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RI'S INNOVATIVE CANCER THERAPY RECEIVES FDA APPROVAL FOR PHASE I STUDY

Investigators at The Rogosin Institute have discovered a unique means of treating cancer that is based on the principle that all living cells are under feedback control for their growth and development.

For the past nine years, The Rogosin Institute has been researching a cancer treatment that

enhances "feedback control" to slow the growth of cancer cells. RI scientists have demonstrated that RI's agarose macrobead contain-

ing cancer cells controls cancer cell growth in vitro (laboratory test tube) and in vivo (in veterinary patients, cats and dogs). This is a remarkable, new approach to understanding the disease process involved in cancer.

In October 2001 RI submitted an application to the FDA for treatment of humans. After addressing many specific questions, FDA approval was finally received May 2004. RI has now applied to the Institutional Review Boards (IRB) at NewYork- Presbyterian Hospital/ Cornell and NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia for approval of this treatment for humans with cancer resistant to available conventional treatment such as liver and ovarian cancer. It is

anticipated that the first patient will be treated in Winter 2004-2005. Once the initial treatment of a few patients demonstrates safety, additional patients would be treated. RI physicians feel confident that eventually treatment can begin in patients with other types of cancer.

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Thomas Parker, Ph.D., Daniel Levine, Ph.D. and associates at RI's Basic Research Laboratory in The Rockefeller

University are conducting studies using gene chips to determine the pathways regulated by a "feedback control" in cancer that are observed with the RI macrobead. This research may lead to the development of more specific pharmaceuticals for the treatment of cancer.

RI director, Albert L. Rubin, M.D., reports that "studies at The Institute have opened up a completely new avenue for understanding and controlling the growth of malignant cells."

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tion and efforts that have encouraged two specific individuals to volunteer their time and experience to RI patients. Lois Akner, CSW is a social worker in private practice who donates her career knowledge and expertise to these support groups, helping the patients come to terms with their many questions and concerns during the entire transplantation process. Avis Maye, a former transplant patient of The Rogosin Institute, has also generously donated her time and patient knowledge since 1997, identifying with all the aspects of being a transplant patient and offering comfort. The

Institute cannot adequately express its gratitude for the beneficial contribution of these volunteers. This support group is highly recommended for all transplant patients and donors. Family members and close friends are also invited to learn and share their thoughts at these support group sessions.

Anyone interested may call Barbara Desiderio, CSW at 212-746-1569 for more information.

STAFF NEWS

New employees from Dec. 1, 2003-Oct. 1, 2004:

Manhattan Facilities

Christine Auro, administrative assistant, development office
Molly Brown, histocompatibility technologist, IGT
Valerie Ciliento, database coordinator, Dreyfus Health Foundation
Jacqueline Dilone, medical clerk, CLCC
Hemwantie Mangal, administrative assistant, corporate office
Angela Sanchez, lab technician/ assistant research coordinator
Corrine Torres, transplant assistant, pre-transplant administration
Richard Vargas, lab aide, clinical research laboratory

Manhattan Dialysis Center

José Carrero, patient care technician (P.C.T.)
Paulette Glover, P.C.T.
Jason Goddard, P.C.T.
Conrad Groves, P.C.T.
Carlos Hernandez, P.C.T.
Mark Hurston, P.C.T.
Herman Kearney, P.C.T.
Pauline Little, P.C.T.
Tisha Lopez, L.P.N.
Thabiti Nembhard, ward clerk
Larry Shell, housekeeper

Brooklyn Dialysis Center

Bjorn Brogle, C.S.W.
Eric Chabran, housekeeper
Gwendolyn Landis, R.N.
Alexandra Papillon, L.P.N.

Queens Dialysis Center

Dalia Frumkin, M.D.
Gail Frumkin, M.D., co-medical director
Oscar Binodo, L.P.N.
Lewis Robles, biomed technician

Xenia Division

Steven Harbeck, research technician, diabetes research lab
Anne Jung, research associate, cancer research lab
Jenny Kwak, research technician, cancer research lab
Melissa Lyons, research associate, cancer research lab
Misty Mitchell, research technician, cancer research lab
Tammy Nagle, maintenance aide
Melanie Ross, research technician, cancer research lab

Transfers from Dec. 1, 2003-Oct. 1, 2004:

Jessie Sanchez, transplant assistant, pre-transplant administration
Juliette Winters, nurse practitioner, RI kidney center

Promotions from Dec. 1, 2003-Oct. 1, 2004:

Nury Alvarez, administrative assistant/ receptionist/ phlebotomist, CLCC
Fernando P. Calle, human resources coordinator
David Franco, administrative coordinator, pre-transplant administration
Sylvia Rolon, nurse manager, Brooklyn Dialysis Center

