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## **CINJ TRIPLES IN SIZE, DEDICATES NEW FACILITY TO THE COMMUNITY**

*The Cancer Institute of New Jersey Bringing Research to Life for all New Jerseyans*

**NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J., MAY 11, 2004** – The Cancer Institute of New Jersey (CINJ) today celebrated the dedication of its newly expanded facility. The new 150,000 square foot addition triples the size of CINJ, allowing for more laboratory and research space and other special features to enhance the patient experience at CINJ.

“As the state’s first and only National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center, it is important that CINJ continue to grow,” commented William N. Hait, M.D., Ph.D., Director of CINJ and Associate Dean, Oncology Programs, UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. “The expansion of CINJ reinforces our commitment to the people of New Jersey.”

Today’s ceremony included comments from Governor James E. McGreevey and Commissioner of Health & Human Services Dr. Clifton Lacy, underscoring the State’s commitment to fighting cancer and support of CINJ. Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen also received the inaugural *Betty Gallo Advocacy Award* to recognize his contributions to improving the health of cancer patients across New Jersey.

“The war on cancer is my personal priority, and it’s a priority for our state, ” said Governor James E. McGreevey. “We’re making New Jersey a leader in care and research. I congratulate the Cancer Institute on its expansion, which will provide an even greater number of cancer patients with the access to the latest cutting-edge treatments and world-class care that they deserve.”

Highlights of CINJ’s building expansion include a Resource and Learning Center and additional research facilities including a Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) laboratory. The Resource and Learning Center, funded through grants by Teresa A. Clark and James Knickman and the Karma Foundation, is a reference area staffed by a medical librarian, where patients and their families can research their cancer diagnosis and learn more about treatment procedures, clinical trials and symptom management. The GMP laboratory is a suite of six cleanrooms where researchers will be able to

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produce sterile pharmaceutical grade preparations of newly discovered anti-cancer treatments to be taken downstairs to the clinic and administered to patients. The function of the GMP laboratory is to bring research results to our patients in a timely manner, a goal of all cancer researchers.

While CINJ has tripled the square footage of the facility, the newly renovated clinic and treatment areas still have an intimate and private atmosphere that will put patients at ease and maintain a friendly feeling. The building expansion, which was partially funded through the generous support of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Robert E. Campbell family, provides 16 additional exam rooms and 3 additional exam consult rooms in the adult exam cluster and 30 semi-private treatment bays and 10 private treatment rooms. In all, the five-floor expansion will allow CINJ to accommodate up to 100,000 patient visits per year.

Renovations of the clinic space in the original CINJ building are currently underway and, when completed, will house the Fannie E. Rippel Foundation Center for Women's Reproductive Cancers, the LIFE Center for Breast Cancer Awareness and the New Jersey Comprehensive Breast Cancer Program.

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, through the transformation of laboratory discoveries into clinical practice. 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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