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Breast Surgical Team Expanded at The Cancer Institute of New Jersey

Dr. Laurie J. Kirstein Joins UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School Faculty from Harvard Medical School

New Brunswick, N.J., September 6, 2007 – The Cancer Institute of New Jersey (CINJ) is pleased to announce the arrival of its latest surgical oncologist to join CINJ’s Breast Section and the Department of Surgery at the UMDNJ- Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. Laurie J. Kirstein, M.D., who also is an assistant professor of surgery at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, recently completed a fellowship in Breast Surgical Oncology at the Massachusetts General Hospital, Brigham and Women’s Hospital and Dana Farber Cancer Center in Boston, Massachusetts. She also held a position as a clinical instructor in the Department of Surgery at Harvard Medical School.

“It is a privilege to be working on a team featuring some of the world’s most renowned surgical and medical oncologists. It is my professional and personal commitment to join my colleagues in their efforts to better identify those at high risk for breast cancer, and develop improved methods for improved treatment and prevention,” Dr. Kirstein notes.

Kirstein has a clinical research interest in patients who are at high risk for developing breast cancer, and she is the lead author of several abstracts and publications focusing on such subjects as nipple-sparing mastectomy, when a mastectomy can be avoided, and the issue of cancer pain management. She has also done general research on the effects of social, ethnic, religious and cultural attitudes on breast self examinations.

Stephen F. Lowry, M.D., FACS, chair, department of surgery at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, says adding Kirstein to the faculty shows a continued commitment to excellence, “In providing mentorship for our future surgeons, it is imperative that we hire only the most talented and accomplished professionals to provide the highest level of care for our patients.”

David A. August, M.D., chief, division of surgical oncology at CINJ and professor of surgery at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, is pleased that Kirstein is on board, “We have been fortunate enough in recent years to attract and retain top recruits in this field. The clinical expertise that Dr. Kirstein possesses certainly will enhance our surgical team and will further cement our standing as being a leader in the area of surgical oncology.”

Thomas J. Kearney, M.D., FACS, director, breast care services and chief, section of breast surgery at CINJ; and associate professor of surgery at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, says Kirstein’s work is on the leading edge, “Dr. Kirstein’s past work -- in the area of breast conservation especially -- will provide for great support of current and future programs in the breast surgery section.”

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Kirstein is currently accepting patients. Patients, family members, or caregivers wishing to schedule an initial patient visit with any of CINJ's physicians should call the New Patient Access Center at 732/235-8515.

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 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.

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