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UC to Become Sole Member of Health Alliance

With the signing of a binding Memorandum of Understanding March 1, representatives from the University of Cincinnati, Jewish Health System, Inc. and Fort Hamilton Hospital and Healthcare Corporation resolved their interests in the Health Alliance.

The agreement leaves UC as the sole member of the Health Alliance.

Jewish Health System, Inc. is selling Jewish Hospital to Mercy Health Partners and Fort Hamilton Hospital and Healthcare Corporation will leave the alliance and is pursuing an affiliation with Kettering Health Network.

A final settlement agreement, to be signed by March 31, will finalize financial and organizational issues related to the Health Alliance.

"This is the beginning of a very exciting transformation of health care in Greater Cincinnati," says UC President Gregory Williams. "As the region's only academic medical center, this will strengthen our teaching and research programs that translate discoveries into cures for patients." ●



Gregory Williams, JD, PhD

UC HEALTH will soon become the new face of what was known as the Health Alliance. UC Vice President for Health Affairs and Dean of the College of Medicine David Stern, MD, answers some questions about the transition:

What role will West Chester Medical Center (WCMC) play?

WCMC is crucial to the success of UC Health. We want to help WCMC grow into the facility it can and should be for its community. The Health Alliance has been in a status quo situation for the last several years and now it's time to move into a "build and progress" mode.

How will this affect Alliance Primary Care (APC)?

Among many other things, the settlement resolved issues relating to APC by preserving the relationships that various APC physicians and offices have with their primary Health Alliance hospital. Moving forward, we will continue to focus on building stronger relations with the physicians of APC.

How will things change at our West Chester campus?

We will be looking at many things across the Health Alliance to see how we can work together to create a unique transformational organization that values its employees and provides high-quality patient-centered care in a healing environment. It is not possible at this time, however, to say what changes will be made other than investigating ways for all system entities to work closer together.

What is the future of the Ambulatory Surgical Hospital (ASH)?

Again, we'll be looking throughout the system to determine how to achieve the fullest potential of each component. The ASH is a beautiful facility and it is our intention to help it serve patients in our community in the best way possible. ●

Agreement Brings Defining Moment to UC Health



COLLEAGUES,
The recent end of mediation and the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the participants in the Health Alliance is great news for us and the residents of our community. It signals the end of protracted negotiations and a new beginning for us.

Last August we jointly announced the start of UC Health, an overarching brand tying

together University of Cincinnati Physicians and University Hospital. Now, we will be able to include West Chester Medical Center, the doctors of Alliance Primary Care and colleagues at the Alliance Business Center. With the UC College of Medicine, we will strongly demonstrate our deep commitment to patient-centered care and discovery-driven medicine.

We also will work closely with community physicians to provide the type of medicine our region deserves.

The UC Health name will soon replace what has been known as the Health Alliance for the last 15 years. We will for the first time fully control our destiny as the region's only academic-based integrated health system.

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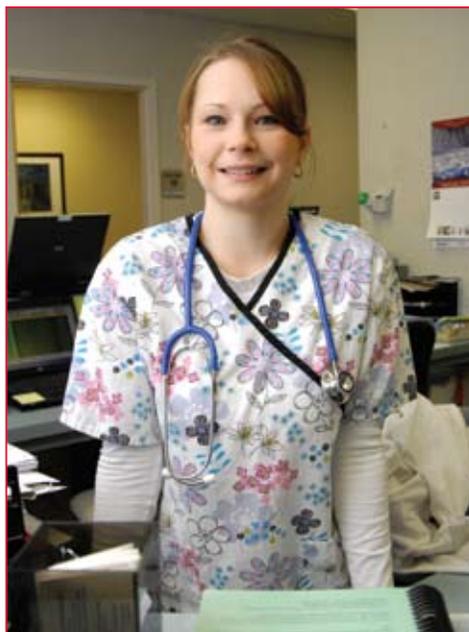
The snow was coming down thick and fast, schools were closed and rush-hour traffic was clogged—so naturally, Tracy Reyes was on the job early at University of Cincinnati Physicians' Montgomery location.

That's simply the way she approaches her duties as a medical assistant at the general internal medicine practice, where she's been part of a close-knit team for the past three years.

"Everybody here gets along," says Reyes. "We're like a family—we sit and have lunch together when we can."

As a medical assistant, Reyes has a variety of duties including assisting physicians, performing laboratory procedures, obtaining patients' vital signs and medical

histories, sterilizing and maintaining equipment, scheduling tests and administering EKGs. She has a degree in



medical assisting from Southwestern College's Tri-County campus.

