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The Cancer Institute of New Jersey Establishes C.R. Bard Urology Scholars Program

C.R. Bard Foundation Generously Supports Urologic Research and Education

New Brunswick, N.J., June 1, 2005 – The Cancer Institute of New Jersey (CINJ) is pleased to announce the establishment of the C.R. Bard Urology Scholars Program. Through the generosity of the C.R. Bard Foundation, CINJ will pilot the C.R. Bard Urology Scholars Program, aimed at providing medical students access to urologic oncology research with the hope to increase the number of students who choose urologic oncology as a specialty.

“We are extremely grateful to the C.R. Bard Foundation for providing us with the opportunity to educate medical students about the various aspects of urology practices,” said Dr. Ronald A. Morton, Jr., Director of Urologic Oncology at CINJ and Chief of the Division of Urology, Department of Surgery, UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. “Through this program we hope to increase the number of physician-scientists participating in urologic oncology research programs in New Jersey and provide them with a solid foundation with which to make discoveries that could lead to improvements in the care of patients with urologic diseases.”

The \$10,000 grant will be used to train two medical students in both the clinical and laboratory aspects of urology. Each student will be paired with a clinical mentor, as well as a research mentor and will spend the majority of his/her time in the laboratory. Students will also spend about one-half day per week with their clinical mentor in the outpatient clinic, ward rounds and operating room in order to get a well-rounded experience in urology.

Students will work in the laboratories of CINJ investigators studying treatments for urologic diseases. All physician-scientists participating in the training program have federally funded laboratories (i.e. National Institutes of Health or Department of Defense) and will meet regularly with students to serve as a mentor and help guide their research projects. Research projects that selected students will have access to include: vaccine and gene therapies for prostate and bladder cancer, novel therapy for metastatic renal cell carcinoma and using nanotechnology to develop biosensors to diagnose genitourinary malignancies, among others.

The C.R. Bard Urology Scholars Program is expected to draw upon applicants from medical schools around the country and select two students to begin the program this summer.

For more information about opportunities to support CINJ, please call 732/235-8614.

C.R. Bard, Inc., (www.crbard.com) headquartered in Murray Hill, N.J., is a leading multinational developer, manufacturer and marketer of innovative, life-enhancing medical technologies in the fields of vascular, urology, oncology and surgical specialty products.

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

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. 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*, and 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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