

Governor Christie On MD Anderson: This Extraordinary Moment Will Help Save Lives

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Transcript from June 10, 2013 Press Conference:

Governor Christie: There probably isn't a family in this state, including my own that hasn't been affected by the physical and emotional pain that comes with these devastating words: you have cancer. Each year nearly 48,000 New Jerseyans are diagnosed with the disease with prostate, breast and lung cancers among the most common forms diagnosed here in New Jersey. Approximately 17,000 residents lose their battle with cancer every year. New Jersey is committed to the fight against cancer from our state cancer registry which collects and analyzes cancer statistics, trends and research activities to our New Jersey Cancer Education and Early Detection Program, NJ CEED, which provides life saving screenings, cancer outreach and education and follow up services to the uninsured. I was pleased to be a part of last year's groundbreaking of the 100 million dollar state of the art Cooper Cancer Institute, a facility that will bring advanced diagnostic and treatment technologies to the greater Camden community and South Jersey region. Today I am thrilled to announce a new and exciting partnership that will continue the momentum with the collaboration of MD Anderson, according to U.S. News & World Report, the leading cancer treatment institute in the world and Cooper Cancer Institute to bring world class treatment, care and research to New Jerseyans living with cancer. New Jersey has always been at the forefront of some of the most revolutionary medical innovations, treatments, and discoveries, are pharmaceutical industry has played an enormous role in partnering with our academic institutions and our healthcare institutions in providing this type of care. Through this new innovative alliance Cooper Cancer Institute will be able to expand its leading cancer treatment programs in New Jersey saving lives and providing hope and courage for our cancer patients and their families. And I suspect that this will extend well beyond the borders of Cooper to other places in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware. I want to welcome MD Anderson to New Jersey. It is an extraordinary moment for our state to have the leading cancer treatment institute in the world come to New Jersey and expand their reach. And I want to applaud the efforts of the people at Cooper to bring this partnership together and to work with everyone in the state to help to defeat cancer in New Jersey.

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