"I came here to do my externship while at Southwestern, and I got hired on after I finished that," she says.

Reyes grew up in Alton, Ill., and was looking for a change when she moved to Cincinnati to attend Southwestern. The move turned out well, she says, adding, "I like the interaction with patients, and the doctors here are really great."

Reyes lives in Norwood with her husband and two children, a 5-year-old boy and 3-year-old girl. Both children are in preschool, and "things are really busy when I get home," she says.

"We like to do outdoor things," she adds. "We're always gone; I'm never in the house at all!" ●

Early Stage Drug Development Program Opens

First within 120 miles of Cincinnati to offer adult phase-1 cancer trials

The UC College of Medicine recently launched a phase-1 clinical trials unit through the newly established Early Stage Drug Development Program. Olivier Rixe, MD, PhD, a UC Health University of Cincinnati Physicians oncologist, serves as director of the program.

Phase-1 oncology trials are the first stage of testing a new drug or anti-cancer treatment in human subjects. Studies take place in a highly targeted and small segment of the patient population—typically no more than 50 people.

According to Rixe, fewer than 10 phase-1 clinical trial units are currently in operation in the United States. The UC center is the first within 120 miles of Cincinnati to offer adult phase-1 clinical trials for cancer. Cincinnati Children's Cancer and Blood Diseases Institute currently offers early stage clinical trials for pediatric cancers.

The Early Stage Drug Development Program is part of the Cincinnati Cancer Consortium, a joint cancer program involving the College of Medicine, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center and UC Health University Hospital. The collaborative initiative brings together interdisciplinary research teams of caring scientists and health professionals to research and develop new cures, while providing a continuum of care for children, adults and families with cancer.

Rixe has spent more than 15 years involved in early stage drug development trials that resulted in successful anti-tumor agents used today, including oxaliplatin, camptothecin and taxanes as well as targeted therapies, including compounds known as "anti-angiogenics" that block vessel growth in tumors, including sunitinib, axitinib and VEGF-trap.

"Dr. Rixe is an exceptional recruit who is uniquely qualified to build and lead a successful early stage drug development program for cancer at UC," says George Atweh, MD, chief of hematology oncology at UC and director of the UC Health adult cancer program. "His recruitment—and the institution's investment in this phase-1 clinical trial unit—are strong steps toward building a comprehensive cancer research and treatment center for the Greater Cincinnati community."

Phase-1 and 2 clinical trials are considered experimental and are typically only conducted at major academic health centers with both strong clinical oncology and basic research components in place. Centers must also have a dedicated hospital-based unit for administering care and a team of experienced support staff to monitor patients throughout treatment. Inpatient care will take place at University Hospital.

"Phase-1 trials are different than the clinical trials patients find at community-based practices. These earliest of stage trials are intended to evaluate safe dosages, method of administration (oral or injection) and frequency, so this is the first step between bench and bedside," explains Rixe. "Like all clinical research, phase-1 trials have exclusion criteria, but in general, all patients with solid



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cancerous tumors that have failed standard therapy can participate. Enrollment is not limited to patients with a certain type of cancer."

At UC, phase-1 trials will focus on three primary areas: cytotoxic (cancer cell killing) drugs, potential molecular targets for new drugs and immunotherapy. Rixe expects the program's first phase-1 oncology trial to open for enrollment this spring. ●

>> TO LEARN MORE
To learn more about phase-1 clinical trials currently open, call (513) 584-7698.

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Olivier Rixe, MD, PhD
Early Stage Drug Development Program director

Are Multivitamins Worth the Cost?

UC Health experts offer guidance

In today's society, there seems to be a pill for everything, and multivitamins are getting pegged as a quick fix for nutrition and overall healthy living. But are these multicolored tablets giving your body added benefit?

Sarah Pritts, MD, a primary care doctor with UC Health University of Cincinnati Physicians, says that for the healthy patient, multivitamins aren't living up to their reputation.

"Nearly half of Americans take multivitamins, and one-a-days could be seen as an insurance policy on nutrition, but it's not been proven whether or not they are necessary," she says.

There are individuals, besides those who don't strictly follow the food pyramid, who may benefit from the use of multivitamins.



Sarah Pritts, MD

Pritts, who sees patients at UC Health's Wyoming Family Care practice, says a well-balanced diet should provide all of the nutrients needed.

