



# PINELLAS PARTNERS

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## PINELLAS PARTNERS BREAKFAST

Thank you again to all of those who attended the Moffitt Pinellas Partners Breakfast. The event was held March 29 at the Bellevue Biltmore with more than 150 people in attendance and raised more than \$32,000. The purpose of the breakfast was to promote awareness here in Pinellas County of the exciting research occurring at Moffitt Cancer Center as well as to help everyone get a better understanding of the Total Cancer Care Program that incorporates Morton Plant as a close affiliate with Moffitt in battling cancer.

The steering committee that helped to put this event together met Wednesday,

May 30 to discuss further events and ways for us to best participate with the Moffitt/Morton Plant affiliate relationship.

Some suggestions included:

- Promoting tours of Moffitt for Pinellas Partners so you can see for yourself what is occurring.
- Establishing an e-mail list and a bi-monthly newsletter to keep you updated as



From left to right, Dr. Peter Blumencranz, Dr. Jack Pledger, Dr. Bill Dalton, and Brent Howie at the Pinellas Partners Breakfast

to the latest breakthroughs and other advances in research.

- Showing you where to direct any funds we may raise.
- Having two or three

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## MOFFITT STUDIES THE EFFECTS OF THE IMMUNE SYSTEM ON CANCER

**Tampa, FL (June 29, 2007)** – The immune system is important for control of tumor development and progression. Unfortunately, cancer has many different ways to weaken it. Doctors at H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute are studying how a compromised immune system affects the development and progression of tumors as well as treatment options. The research findings of Dr. Dmitry Gabilovich, leader of the dendritic cell biology division in the immunology program at Moffitt, appear in the current issue of Nature Medicine journal. Srinivas Nagaraj, Ph. D., of Moffitt made a major contribution to the study. Researchers from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore and the University of Nebraska in Omaha participated in the study.

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events per year.

- Establishing a Web site to keep information fresh.
- Deciding how we can help financially and how this would be purely an individual decision by members of the Pinellas Partners on a case-by-case basis.
- Deciding how we can help on a



Guest speaker and cancer survivor Dick Beagles speaks to attendees at the Pinellas Partners breakfast.

non-financial basis.

The steering committee is considering all suggestions and we welcome your input as well. Please also let us know if you would like to become more involved to help create this new partnership.

If you would like to be on our e-mail list to receive our bi-monthly newsletter and other Moffitt publications, please send your e-mail address to Jackie Edgington at:

[PinellasPartners@prov.com](mailto:PinellasPartners@prov.com).

**Mission Statement**

*To contribute to the prevention and cure of cancer through education and outreach in an effort to support the work of the physicians and scientists working to cure this terrible disease that has touched all of our lives in one way or another.*

The steering committee will continue to meet to keep the momentum going.

Again, we thank you for attending the breakfast and hope that you will continue to be a part of the Moffitt Pinellas Partners.

To learn more about Moffitt and Total Cancer Care, please visit [www.Moffitt.org](http://www.Moffitt.org).

Thank you so much for your support,  
**The Moffitt  
Pinellas Partners Committee**

**MOFFITT TOTAL CANCER CARE**

Moffitt Total Cancer Care is a plan to combine information technology, science and clinical treatment. This approach will provide evidence-based guidelines to improve care and outcomes for cancer patients throughout the state of Florida and beyond. It addresses cancer as a public health issue, encompassing the study of genetic predispositions, the impact of health lifestyles and integrative medicine to prevent cancer, then follows the patient through screening, diagnosis and treatment of cancer, incorporating translational research at each step along this continuum of care.

The success of Moffitt Total Cancer Care depends on the ability to nurture scientific innovation, to translate basic science into clinical practice applications, to conduct clinical trials that establish scientific

evidence and to disseminate information widely and rapidly.

To sum it up, Total Cancer Care represents the right care...at the right place...at the right time. It places its focus on the individual, not just the disease and brings the benefits of scientific findings closer to the patient.

What could be better for a patient with cancer? Especially for a cancer patient in Florida, which is second in the nation in lives lost to cancer. Because Florida has a larger population of older residents, and cancer risk increases with age, our citizens are 35 percent more likely to be diagnosed with cancer.

*(for more on this article, click here)*

**Upcoming Events**

- **DEVIL RAYS YOUTH BASEBALL CLINIC**  
Saturday, August 18, 2007
- **THE SKANSKA MOFFITT CLASSIC**  
Annual golf tournament  
September 24, 2007
- **KEY TO THE CURE**  
Saks Fifth Avenue  
October 18-22, 2007
- **THE SARASOTA/ MANATEE/MOFFITT WOMEN'S CANCER AWARENESS LUNCHEON**  
October 25, 2007

*(click on event for further details)*