



# PINELLAS PARTNERS

GET CONNECTED — STAY CONNECTED

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## KEEPING THE MOMENTUM GOING

Thanks for checking out the October edition of the Pinellas Partners newsletter. Many of you have taken advantage of Moffitt's invitation to tour the facilities and got a firsthand glimpse of the exciting and innovative research taking place there. We would love to hear about your experience there. Please email us so we can share it with those who haven't visited.

In the midst of planning our next Pinellas Partners meeting in early November, some members thought it might be fun to have our next meeting at Moffitt. This is our intention at some point, but

have promised some of our South Pinellas members that we would find a more centrally located meeting place; tentatively the ICOT Center or a hotel meeting space in that area. At that meeting, we do plan on having a doctor or research scientist speak to our group about where the \$32,000 raised at the Pinellas Partners Breakfast will be best used. Some areas of need include:

- Cancer research, which brings Moffitt even closer to a cure for cancer.
- Moffitt's patient assis-



tance programs, such as the Magnolia Lodging Program, Families First, Patient Education and Resource Center and numerous support groups.

- Outreach and education programs that provide

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## MOFFITT FOCUSES ON OVARIAN CANCER DURING GYNECOLOGIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Tampa, FL (Sept. 4, 2007) – Doctors and researchers at Moffitt Cancer Center are harnessing the power of genomic technology to personalize cancer care for women with gynecologic malignancies by matching the right patient with the right drug.

“Although there are many drugs available to treat ovarian cancer, only a small proportion of patients benefit from each drug,” said Dr. Johnathan Lancaster, Ph.D., chief of the division of Gynecologic Oncology and medical director for Lifetime Cancer Screening & Prevention Center (LCS). “Unfortunately, at present we do not have the ability to predict which patients fall into that small proportion so we have to treat all patients with all drugs. We are developing tools that will enable us to predict which patients will respond to which drug so treatments can be personalized.”

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our community tools for prevention and treatment.

Even though we are in the early stages of our Pinellas Partners group with only one event under our belt,

our numbers have grown substantially. This shows us that there is a desire in this area to learn more about Moffitt and be part of its promising treatment and research.

If you know of anyone else who would like to join our Pinellas Partners e-mail list, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Thank you again for your interest and participation. We look forward to seeing you all soon.

**Pinellas Partners Steering Committee**



**ACTIVE CLINICAL TRIALS AT MOFFITT**

A clinical trial is a re-search study created to answer specific questions about new therapies or new ways of using known treatments. Clinical trials (also called medical Research and research studies) are used to determine whether new drugs, new devices or treatments are both safe and effective. Carefully conducted clinical trials are the fastest and



safest way to find treatments that work in patients.

Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute is currently conducting more than 200 clinical trials.

Along with cancer *treatment* clinical trials and *prevention* trials, other studies look at

ways to improve the quality of life for cancer patients and cancer survivors.

**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.*

**PINELLAS PARTNERS INVITE YOU TO TAKE A TOUR OF MOFFITT'S RESEARCH LABS**

*... by Mary Harvey*

One of the best ways to learn more about the very important work at Moffitt Cancer Center is by taking a tour of one of the state-of-the-art research laboratories. During the tour, you will have an opportunity to meet face to face with one of Moffitt's highly respected and knowledgeable researchers, as well as see and hear firsthand what projects they are working on.

In my experience, as a steering committee member as well as someone who has a family member being treated at Moffitt, taking this tour really helped me understand how revolutionary Moffitt's Total Cancer Care approach is, and how dedicated Moffitt's scientists and researchers are to finding a cure for this dreaded disease.

It also made me realize how fortunate Pinellas residents are to have a cancer center of this quality right in our own community. If you would like to bring a friend, the tours are very comfortable for groups of 3-5. I can promise you, it is a very worthwhile investment of your time.

If any of you at any time would like a tour of the Moffitt facilities, please contact Leslie Schipani-Anderson at 813-745-1336, e-mail [leslie.schipani@moffitt.org](mailto:leslie.schipani@moffitt.org) or Jackie Edgington at 727-451-6136, e-mail [jedgington@prov.com](mailto:jedgington@prov.com).

**Upcoming Events**

- **KEY TO THE CURE**  
Saks Fifth Avenue  
October 18-22, 2007
- **THE SARASOTA/MANATEE/ MOFFITT WOMEN'S CANCER AWARENESS LUNCHEON**  
October 25, 2007
- **"AN EVENING WITH..."** The Ritz-Carlton, Naples March 7, 2008
- **MAGNOLIA BALL** Annual Black-Tie Fundraising Gala  
May 3, 2008

*(click on event for further details)*