

YALE CANCER CENTER

New Clinical Cancer Center Building

TO BE COMPLETED IN 2008

The Yale-New Haven Hospital, Yale University School of Medicine, and Yale Cancer Center have announced plans to open a new comprehensive clinical cancer center in 2008, with construction beginning as early as the fall of 2005. The new clinical facility will integrate all oncology services together, offering convenience to our patients. Currently cancer patients are treated among six different facilities at the Medical Center.

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The Yale-New Haven Hospital Board of Trustees have given their endorsement of the 14 story, 497,000 square foot building, which is in the process of gaining approval by the City of New Haven and State of Connecticut. The new cancer center is the first major addition to the Yale-New

Haven Medical Center facilities since the Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital opened more than a decade ago. "The reason is clear. The time is now," Joseph A. Zaccagnino, President and Chief Executive Officer of Yale-New Haven Hospital, said.

"Integrating cancer patient services with the introduction of new cancer treatments together in one building specifically designed for cancer care will provide a true

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Yale Cancer Center

SELECTED FOR CANCER INFORMATION SERVICE CONTRACT AWARD



The National Cancer Institute (NCI), the government's lead agency for cancer research, has selected Yale Cancer Center as one of 15 organizations to receive a \$5 million contract award to operate its Cancer Information Service (CIS). Yale Cancer Center will serve Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont through its Partnership Program. Additionally, the research contract awarded to Yale Cancer Center will serve those six New England states, as well as New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Michigan, Indiana, and Ohio.

Created in 1976, the CIS is the federal government's source for the latest, most accurate cancer information for the American public. The CIS assists

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information in understandable language, and studies ways to promote healthy behaviors and communicate cancer information effectively.

According to Linda Mowad, RN, Program Director for the Cancer Information Service at Yale Cancer Center, "The CIS is a critical resource for the American public, and we feel privileged to be able to continue to provide this service. We are pleased to be working in partnership with the American Cancer Society New England Division and the Payson Center for Cancer Care at Concord Hospital in New Hampshire to meet the needs of our community."

The Partnership Program brings cancer information to people who may have difficulties seeking health information because of educational, financial, language, or other barriers. It also strives to increase partners' awareness that cancer health disparities are a major public health problem where the burden of cancer falls disproportionately on certain racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups. Mandated by the National Cancer Institute, their primary focus in 2005 is on breast cancer, cervical cancer, tobacco cessation, and clinical trials. The Cancer Information Service office at Yale Cancer Center will oversee three partnership coordinator positions throughout the Northeast territory, which will better allow them to assist each unique population. "This new contract award will enable us to spread our resources into each New England state broadening our program's reach," Mowad explained.

Dr. Vincent T. DeVita, Jr., the Amy and Joseph Perella Professor of Medicine, serves as the principal investigator

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A Comprehensive Cancer Center
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Mario Sznol, MD



Jerry Doman

Yale Cancer Center is pleased to welcome Mario Sznol, MD as a member of the section of Medical Oncology. He is a graduate of Baylor College of Medicine in Houston and completed his fellowship training in medical oncology at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York. Dr. Sznol was a Senior Investigator and subsequently Head of the Biologics Evaluation Section of the Investigational Drug Branch at the National Cancer Institute (NCI). Also at the NCI, Dr. Sznol attended on the inpatient/outpatient services of the Biological Response Modifiers Program and the Immunotherapy Service of the Surgery Branch. Most recently he was Vice President for Clinical Affairs and Executive Officer at Vion Pharmaceuticals in New Haven, CT.

Dr. Sznol's expertise and experience is in cancer immunotherapy, early drug development for cancer, and treatment of patients with melanoma and renal cell carcinoma. He is working to further develop the clinical research program for patients with melanoma by expanding the opportunities for clinical trials at Yale Cancer Center, particularly those focusing on immunotherapy and novel agents. *Dr. Sznol may be contacted for an appointment or for consultation by calling 203.688.4191.*

Hari A. Deshpande, MD



Terry Dagradi

Dr. Hari Deshpande, Assistant Professor of Medical Oncology, has joined the clinical staff at Yale Cancer Center. Dr. Deshpande received his medical degree from Leeds University Medical School in England and completed his fellowship in hematology and oncology at the Montefiore Medical Center in New York. Prior to joining Yale, Dr. Deshpande was in practice at both the New London Cancer Center and Las Vegas Cancer Center.