"Patients should get most of their vitamins and minerals via a balanced diet consisting of fruits, vegetables, whole grains and dairy products," she says. "Supplements do not take the place of food—or activity, for that matter, which is also important to maintaining a healthy lifestyle."

Pritts says although there is no proof supporting the benefit of multivitamins, there is no harm in using them either.

"They don't appear to hurt those who consume them, except when it comes to a person's wallet," she says. "However, they may prove beneficial for those who skimp on the fruits and veggies."

Kathleen Downey, MD, a fellow UC Health primary care doctor, adds that there are other groups, besides those who don't strictly follow the food pyramid, who may benefit from the use of multivitamins.

"Children need vitamin D along with other vitamins and minerals for healthy, growing bodies," she says. "Children tend to be picky eaters, so it might not hurt to give youngsters a multivitamin."

She adds that healthy women should consider taking a vitamin D supplement and that postmenopausal women should consider taking calcium supplements to ensure healthy bones.

Downey also says pregnant women should take a multivitamin to ensure that mother-to-be and baby are getting the nutrients needed for a healthy pregnancy.

"While healthy eating may be the best way to achieve good nutrition, some nutrients may be hard to get

Vitamin Essentials

- **Vitamin B:** good for vegetarians and vegans who avoid eating fish and meat
- **Vitamin D:** important for bone health and growth, especially in children and healthy women
- **Calcium:** key in bone health for non-milk drinkers and postmenopausal women
- **Omega 3:** heart-healthy fatty acids important for those at risk for heart disease
- **Prenatal:** pregnant women should take a multivitamin to ensure both mom and baby are getting sufficient nutrients during fetal gestation

from food, at least in sufficient amounts," she continues, adding that omega-3 fats are heart-healthy nutrients difficult to get through diet alone, but easy to supplement by taking fish or flax seed oil, especially for those with an elevated risk of heart disease.

"Vitamin B supplements are also a good option for vegetarians and vegans since these groups avoid eating fish and meat," she says.

But regardless of whether or not you make multivitamins part of your daily health regimen, both Pritts and Downey say that trying to eat as nutritiously as possible and exercising regularly should be a priority. ●

>> PATIENT APPOINTMENTS
To schedule an appointment at Wyoming Family Practice, call (513) 821-0275 or visit ucphysicians.com for a full list of primary care providers.

Team Provides Top Care for Colorectal Cancer Patients

Emphasizes education, screening for prevention

It's one of the most common cancers found in men and women—and also one of the least talked about.

About 147,000 new cases of colorectal cancer (cancer of the colon or rectum) were diagnosed in the United States in 2009, the American Cancer Society estimates, with the risk of a person having colorectal cancer in his or her lifetime about one in 19. The risk begins to increase significantly at age 50, but the disease is also seen in younger patients.

"We take great pride in our evidence-based approach to the care of

colorectal cancer patients," says Janice Rafferty, MD, who established the University of Cincinnati Department of Surgery's Division of Colorectal Surgery 15 years ago and serves as its director. "We see not only routine cases but also difficult and complex problems with a multidisciplinary team of medical experts who help us do the best we can for patients with cancer in the Cincinnati area.

"In the past, patients traveled to Cleveland or New York or Texas to get good cancer care. Now they can stay right here and get the highest quality

care, and achieve excellent outcomes, from the largest group of board-certified colorectal surgeons in the city."

In addition to surgery for colorectal cancer, Rafferty and her partners specialize in proctology and pelvic surgery. The UC Health colorectal surgeons are also the only surgeons in the area who perform transanal endoscopic microsurgery, a minimally invasive procedure for certain patients with early rectal cancers.

March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. Education is particularly important in the fight against colorectal cancer, Rafferty says, because it is such a personal disease.

