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### Feinstein Institute Expands in New \$50M Research Building

MANHASSET — Scientists at The Feinstein Institute for Medical Research recently celebrated a new era in translational research as the internationally known center opened a new 56,250-square-foot wing. The new \$50 million new building was made possible through a generous donation by Susan and Leonard Feinstein. Mr. Feinstein is co-chairman of Bed, Bath & Beyond, and a member of the Feinstein Institute board of directors and the North Shore-LIJ Health System board of trustees.

The Feinstein Institute is committed to the study of human diseases through translational research, and has grown significantly since it was founded in 1999. The new addition features a 300-seat conference center as well as state-of-the-art clinical research facilities where science meets the patient. Feinstein scientists, who are attempting to solve many of the great mysteries of human disease, work closely with patients who donate their time to advance diverse research programs. Since the Feinstein first opened its doors in 1999, it has enrolled more than 125,000 people from the community in clinical research studies.

For example, Feinstein scientists recently discovered the identity of genes that underlie autoimmune diseases, including lupus and rheumatoid arthritis. Studies like these ultimately will change the practice of medicine.

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Post-Bariatric Success



# **Surprise for Employees Back from the Military**

NEW HYDE PARK — US Rep. Gary Ackerman recently joined North Shore-LIJ Health System President Michael Dowling in paying tribute to nine North Shore-LIJ caregivers who have gone on military leave in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

At a special luncheon in their honor at The Inn at New Hyde Park, Mr. Dowling announced the health system has implemented a new policy to pay employees who have gone on military leave the difference between their military pay and the regular salaries they would have received had they not taken military leave from their jobs. The checks vary in amount, depending on their positions, salaries and length of military service, but the cumulative total of the checks awarded to the nine veterans/employees was \$182,838. Their military pay amounted to about one-third of the salaries they earned at North Shore-LIJ.

"Military families must make extreme sacrifices when a loved one goes into active service — one of the most difficult being the adjustment to a vastly decreased paycheck," said Mr. Dowling. "As the largest employer on Long Island and one of the continued on page 21



North Shore-LIJ Health System President and CEO Michael Dowling, far left, and US Rep. Gary Ackerman, far right, recently honored North Shore-LIJ employees who have gone on military leave since the start of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. From left, next to Mr. Dowling, are: Maxine Smith of North Shore-LIJ Laboratories, Jenny Saul of Schneider Children's Hospital, Nelson Martinez of Plainview Hospital, Paul Cannava of LIJ, Anthony Edwards of NSUH, John D'Angelo of Glen Cove Hospital and Douglas Foy of NSUH. Not pictured are Gary Davis of NSUH and Natalie Synnott of Syosset Hospital.







### Nursing Conferences and Programs

Here is a preview of the educational opportunities the North Shore-LIJ Health System's Institute for Nursing has in store for early 2009.

#### March 5

Oncology Nursing Society Radiation Oncology Course LIJ Learning Center

#### March 28 Perianesthesia Conference

North Hills Country Club, Manhasset

April 8, 9 Oncology Nursing Society Chemo/Biotherapy Course Southside Hospital

**April 28** *Perinatal Conference* Crest Hollow Country Club, Woodbury

The North Shore-LIJ Health System is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the New York State Nurses Association, which is accredited as an approver of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

Additional conferences and programs are added to the schedule regularly. For more information and additional program listings, call the Institute for Nursing at (718) 470-3890 or visit www.NorthShoreLIJ.com/nurses.



### Dr. Capitulo Keynotes China Conference

Katie Capitulo, RN, DNSc, chief nursing officer at North Shore University Hospital, recently keynoted an international conference on patient safety in Wenzhou, China. A professor at Wenzhou Medical College's School of Nursing for several years, Dr. Capitulo developed China's Transcultural Nursing Leadership Institute as a Robert Wood Johnson executive nurse fellow. Under Dr. Capitulo's leadership, the institute has mentored hundreds of nurses in Wenzhou and Zhejiang. Dr. Capitulo's presentations included "Building Bridges from New York to Wenzhou: Problem Solving for Better Health" and "Addressing Disruptive Behavior and Improving Patient Safety Through a Code of Professionalism." Dr. Capitulo, fourth from the left in the front, heard reports from nurse leaders on their own Problem Solving for Better Health projects.

# Vivo-Health.com Offers Free Gift Cards, Shipping

#### mployees recently received \$10 gift cards

for the North Shore-LIJ Health System's new online health and wellness store, Vivo-Health.com. Not only does the gift card get great buys on fitness, women's health and mom-and-baby goodies, it entitles you to free shipping on your order. When you choose from the 3,000-plus products on the site, enter discount code HOLIDAY in the shopping cart at checkout. Health system employees who offer helpful feedback on the Web site will be eligible for a \$250 shopping spree.

When Vivo-Health.com "opens" to the general public, it will not only offer helpful products for posthospital-stay patient care, but also merchandise for everyone pursuing wellness, such as fitness DVDs;

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healthy cooking books; nutritional supplements; bloodpressure, heart-rate and insulin monitors; physical supports such as back cushions and canes; and healthy food and snacks. Future plans include online product reviews, forums and information resources.

Those who prefer a brick-and-mortar shopping experience can stop by the Vivo Health Marketplace at Plainview Hospital, which will open this spring. Other hospitals throughout the health system are scheduled to do the same throughout 2009.

#### Clinic Day Attracts 500+

ABC News' 20/20 anchor Elizabeth Vargas, right, recently keynoted the Annual Clinic Day cosponsored by the Nassau Surgical Society and the Brooklyn/Long Island Chapter of the American College of Surgeons. Community-based otolaryngologist Michael Setzen, MD, left, organized the event, which attracted 525 surgeons from all surgical specialties and took place at the Long Island Marriott in Uniondale.

## **Residents Light Up the Night**

Inspired by their work on North Shore University Hospital's 7Monti plus personal experiences with family and friends fighting leukemia and lymphoma — 28 internal medicine residents recently banded together to participate in the Light the Night Walk in Eisenhower Park. The residents' efforts raised almost \$4,000 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society — surpassing the initial goal of \$2,500. They look forward to continued success in this year's event.