Staff Accomplishments:

Jon Blumenfeld, M.D. was appointed Co-Executive Editor of the *"Journal of Hypertension"*.
John Wang, M.D., director, Jack J. Dreyfus Clinic, and
Patricia Wright, medical assistant at Jack J. Dreyfus Clinic, volunteered at the Kidney Early Evaluation Program (KEEP) sponsored by the National Kidney Foundation of Greater New York on June 12th at the

American Indian Community House. Many "at risk" individuals were identified that day and benefited from the valuable program. RI is one of the centers NKF uses to refer individuals requiring further follow-up.

Many Thanks

Thank you to **Diana Mulqueen**, RI volunteer, and **Maria Abreu-Goris**, physician assistant with RI transplantation program, for translating the new Rogosin Institute Transplantation 'Live' Kidney Donor-Exchange Program brochure into Spanish. Diana also translated the brochures of The Institute's Dreyfus Clinic and Hemodialysis Centers. We express appreciation also to **Nerida Estevez**, clinical assistant, Dreyfus Clinic, for final review and suggestions.

Donation of Dialysis Machines by The Rogosin Institute

The Rogosin Institute replaced all its dialysis machines in December 2000. **Daniel Levine, Ph.D.**, director, Iris & B. Gerald Cantor Clinical Research Laboratory, together with **Camille Romain**, RI director of engineering, were determined to donate RI's dialysis machines where they would make a difference in the lives of patients abroad. A search led to contact with the appropriate local, national and international governmental agencies that were

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Transplant Support Group

The Rogosin Institute David D. Thompson Transplantation Center has many services that aid in a patient's overall health by providing the individual with comprehensive care. RI incorporates a seamless relationship, bridging all aspects of transplantation and dedicating care to both the mental and physical well-being of the numerous patients of The Rogosin Institute.

As part of The Institute's innovative approach to wellness, RI offers a transplantation support group for pre & post transplant patients and donors. One can utilize the group at anytime dur-



Lois Ackner, C.S.W. and Avais Maye- volunteers at the monthly RI Transplant Support Group.

ing the transplantation donation process. Attending these sessions can begin as early as the initial interview that is used to determine whether the individual is eligible to physically and mentally cope with the transplantation.

Support group meetings are

offered to help ease the patient's and family's concerns, while being educated about procedure. The sessions also assist the patient in becoming informed about the treatments involved pre & post-operation, acclimated to the new transplant and knowledgeable about the services available to help ensure the success of the surgery. The Rogosin Institute is one of the few kidney transplantation centers in New York that extends this diverse counseling.

The support group headed by Barbara Desiderio, CSW, began in 1997, is held monthly (typically the fourth Friday of every month). It is Barbara's dedication

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SAVE THE DATE!

The Rogosin Institute "Tree of Life" Gala honoring

John Kluge and Stuart Subotnick
Metromedia Company

with supporting honors to:

Richard Hall
Bob Evans Farms

Barry Smith, M.D., Ph.D.
The Rogosin Institute

Tuesday, March 15, 2005

at
The University Club

Details will follow.

The Rogosin Institute Scholarships at Weill Cornell Medical College

Albert Rubin, director of RI, and all its members, support the Medical College's commitment to help talented students and are therefore unanimous in their support of the Medical College's *Advancing the Clinical Mission* scholarship endowment initiative set up by Dean Gotto. Consequently, in June 2004 The Rogosin Institute established an endowed fund, "The Rogosin Institute Scholarships", at the Weill Cornell Medical College. The income from this fund will be allotted annually to "Rogosin Scholars", deserving medical students in need of financial assistance, selected by Dean Gotto. The four students selected to be the Rogosin Scholars for 2004 are:

Howard Heching *Class of 2007*
Karen Hollingsworth *Class of 2007*
Nicholas Lynch *Class of 2008*
Anthony Rossi, Jr. *Class of 2008*

Early in 2005 Dr. Rubin, Dean Gotto and members of The Rogosin Institute will meet the selected Rogosin Scholars at a reception.

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Machines being transported for delivery to Romania.

instrumental in arranging this meaningful contribution in late 2003. Children's Help Net and the Andrea Foundation in Romania (both of which help institutions that directly or indirectly benefit children in Eastern Europe) coordinated the donation of 35 Baxter dialysis machines by The Rogosin Institute to the Ministry of Health in Romania. SofMedica, the Baxter distributor for Romania, cleared the donation through customs, delivered the machines to the recipient institutions identified by the Ministry of Health and set them up. Hospitals in the Romanian cities of Ramnicu, Valcea, Slatina, Braila, Resita and Turnu Severin are now treating patients with these machines. The donation of these machines has permitted the recipient institutions to increase the number of shifts required to treat their patients and to be able to provide more optimal dialysis prescriptions (possibly longer dialysis) for each patient.