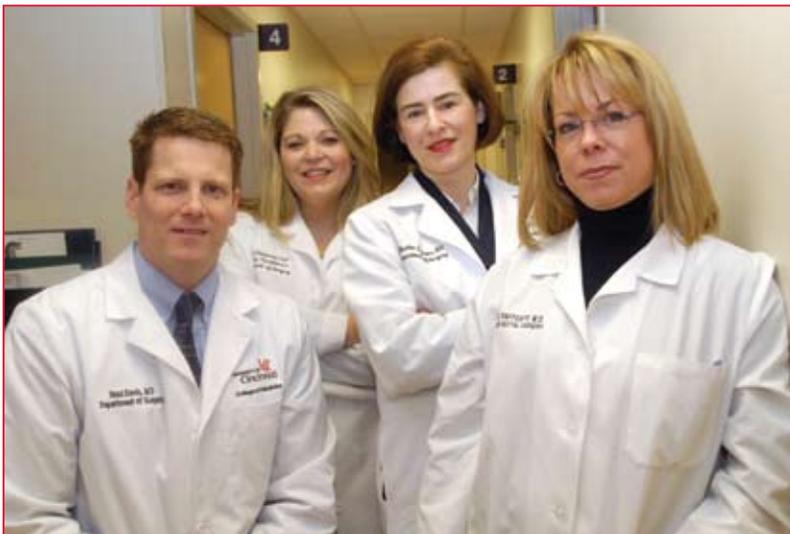
"For many people, overcoming the fear of exposing a very private aspect of yourself to another human being is difficult. That's a huge step that takes a lot of courage, and fear prevents a lot of people from being evaluated."

Evaluation and early detection, however, are crucial to win the fight against colorectal cancer: It's one of only a few human cancers with a precancerous stage. And, although a number of specific genes have been identified in recent years which are implicated in the transmission of hereditary cancers, most colon cancers occur in patients with no family history—which is why screening is so important.

"We can frequently prevent this disease by making sure people get an exam for colorectal cancer at age 50—or earlier if there is a family history—and removing premalignant polyps before they turn into cancer," Rafferty says. ●

>> PATIENT APPOINTMENTS
UC Health colorectal surgeons see patients in Clifton, Mt. Auburn and West Chester. For an appointment, call (513) 929-0104.

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From left to right **Bradley Davis, MD**, nurse practitioner **Sara Pulskamp**, **Martha Ferguson, MD**, and **Janice Rafferty, MD**

Colorectal Surgery Team

- **Janice Rafferty, MD**, who established the division 15 years ago and serves as its director
- **Bradley Davis, MD**, who has advanced expertise in minimally invasive and laparoscopic colorectal procedures and is a national educator of other surgeons who want to learn how to perform laparoscopic colorectal surgery
- **Martha Ferguson, MD**, who also specializes in minimally invasive colorectal surgery for benign and malignant conditions and has a special interest in inflammatory bowel disease

Rafferty and Davis were among the clinicians named "Cincinnati's Top Doctors" in the January 2010 issue of *Cincinnati Magazine*, based on a survey of their peers. Ferguson is a recent addition to the Division of Colorectal Surgery, having joined it in September 2009 after practicing for eight years in Atlanta.

in brief

Diabetes Center Makes Move

The Diabetes Center, formerly located at the Jewish Hospital Professional Building on Burnet Avenue, has moved to the 6th floor of the Medical Arts Building. This move puts all diabetes and endocrinology care—including diabetes education, diabetes-focused nephrology and podiatry, and the bone health and osteoporosis team—in one location. Current patients have been notified of the relocation. To reach the Diabetes Center or to make a referral, call (513) 475-8200.

Steward Wins Faculty Award

David Steward, MD, associate professor of otolaryngology-head and neck surgery, was one of two recipients of the annual

George Adams Young Faculty Award, presented by the Middle Section of the Triological Society.

The award recognizes the contributions of an academic otolaryngologist-head and neck surgeon in the Middle Section of the Triological Society who is within the early phase of their career development. Steward, director of thyroid/parathyroid disorders in the department of otolaryngology-head and neck surgery, received the award at the Triological Society Combined Sections Meeting. The meeting was held Feb. 4-7 in Orlando, Fla.



Heart Mini Marathon

Sign up now to help the UC Health effort in the 2010 Walmart Mini Marathon and Heart Walk, Sunday, March 28, in downtown Cincinnati. UC Health is helping to sponsor the event, which supports the American Heart Association's campaign against cardiovascular disease and stroke. To join a UC Health team, go to heartmini.org, click on the red "Register" button, select "Join a Team" and pick "UC Health" from the "Select a Group" drop-down menu. Once you join a team, you can start collecting donations from friends and family.

Felson Lectures April 17

The department of radiology will host the 35th Benjamin Felson Lectures Saturday, April 17, at the

Medical Sciences Building's Kresge Auditorium. The series of lectures will be given in honor of Robert Lukin, MD, chair of the department of radiology from 1993 to 2008. This year's topic will be "Neuroradiology for the Century: Past, Present and Future." Registration is required. For information, visit uc.edu/radiology or call Mary Lou Witte at (513) 584-1584.