Dr. Deshpande is caring for patients with head and neck cancer in the medical oncology clinic and is collaborating with other disciplines throughout the Medical Center to run the Head and Neck Cancer Clinic. He also has clinical interests in prostate cancer and genitourinary (GU) cancers, and will be establishing a new GU clinic with Dr. Mario Sznol. *Appointments can be made with Dr. Deshpande by calling 203.688.4191.*

Dr. Edward Snyder

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR SHARED RESOURCES

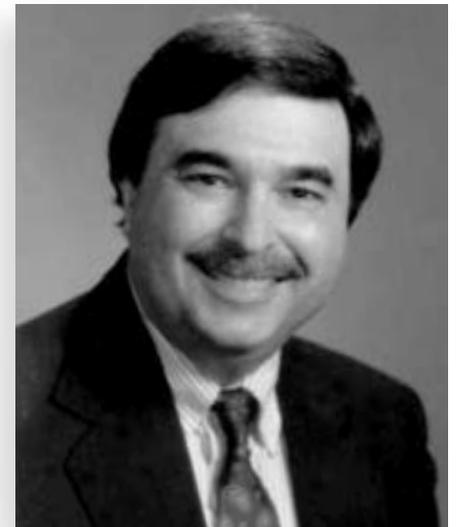
Yale Cancer Center Director, Richard L. Edelson, MD, has appointed Edward Snyder, MD, to the position of Associate Director for Shared Resources. Shared Resources give scientists access to equipment and technology, which can benefit all cancer research. Dr. Snyder is Professor of Laboratory Medicine at Yale School of Medicine and serves as Director of the Blood Bank/Apheresis Service at Yale-New Haven Hospital and Director of the Richard Frisbee Hematopoietic Cell Processing Laboratory at Yale Medical Center. In his new role at Yale Cancer Center (YCC), Snyder will work to enhance the Shared Resources Program at the Center.

"Dr. Snyder is an internationally recognized leader in the field of blood component therapy, particularly regarding platelet transfusions. He will work closely with the Deputy Director of YCC, Dr. José Costa, to enhance the capacity of our core resources to incorporate scientific advances into our research programs and speed their translation into

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improved cancer care. Dr. Snyder's presence on our leadership team has already been advantageous as we continue to recruit additional faculty and organizationally restructure the Center," Dr. Edelson said.

When asked about his new role, Dr. Snyder said, "I look forward to



Dr. Edward Snyder, Associate Director for Shared Resources

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Dr. Snyder was President of the American Association of Blood Banks from 1997-1998 and is a past member of the FDA Blood Products Advisory Committee. He has served on numerous governmental advisory panels and is currently a member of the National Institutes of Health Erythrocyte and Leukocyte Biology (ELB) Study Section and the K23/K24/K25 Career Development Award Study Section. Dr. Snyder is Vice Chair of the National Marrow Donor Program Board of Directors and Chair of the American Association of Blood Banks Cellular Therapy Committee.

A graduate of New York Medical College, Dr. Snyder completed his residency in internal medicine and fellowship training in hematology and transfusion medicine at Montefiore Hospital and Medical Center in Bronx, NY. He has authored over 200 publications in the field of Transfusion Medicine and serves on the editorial board of *Blood* and is the Associate Editor of the journal *Transfusion*.

Freedom from Smoking

Yale-New Haven Hospital will conduct a seven-week smoking cessation program, Freedom from Smoking, for people interested in trying to kick the smoking habit. Participants will learn techniques and strategies to quit smoking using stress management, identifying smoking triggers, utilizing coping skills, and managing withdrawal symptoms. The seven-week program will be held at Yale-New Haven Hospital on Tuesdays, beginning March 8th, from 6-8 PM. The cost of the program is \$125 and advance registration is required. Free parking will be available. To register or for additional information, please call 1.888.700.6543.

