, 2008 at the Hyatt Regency New Brunswick. Since its inception, the Award of Hope Gala has raised nearly eight-million dollars for cancer research, patient care and education programs at CINJ. This

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year's Award of Hope will recognize the philanthropic and leadership support of Malcolm Wernik and Vivian and Will Allen. Mr. Wernik is a two-time cancer survivor and CINJ patient, who has worked tirelessly to raise millions of dollars to support the work of CINJ. The Allens have been involved with CINJ for many years with Vivian serving as an active volunteer for the Award of Hope Gala Committee and Will as a Foundation Board of Trustees member. This year's Award for Leadership in Patient Care recipients are Bruce G. Haffty, MD, associate director and chair of radiation oncology at CINJ and UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and Leah Scaramuzzo, MSN, RN, C, AOCN, oncology education specialist at CINJ. Also this year, Arnold B. Rabson, MD, will be recognized with the Award for Distinguished Leadership and Achievement to acknowledge his significant contributions to the growth and success of CINJ over the past 14 years. For sponsorship and ticket information for the Award of Hope Gala and Benefit Auction, visit www.cinjfoundation.org or call 732-235-4956.



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