The Rogosin Institute also donated eight dialysis machines to Haiti to be used in Port-au-Prince where dialysis was not previously easily available. The machines were finally placed in a new dialysis center that opened in the State University Hospital of Haiti. Camille Romain went to Haiti to assist them in setting up this dialysis center. Patients are receiving hemodialysis treatments since the unit opened a year ago. Some current problems remain that need to be resolved: a generator dedicated to the hemodialysis unit is necessary because of the ongoing interruption of electrical energy; technical supports and replacement parts are needed to ensure proper water quality; a basic laboratory set-up needs to be available at the hemodialysis unit for quick determinations; and a computer system is necessary.

The Rogosin Institute is proud to have employees who are dedicated to advancing healthcare in economically deprived countries.

PATIENT NEWS

A Neil Simon Story

Neil Simon, the world-renowned playwright, received a kidney transplant at The Rogosin Institute's Transplantation Center at New York- Presbyterian Hospital in March 2004. He was extremely fortunate to receive the kidney of a living donor, Bill Evans, his press agent and friend for 28 years.

When Mr. Simon first came to RI, he was not considering a kidney transplant because he was told by California physicians that he was "too old for a transplant". However, RI director, Albert L. Rubin, M.D., told Mr. Simon that at The Rogosin Institute, when a patient is in good health, age may not be a problem. The news that kidney transplantation could be an option lifted his spirits as did the unique steroid-free protocol used at RI. Mr. Simon began to let close friends know he needed a kidney transplant. Bill Evans was one of those close friends who offered his kidney without being asked. Mr. Evans explained "Mr. Simon is like family to me and my parents raised me to believe that when a loved one is in trouble, you show up".

Mr. Simon is pleased with the care and expertise from the entire

Rogosin Institute transplantation team of physicians, nurses and social workers. The same nephrologists provide care before, during and after surgery.

It is gratifying to know that RI provides the most advanced research and treatment. For a patient who has a living donor who does not match, The Rogosin Institute has a special 'Live' Donor-Recipient Exchange Program.

Michelle Flores

Manhattan dialysis center patient, Michelle Flores, had a difficult year with many medical struggles and unforeseen hospitalizations. Her husband and two children, Ashley and Joshua, came together as a family during those stressful times to give each other strength and determination. With their support, eventually Michelle regained her health and well-being. Despite their mother's many long hospitalizations, Ashley and Joshua worked hard to maintain good grades in school and excel in city-wide achievement tests. News of their accomplishments helped in Michelle's recovery.

Roxana Bologa, M.D. requested from the Development Office a way to honor the encouraging and helpful approach that guided this family during Michelle's difficult times.

Funds from the Goldsmith Foundation, Sophie Emmons Quality of Life Fund and Durrer Quality of Life Fund were used to provide a special, family summer trip to Hershey Park, Pennsylvania.



Michelle Flores and family

The Rogosin Institute, in order to help its patients have a better life, established a Quality of Life Fund administered by The Institute's Social Services Division under the supervision of The Institute's Development Office. Patients in need of special help in meeting medical expenses and personal expenses can receive assistance if eligible. The funds are even used to provide happy occasions for patients and their families, as was the case with Michelle Flores.

If you or anyone you know may be interested in donating to the Quality of Life Fund, call RI Development Office at 212-746-1552.

“Wonderful Day,
Wonderful Town”

Sunday, March 28, 2004, was definitely a wonderful day when Classics volunteers hosted a theatre and brunch benefit for The Rogosin Institute. Seventy Institute friends gathered for brunch at the West Bank Café in New York City. Steve Olsen, owner of West Bank Café and RI friend, prepared a festive and delicious menu. The weather cooperated so that everyone could walk two blocks to the theatre to see "Wonderful Town", nominated for five Tony awards and winner of one. This revival play was entertaining and energizing. Following the performance, The Rogosin Institute guests participated in a private discussion with cast members arranged by RI friend and cast member, Tim Shew. Questions covered a range of topics such as backgrounds of the cast and their adjustment to having the orchestra on the stage instead of below it.

RI extends sincere appreciation to committee members, Joyce Dudelson, Annie Ravitz and Lisa Rosenstock, who coordinated this very enjoyable and memorable event.

Proceeds of this event help support the new Rogosin Institute

Transplantation Center's - 'Live' Donor-Recipient Exchange Program.