Yale Colleges Against Cancer

HOSTS RELAY FOR LIFE TO HONOR SURVIVORS

Four Yale University students, each directly affected by cancer in different ways, united to create a local chapter of Colleges Against Cancer (CAC) last summer with the help of the American Cancer Society. A national network of campus clubs, CAC helps bring cancer education and awareness activities to college campuses, while allowing each chapter to lead independent, student-driven programs. Student organizers are focusing on a Relay for Life event at the Yale University Track on April 9th.

Relay for Life of Yale University represents the hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported, and that one day, cancer will be eliminated.

"We have had an amazing response from the Yale student body. Because cancer is such a widespread health problem, most people we talk to have been personally touched in some way and are therefore eager to join our efforts," CAC President and Yale University Sophomore, Stephanie Smith said.

Smith is joined by Caroline Edsall, Marcus Haymon, and Simbarashe Marekera, Relay for Life Tri-Chairs. Relay for Life is an 18-hour event to celebrate survivorship, remember those who lost their lives to cancer, and to raise money for the fight

against cancer. Participants form teams and solicit sponsors; they then take turns walking around the track throughout the 18-hour Relay.

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CAC has 40 students working on various sub-committees to plan the event and has already registered 36 teams for the Relay. The event will begin at 4:00 pm on Saturday, April 9th with a survivor lap, which will lead into a reception and sit-down dinner for cancer survivors, and will continue until 10:00 am on Sunday morning. At 9:00 pm on Saturday night, a Luminaria Ceremony will be held in remembrance of those lost to cancer and to give strength and hope to survivors. Music and entertainment is planned and the public is invited to participate throughout the event.

CAC continues to register teams for the Relay and welcomes the public to participate in the event. "We hope to reach out to cancer survivors in the New Haven area, and we would like to invite them to join us for the celebratory lap around the track at 4:00, the reception, and a group dinner," Smith said.

For more information on the Relay for Life of Yale University, please contact Smith at Stephanie.Smith@yale.edu; or David Hirx, an American Cancer Society staff partner, at 203.379.4886; or visit www.acsevents.org/relay/CTyale

YCC Celebrates the Holidays with our Patients

Yale Cancer Center held the annual holiday party on December 9th for patients and their families to gather and celebrate the season. The party, attended by over 200 people, brings together patients and their doctors and nurses at the Cancer Center outside of the clinic to celebrate the holiday season. Dr. Richard L. Edelson, Director of YCC, welcomed the guests and wished them health and happiness in the New Year.

Below, Mark Lawless, LCSW with two young guests. Below right, Guests with Dr. Richard L. Edelson.



Staff Briefs

Sharon Elder has joined the Clinical Trials Office. She will be a Research Assistant for Children's Oncology and will be monitoring the pediatric oncology clinical trials.

Mary Ann Fieffer, APRN has joined the section of medical oncology and will be seeing lung cancer patients in the clinic along with Dr. John Murren.

Harriet Kluger, MD has been awarded a \$150,000 Young Investigator Grant from the Breast Cancer Alliance for her research into the *Prediction of Lymph Node Involvement in Breast Cancer*.

The Oncology Nursing Society has honored **Sheryl LaCoursier, PhD, RN**, with the 2005 Excellence in Nursing Informatics Award in recognition for her research into the use of computer technology to improve patient care at the Center for Excellence in Chronic Illness Care at the Yale University School of Nursing. She is the past chair of the Connecticut Healthcare Informatics Network.

Christal Pauley has joined the clinical trials office as a data coordinator for the stem cell transplant team. Christal has a background in emergency care and medical assisting and has a BS in Public Health from the University of Connecticut.

Liane E. Philpotts, MD has been named Chief of Breast Imaging and Co-Director of the Yale-New Haven Breast Center. Dr. Philpotts is an Associate Professor of Diagnostic Radiology.

