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Tickets Now on Sale for Second Annual CINJ Comedy Night

Proceeds will Benefit Scholarships and Professional Development for Nursing Education

New Brunswick, N.J., March 24, 2008 – Is laughter really the best medicine? Oncology nurses at The Cancer Institute of New Jersey (CINJ) think so, as they're gearing up for a night of fun at the Second Annual CINJ Comedy Night, proceeds from which will go to the Cancer Institute of New Jersey Foundation to benefit CINJ Nursing Education. CINJ is a Center of Excellence of UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.

The show will feature comedian Vinnie Brand, who will headline the event at the Stress Factory in New Brunswick on Sunday, May 4. Brand, has been a long-time fixture at a number of comedy clubs in New York City, has taken part in big-name comedy festivals and has appeared on radio and television talk shows.

Last year's event raised \$10,000, and the hope by event organizers this year is to surpass that mark. Monies raised through ticket and raffle sales this year will go toward providing nursing education scholarships and classroom education; bringing in nationally-known guest speakers to talk about evidence-based nursing practice; and offering access to the latest in equipment and technology related to the field of oncology nursing.

Leah Scaramuzzo, M.S.N., R.N.C., A.O.C.N., an oncology education specialist at CINJ, says it's important to provide nurses with numerous education opportunities throughout their career, "The money raised through this event will allow nurses to grow professionally and not only keep up with the changes of oncology nursing, but also to develop themselves as leaders in cancer care. A better educated nurse ultimately translates into the highest quality of patient care, which is something we pride ourselves on as oncology nurses."

The evening will begin with dinner at 5 p.m. followed by the 7 p.m. show. Festivities will include door prizes, a 50/50 raffle and a tricky tray auction. Tickets purchased before April 26th are \$35.00 each and \$40.00 after. Tickets can be purchased by calling the CINJ Foundation at 732-235-8614.

The CINJ Foundation raises funds to support cancer research, treatment, prevention and education programs at CINJ. Gifts are received from corporations, foundations, individuals, special events and through planned gifts. To make a tax-deductible gift to New Jersey's only NCI -designated Comprehensive Cancer Center call 732-235-8614 or visit www.cinjfoundation.org.

About The Cancer 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

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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 the Cancer Institute of New Jersey Foundation at 1-888-333-CINJ.

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. Partner Hospital: Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital. Affiliate Hospitals: Bayshore Community Hospital, CentraState Healthcare System, Cooper University Hospital*, Jersey Shore University Medical Center, JFK Medical Center, Morristown Memorial Hospital, Overlook Hospital, Raritan Bay Medical Center, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Hamilton (CINJ-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

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