Colosimo Recognized by National Football Foundation



Courtesy of Kevin Kaene/Prestige Portraits

Angelo Colosimo, MD, orthopaedic surgery, received the National Football Foundation Cincinnati Chapter's "Contribution to Amateur Football" award at the Foundation's Scholar-Athlete Dinner held Feb. 18. Colosimo is the director of sports medicine at UC Health Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine and the team doctor for the UC Bearcats.

Rood Selected for Registry Board

Richard Rood, MD, associate professor of medicine and medical director of the Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) Program, has been selected to serve a two-year term as an ex-officio member of the American Gastroenterological Association's Digestive Health Outcomes Registry Executive Management Board based on his work with the association's IBD task force. ●



Lindheim Joins Center for Reproductive Health

With the arrival of Steven Lindheim, MD, UC Health has added an expert in the field of assisted reproduction to the Center for Reproductive Health.

Lindheim, who has more than 90 scientific publications, focuses his interest on reproductive endocrinology, polycystic ovary syndrome and infertility. He joins fertility specialist Michael Thomas, MD, a professor of reproductive endocrinology and infertility who has led the center since its inception in 1988.

"Our mission at UC Health is to provide the highest quality of care, in a personal, individualized manner," says Thomas, whose expertise has resulted in over 5,000 assisted pregnancies.



Steven Lindheim, MD

Lindheim comes to the practice with more than 20 years experience, the latter of which he spent as 3rd Party Reproduction and Scientific Director of Fertility Specialists Medical Group in San Diego.

"We are in the truly unique position here," says Lindheim, "of offering women the broadest spectrum of evidence-based practices in reproductive health and doing so in a compassionate, patient-centric manner."

The practice is perhaps best known for its *in vitro* fertilization (IVF) program, which started in 1989 and is one of the area's most successful and experienced infertility centers, achieving pregnancy rates at or above the national average. The center is also a member of the Oncofertility Consortium and is able to offer patients both oocyte and ovarian tissue freezing.

"Ultimately, we want to provide patients with the best chance to take home a baby," says Thomas. ●

>> PATIENT APPOINTMENTS

UC Health provides infertility services at both the University of Cincinnati Physicians Medical Office Building in West Chester and Christ Hospital—where the UC Center for Reproductive Health is based. For more information, call (513) 585-2355.

Long-standing Faculty Recognized

To honor UC College of Medicine faculty with 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 years of continuous full-time faculty service, the college hosted a breakfast reception Wednesday, Dec. 9. College of Medicine Dean David Stern, MD, presented awards to the honorees in attendance. The full list of recognized faculty is below:

20 YEARS

Steven Boyce, PhD, *Surgery*
 Beverly Connelly, MD, *Pediatrics*
 Kathleen Emery, MD, *Radiology*
 W. Brian Gibler, MD, *Emergency Medicine*
 William Hablitzel, MD, *Internal Medicine*
 Keith Holten, MD, *Family and Community Medicine*
 Nelson Horseman, PhD, *Molecular and Cellular Physiology*
 Nancy Leslie, MD, *Pediatrics*
 Edith Markoff, PhD, *Pediatrics*
 Vincent Martin, MD, *Internal Medicine*
 Daniel Nebert, MD, *Environmental Health*
 Elizabeth Schorry, MD, *Pediatrics*
 Glenn Talaska, PhD, *Environmental Health*
 David Witte, MD, *Pathology and Laboratory Medicine*
 Eric Wittkugel, MD, *Anesthesiology*

25 YEARS

William Ball, MD, *Biomedical Engineering*
 Mark Bibler, MD, *Internal Medicine*
 David Billmire, MD, *Surgery*
 Frank Biro, MD, *Pediatrics*
 Richard Branson, MSc, *Surgery*
 Kenneth Davis Jr., MD, *Surgery*
 Saad Ghosn, MD, *Pathology and Laboratory Medicine*
 Judith Heiny, PhD, *Molecular and Cellular Physiology*
 Stephen Hoath, MD, *Pediatrics*
 John Hutton, MD, *Pediatrics*
 Robert Krikorian, PhD, *Psychiatry*
 Daniel Lovell, MD, *Pediatrics*
 Myles Pensak, MD, *Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery*
 Robert Rapoport, PhD, *Pharmacology and Cell Biophysics*

