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JUNE IS PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN NEW JERSEY

*Experts From CINJ's Dean and Betty Gallo Prostate Cancer Center
Available to Discuss the Most Common Cancer in Men*

- WHAT:** June is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in New Jersey. The Dean and Betty Gallo Prostate Cancer Center at The Cancer Institute of New Jersey (CINJ), the State's only specialized prostate health resource at a National Cancer Institute (NCI) designated cancer center, is dedicated to educating the public about the warning signs, risk factors and treatment options of the most common form of cancer in men.
- WHEN:** Prostate Cancer Awareness Month is observed in New Jersey throughout the month of June, to coincide with the celebration of Father's Day and to help raise awareness of the disease.
- WHY:** More than 31,000 men in the U.S. die each year from prostate cancer. The Dean and Betty Gallo Prostate Cancer Center at CINJ is committed to the research, treatment and prevention of this life-threatening disease. Because of its effect on loved ones, prostate cancer is not just a man's problem, it is a family problem.
- WHO:** At the Center, a multi-disciplinary team of researchers, medical, radiation and urologic oncologists, pathologists, radiologists, nurses, and social workers are united in one goal—eradicating prostate cancer. Representatives from Gallo Center multi-disciplinary team are available to comment on a variety of prostate cancer topics, from research and treatment to education and advocacy.

Robert DiPaola, M.D. – Dr. DiPaola is the Executive Director of the Dean and Betty Gallo Prostate Cancer Center and is very active in the clinical setting of the Center. Currently, Dr. DiPaola has fourteen active prostate cancer clinical trials. His expertise/research interests include: prostate cancer and herbal medicines.

Betty Gallo, Director of Government and Public Relations – Betty Gallo is the wife of the late Congressman Dean Gallo, 11th District of New Jersey, who died of prostate cancer in 1994. She is a strong advocate for prostate cancer research and education and is the recipient of a number of awards for her valiant efforts, including the Presidential Award from the American Foundation of Urologic Disease and the “Fulfilling the Dream Award” from CBS. Mrs. Gallo is the Vice Chair of the 100 Black Men Prostate Cancer Initiative, a board member of *Your Health Matters* in Trenton and a founding board member of the National Prostate Cancer Coalition.

Cory Abate-Shen, Ph.D. – Dr. Abate-Shen is a Professor in the Departments of Medicine and Neuroscience and Cell Biology and Chief of the Division of Developmental Medicine and Research, UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. She is a past recipient of a National Science Foundation Young Investigators Award, Sinsheimer Scholar and a recipient of the Women in Cell Biology Junior Award, American Society for Cell Biology. Dr. Abate-Shen's expertise/research interests include: prostate cancer, molecular oncology and genetics.

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OPPORTUNITY: Please contact the Office of Communications for more information about The Dean and Betty Gallo Prostate Cancer Center and to schedule interviews with any of CINJ's prostate cancer experts.

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