The Breast Cancer Alliance has awarded **David Rimm, MD, PhD**, Professor of Pathology and Director of the Microarray Shared Resource at Yale Cancer Center, an exceptional project award of \$100,000 to fund his project, *Spectral-Spatial Imaging to Detect Pre-malignancy in Breast Epithelial Specimens*. Rimm's research will analyze breast cell specimens to determine if a test can be developed to detect pre-malignant cells in the breast.

Clarence T. Sasaki, MD, The Charles W. Ohse Professor of Surgery, was recently honored by the American Broncho-Esophagological Association with the prestigious Broyles-Maloney Award for accomplishments in bronchoesophagology and laryngology. Dr. Sasaki is Chief of Otolaryngology and Director of the Yale Head and Neck Unit.

Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Presents Award

HONORING THEIR CONTINUED COLLABORATION WITH YCC

The Connecticut Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS) recognized Yale Cancer Center for its continued collaboration and support of clinical research and patient education programs in a recent award ceremony. Dr. Richard L. Edelson, Director of Yale Cancer Center, accepted a plaque from James Kimball, the Executive Director of the CT Chapter of the LLS. "We recognize our common goal of finding cures for blood cancers and improving the lives of patients and families and appreciate the commitment and dedication of Yale Cancer Center, which has made a difference in the lives of many," Kimball said. Yale Cancer Center currently has five researchers working with the help of funding from the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.



James Kimball, Dr. Richard L. Edelson

SAVE THE DATE FOR

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An Extraordinary Evening to Celebrate

Yale Cancer Center

And to Support the Development of Clinical Trials at Yale

Saturday, April 16, 2005

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The Country Club of Fairfield
Southport, Connecticut

For Information,

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Summer Research Intern Chosen as a Semi-Finalist

IN THE SIEMENS WESTINGHOUSE COMPETITION

Carrie Pestritto, a senior at Mercy High School in Middletown, CT, spent last summer working on a research project in a lab at Yale School of Medicine; a six-week experience that completely changed her college focus of study from English to a career in Molecular Biology. "The hands on experience and ability to apply my own research to realize scientific outcomes was very exciting to me," Pestritto explained.

Carrie was one of ten summer interns from area high schools participating in programs at Yale Cancer Center and the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences at Yale School of Medicine created to help promote an interest in medicine and science. The programs, jointly funded by Yale Cancer Center and Bristol-Myers Squibb, Inc., a pharmaceutical company headquartered in New York City and locally based in Wallingford, CT, match high school students with



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and Gynecology, Carrie analyzed levels of placental trophoblast cell apoptosis, or programmed cell death, and their relationship to severe pregnancy complications. Acknowledging that there is both beneficial apoptosis and detrimental apoptosis, Carrie focused her research project on the effects of bacterial components on trophoblast survival and wrote a mini-thesis to submit to the Siemens Westinghouse Competition.

The leading science and mathematics research-based competition for high school students in the United States, the Siemens Westinghouse Competition places great emphasis on authentic scientific research. "My internship experience allowed me to participate in a highly competitive national contest and achieve semi-finalist status. Vikki was a great mentor; I was amazed that she would take the time out of her busy schedule to help me with my submission," Carrie said.

research scientists at Yale who serve as mentors to the students. Students are nominated by their science teachers and apply with an essay explaining why they would like to participate in the program and what they hope to gain from the experience.

"Our goal is to expose high quality students from neighboring communities to Yale's labs and possibly open their minds to future career opportunities," Dr. Gil Mor, Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, said.

Working alongside Vikki Abrahams, PhD, an Assistant Professor in the Department of Obstetrics

"Yale Cancer Center is proud of Carrie's accomplishment and pleased to be able to fund and promote such a wonderful opportunity for Connecticut high school students. I hope the summer internship program will continue to grow and encourage more students to focus their studies in science and medicine," Dr. Richard L. Edelson, Director of Yale Cancer Center, said.