New RI Board Members

The Rogosin Institute is pleased to announce the appointment of **William Macaulay** in September 2003 and **Dr. Mary White** in March 2004 to RI's Board of Directors. As new board members they bring their professional experience and ongoing dedication to quality research and treatment that will enhance the efforts of the The Institute.

William Macaulay has been involved with RI since 1991. He is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of First Reserve, a private equity firm specializing in the energy industry. His wife, Linda, is also a participant at RI's board meetings. She has a special interest in ornithology and research and is actively involved in the Macaulay Library of Natural Sounds at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, considered the best bird research and educational institution in the world.

Mary White, M.D. has been involved in RI since 2002. She is an infectious disease specialist who organizes and supports public health projects worldwide. Having worked at Memorial Sloan Kettering, she has excellent experience in cancer research.

The Strategic Development Committee

The Rogosin Institute has recently created a new committee entitled The Strategic Development Committee. The goal of this team is to expand upon the present and future growth of The Institute. The Strategic Development Committee includes four couples who are interested in becoming more involved in The Institute: (1) Joyce and Mort Certilman, Esq. Mort is a Senior Partner of Certilman, Balin, Adler & Hyman, LLP; (2) Sharyn & Stuart Frankel. Stuart is CEO of Stuart Frankel & Co.; (3) Francine and Robert Ravitz. Robert is Principal of David J. Green & Co., LLP; and (4) Marilee and Jack Reiner, Esq. Marilee is a former RI board member and former RI director of volunteers and Jack is Of-Counsel at White & Case, LLP.

The first meeting was held on Tuesday, May 18, 2004 to introduce the members and lay a foundation for the committee's involvement. Dr. Albert Rubin provided the members with information on The Institute's background and its Comprehensive Lipid Control Center. Dr. Kurt Stenzel spoke about RI's dialysis program. Dr. Robert Riggio presented RI's transplantation program and Dr. Jon Blumenfeld educated the members about RI Polycystic Kidney Disease Center and Hypertension Division. Dr.

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Barry Smith discussed RI's new cancer program and Dr. Carolyn Diehl briefed the members on The Institute's development and public affairs efforts.

On Tuesday, June 29, 2004, the second Strategic Development Committee meeting was held. The committee members and many of the same RI staff attended this meeting with the addition of Sidney R. Knafel, Chairman of The Rogosin Institute's Board of Directors.

These meetings are to be held quarterly to keep the committee members abreast about The Rogosin Institute. The September meeting had to be cancelled. The next meeting is anticipated in December. RI is excited about this committee that will contribute advice and new ideas concerning the programs and further development of The Institute. RI thanks all the participants for their active involvement.

Make a Difference- Give Gifts That Give Back

The Rogosin Institute depends on many sources of revenue to maintain its status as a leading research and treatment center that benefits many people worldwide. A major source of support is through charitable donations from friends, patients, foundations and corporations. We are deeply grateful for those who support and participate in the mission of RI.

These are some of the ways that you can make a gift to The Rogosin Institute:

The most direct way to make a contribution to our research and treatment efforts is through a gift of cash, securities or property to RI. These gifts can be unrestricted or restricted for specific research, treatment area or capital improvements. Check with your employer about a matching gift program. Such programs increase a benefactor's generosity to The Institute.

Gifts can be made from individuals and corporations to:

honor a loved one on a happy occasion such as birthdays, weddings, graduations, anniversaries or holidays.

honor the memory of a loved one and show the family of the deceased that you care about their loved one.

RI sends personalized cards to the recipients acknowledging the gift (the amount is not disclosed) and the occasion.

Donors may purchase leaves for "The Tree of Life", located in the entrance of The Rogosin Institute's Helmsley Medical Tower facility. The "Tree" was donated to RI twenty years ago by a member of RI volunteer group, Sylvan League, to provide a way for friends of RI to honor loved ones or commemorate an

event. Leaves can be inscribed with a name, a brief saying and date of a special occasion or simply just with a name. Acknowledgement letters with brochures describing the "Tree of Life" are sent to the appropriate recipients.

Gifts may be made as a bequest in the donor's Will. While bequests to RI make a significant impact on healthcare of future generations, bequests allow individuals to contribute in a meaningful way without currently parting with necessary assets. This advantage has allowed many individuals to make important gifts that would not have been possible during their lifetimes.

Gifts may be made to The Institute's Annual Appeal. Gifts in response to the annual appeal can be restricted or unrestricted.

All gifts and bequests are tax-deductible to the full extent permitted by law.

For more information or to make a gift, call RI Development Office at 212-746-1552.