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## FHCI Breaks New Ground In Genetic Testing

THE FLORIDA HOSPITAL CANCER INSTITUTE HEALTH AND CANCER RISK ASSESSMENT COUNSELING CENTER RECEIVED INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD (IRB) approval to collaborate with Intergenetics™ to help develop an ovarian cancer genetic risk assessment test. Development of this unique gene polymorphism-based assessment test will empower more women to be proactive in the early diagnosis or prevention of ovarian cancer. John Langdon, MD, Medical Director of the Health and Cancer Risk Assessment Counseling Center, will serve as principal investigator for this two-year program.

Dr. Langdon is optimistic that upon completion of the ovarian cancer assessment test, Intergenetics™ and Florida Hospital Cancer Institute will collaborate again on the Breast Cancer Risk Management Project to support women at above-standard risk of breast cancer, through use of the OncoVue® test. OncoVue® is designed to tell the average woman what her risk is for breast cancer. The test was developed in response to the fact that 80 to 90 percent of breast cancers occur in women who have no major identifiable risk factors for breast cancer.

Intergenetics™ pioneered the development of OncoVue®, the first genetic-based breast cancer risk assessment test. Florida Hospital Cancer Institute will be one of fewer than 50 cancer treatment centers in the nation to have the opportunity to offer this test. This project would make Florida Hospital Cancer Institute one of the first centers in the country able to perform clinical, genomic-based breast cancer risk assessment testing. OncoVue® is one of the first clinically available tests resulting from the Human Genome Project.



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