Carol Rice, PhD, *Environmental Health*
 Ward Rice, MD, PhD, *Pediatrics*
 Allen Seiden, MD, *Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery*
 Kenneth Setchell, PhD, *Pediatrics*
 Robert Shapiro, MD, *Pediatrics*
 Ralph Shipley, MD, *Radiology*
 Daniel Wiginton, PhD, *Pediatrics*
 Alan Zalta, MD, *Ophthalmology*

30 YEARS

Raymond Baker, MD, *Pediatrics*
 Michael Farrell, MD, *Pediatrics*
 Myron Gerson, MD, *Internal Medicine*
 James Heubi, MD, *Office of the Dean—Clinical Research*
 Dwight Kulwin, MD, *Ophthalmology*
 Howard Shertzer, PhD, *Environmental Health*
 Peter Stern, MD, *Orthopaedic Surgery*
 Prema Venkateswaran, MD, *Anesthesiology*
 Robert Weesner, MD, *Internal Medicine*

35 YEARS

Eric Gruenstein, PhD, *Molecular Genetics, Biochemistry and Microbiology*
 Ralph Gruppo, MD, *Pediatrics*
 Robert Highsmith, PhD, *Research and Graduate Education*
 Gordon Huntress, DDS, *Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery*
 John Michaels, PhD, *Medical Education*
 Rino Munda, MD, *Surgery*

40 YEARS

John Tew Jr., MD, *Neurosurgery* ●

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HOW WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Uterine Cancer Patient Has Message for Women: ‘Get Your Woo-Woos Checked’

When J.J. JioDucci experienced unexplained vaginal bleeding, the possibility of cancer never crossed her mind.

“The bleeding happened several times, but I thought it was the start of menopause,” says JioDucci, 52, of Madisonville.

Then one day the bleeding became so extreme JioDucci thought she was hemorrhaging. She was lifting weights at the gym when blood dripped onto the floor. It happened again when she got home.

“I knew something was wrong. I couldn’t focus, I couldn’t think. I was exhausted,” she recalls.

After consulting with her gynecologist, she underwent a biopsy that revealed endometrial (uterine) cancer cells.

“When they told me I had uterine cancer, I was in shock and a bit of denial. I didn’t know how I was going to tell my dad, my family and friends. Then I got really mad because I started thinking I did something wrong,” recalls JioDucci.

Her gynecologist referred her to W. Edward Richards, MD, because, as she told JioDucci, he is “the best of the best.”

Richards, a UC Health University of Cincinnati Physicians gynecologic oncologist and director of women’s cancer for the UC Barrett Cancer Institute at University Hospital, specializes in minimally invasive gynecologic surgical procedures, including robotic surgery.

JioDucci was diagnosed with stage 2B uterine cancer and began treatment—including a hysterectomy followed by radiation and chemotherapy—in the fall of 2008.

“Dr. Richards is no ordinary doctor—he studied me physically and emotionally during the examination. His tone was a welcoming departure from the many clinicians I had encountered,” says JioDucci. “He spent unprecedented time explaining everything. When he felt my Dad was befuddled by some of the medical lingo, he sketched anatomical pictures explain-

ing lymph nodes and how cancer spreads.”

On Nov. 20, 2009, more than 40 friends, family, co-workers, neighbors and spiritual advisers gathered at the UC Barrett Cancer Institute while JioDucci had her last chemotherapy treatment.



Barrett staff (standing, left to right) Scott Looney, Robbin Blau, Dawn Grabill, Tiffany Lane, Marsha Swango, Lewis Stoffel with J.J. JioDucci (seated)

“I think Dr. Richards and I were brought together for a reason. So many people talk about breast cancer, but we know very little about uterine cancer and a lot of us put regular checkups off,” says JioDucci. “But I have a message for women: Get your woo woos checked in addition to the ta-tas! You don’t need to die from uterine cancer. And unfortunately, many women don’t realize they have uterine cancer until they are in stage 4.”

Richards stresses that any irregular bleeding should be addressed by a physician regardless of the patient’s age. Women who are premenopausal—particularly those with risk factors such as obesity, diabetes, hypertension or excessive estrogen usage without the use of progesterone (known as “unopposed estrogen usage”)—should be aware of their risk for uterine cancer. ●

>> **PATIENT APPOINTMENTS**

For appointments with a UC Health gynecologic oncologist, call (513) 584-6373. For gynecology, call (513) 475-8588.

upcoming

Donate Life Event

Friday, April 9
Noon
Front Lawn,
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University Hospital

Along with a flag raising, the event will feature organ transplant recipients and donor family members, who will be able to recount their family’s story and share the importance of organ donation. ●



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