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for the contract award at Yale Cancer Center. Peter Salovey, PhD, Dean of Yale College and Professor of Psychology, is the senior research advisor on the research portion of the contract. Preparations are in place to hire a senior research coordinator to help facilitate the collaboration between the CIS office at Yale Cancer Center and scientists working on health communication and behavioral research projects throughout the thirteen states the office serves.

Staffed by specially trained information specialists, the CIS provides toll-free telephone service in English and Spanish (1-800-4-CANCER), offering personalized attention to each caller and answering questions about cancer prevention, screening, diagnosis, treatment, and research.

The Ellis Marsalis Quartet Performs

TO HONOR DR. MEL GOLDSTEIN

On Sunday, November 21st the Yale Cancer Center Advisory Board honored Dr. Mel Goldstein, Chief Meteorologist for News Channel 8 – WTNH, with an extraordinary jazz concert to create the Dr. Mel Goldstein Multiple Myeloma Research Endowment. The concert was hosted by WTNH News Anchor, Jocelyn Maminta, at the historic Battell Chapel at Yale University.

A named endowment at Yale University is for perpetuity and will be a lasting tribute to Dr. Mel, his friends, and the families of myeloma patients who have made these contributions over the years in his honor.

Guests were treated to an exceptional afternoon concert by premier jazz pianist, Ellis Marsalis, and his quartet. The Director of Jazz Studies at the University of New Orleans until his retirement in 2001, Marsalis continues to perform throughout the country, inspiring new generations of jazz piano enthusiasts.

Dean Robert J. Alpern, MD, in expressing appreciation to Dr. Mel for his continued dedication to build the fund, explained that a named endowment at Yale University is for perpetuity and will be a lasting tribute to Dr. Mel, his friends, and the families of myeloma patients who have made these contributions over the years in his honor.

November marked the 8th anniversary of Dr. Mel's diagnosis of Multiple Myeloma, a cancer of the bone marrow with an average life expectancy of three years. In 1999, he established the Dr. Mel Goldstein Multiple Myeloma Research Fund at Yale Cancer Center to help fund clinical trials for this incurable form of cancer. Since its inception, the fund has raised enough money for a \$100,000 endowment, which can be continually contributed to. Dr. Mel is the author of *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Weather*, and has donated all proceeds from two editions of the book to this special fund. For more information or to contribute to the fund in honor of Dr. Mel, please contact Kathleen Derringer at 203.737.2439.

Top, The Ellis Marsalis Quartet. Bottom, The Ellis Marsalis Quartet with Dr. Mel Goldstein and Jocelyn Maminta.



Photographs by Terry Degroot



Roots of Support

TREE PLANTED TO HONOR PEOPLE CONFRONTING COLON CANCER

Yale Cancer Center physicians joined nine-time Olympic medalist Dara Torres for a tree dedication ceremony in honor of the Roots of Support in Colorectal Cancer program, an initiative of the Colon Cancer Alliance (CCA) to help people fight the disease through teamwork and education.

"Advancements in colorectal cancer research and treatment are beginning to provide greater hope for people facing the disease," said Edward Chu, MD, Chief of Medical Oncology and an expert in colorectal cancer. "Each day we see that the involvement of family and friends in their physical and emotional care is an invaluable part of the treatment process."

Dara Torres, a former Olympic swimmer whose father was diagnosed with colorectal cancer in 2001, is an advocate for building a personal support network to navigate the path through diagnosis, treatment, and recovery.

"The tree dedicated represents strength, resilience, and hope, which are three essential components for fighting cancer and supporting a loved one in the battle against the disease," said Torres. "I'm honored to be a part of the CCA's team and to be working with Yale Cancer Center to help support people find the tools and encouragement they need to build their own network of support."

Colorectal cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer death in the United States. An estimated 6,600 people in Connecticut have colorectal cancer, and nearly 2,000 cases were diagnosed last year. The flowering Bradford pear tree was planted in the Yale School of Medicine dedication garden at the Laboratory of Epidemiology and Public Health, 60 College Street, New Haven.

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Jerry Dornheim



Dr. Edward Chu, Dara Torres, Randy Lopez, CCA Member, Mike Bailey, Imclone, Inc.

center of excellence," Zaccagnino said. "For the 7,000 Connecticut residents stricken with cancer each year it will mean closer access to state of the art care and innovative therapies. For our physicians and staff who are absolutely committed to providing and advancing world-class cancer care it will mean more resources, more opportunities to share discoveries and knowledge and easier access for their patients to the latest cancer treatments."

The new building will allow the physicians and nurses at Yale Cancer Center to provide both outpatient and inpatient medical treatment in a welcoming, patient-friendly facility. It will feature 112 in-patient beds, outpatient treatment rooms, expanded operating rooms, infusion suites, diagnostic imaging services, and two floors for diagnostic and therapeutic radiology. A specialized Women's Cancer Center, including the Yale-New Haven Breast Center and the Gyn Oncology Center, will be located on the building's first floor.

"This facility will directly benefit patients as we translate the promise of basic science research into the clinical setting," said Robert J. Alpern, MD, Dean, Yale School of Medicine. "The Yale Cancer Center is one of a select network of 39 comprehensive cancer centers designated by the National Cancer Institute. As a result, this facility will provide a significant opportunity to better the lives of cancer patients in New Haven and throughout the country."

Yale Cancer Center's quarterly newsletter is written to inform the public and the Center's friends, volunteers, donors, and staff on current items of interest at Yale Cancer Center. All inquiries should be addressed to Renee Gaudette, Public Affairs Manager, 100 Church Street South, Suite 211, New Haven, CT 06519-1714. Yale Cancer Center complies with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996.

Patient and Community Calendar • All Events are Free and Open to the Public

March 9, 2005

Understanding Cancer Lecture Series
6:00 PM, YNHH East Pavilion Cafeteria
Ovarian Cancer
Peter Schwartz, MD, John Slade Ely Professor of Gynecologic Oncology
For reservations call 1.888.700.6543

March 23, 2005

Shoreline Medical Center Cancer Education Series
6:00 PM, 111 Goose Lane, Guilford
New Directions in Cancer Treatment
Richard Edelson, MD, YCC Director, and Edward Chu, MD, Chief of Medical Oncology
For reservations call 1.888.700.6543

April 6, 2005

A Discussion of Clinical Trials with a Focus on Multiple Myeloma
Sponsored by the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society
3:00 PM, YNHH Grace Building Lounge
Dr. Mel Goldstein, Dennis Cooper, MD, Frederic DePourcq, and Kris Diana
For reservations call 203.379.0445

April 9-10, 2005

Relay for Life at Yale University
4:00 PM on April 9th to 10:00 AM on April 10th
Yale University Track, 250 Derby Avenue, New Haven
For more information call 203.379.4886

April 13, 2005

Understanding Cancer Lecture Series
6:00 PM, YNHH East Pavilion Cafeteria
The Management of Anxiety and Depression for People with Cancer and their Family
Speaker to be Announced
For reservations call 1.888.700.6543

April 16, 2005

La Cassa Magica
Yale Cancer Center's Annual Benefit
6:00 PM, Country Club of Fairfield
For more information call 203.737.2439

April 27, 2005

Shoreline Medical Center Cancer Education Series
6:00 PM, 111 Goose Lane, Guilford
The Management of Localized Prostate Cancer
Kenneth Roberts, MD, Medical Director, Shoreline Medical Center, and John Colberg, MD, Associate Professor of Surgery
For reservations call 1.888.700.6543

May 8, 2005

Fifth Annual Terry Fox 5k Run
10:00 AM
Choate Rosemary Hall, Wallingford, CT
For more information call 203.697.2252

May 25, 2005

Shoreline Medical Center Cancer Education Series
6:00 PM, 111 Goose Lane, Guilford
The Role of Radiation Therapy in the Management of Early Breast Cancer
Susan Higgins, MD, Associate Professor of Therapeutic Radiology
For reservations call 1.888.700.6543

May 26, 2005

Cancer Survivors Day
New Beginnings: Complementary Approaches to Living Well Today
11:00 AM
Hope Building, 315 Cedar Street, New Haven
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