

Governor Christie: In New Jersey, We Are Committed To The Fight Against Cancer

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Transcript:

Governor Christie: There probably isn't a family in our state, including mine, that hasn't been affected by the physical and emotional pain that comes with the devastating words to a family member of yours that you have cancer. And each year, as it was said, nearly 50,000 New Jerseyans are diagnosed with the disease, with prostate, breast and lung cancers among the most common diagnosed forms. Over 16,600 of our residents lose their lives to cancer each and every year. Here in New Jersey, we're committed to the fight against cancer from our Cancer Epidemiology Services (CES), of which our State Cancer Registry is a part, they collect and analyzes cancer statistics, cancer trends and research activities in partnership with the Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey, to our New Jersey Cancer Education and Early Detection Program (NJCEED), which provides life-saving screenings, cancer outreach, education and follow-up services to the uninsured, to groundbreaking research and collaboration being done in medical facilities throughout the state to provide advanced treatment options to cancer patients. That's something that the Speaker, the Senate President, and I always agreed on in the budget, something that we're proud that we're funding and that we continue to fund. And that's why partnerships like the one we are recognizing today between Rutgers Cancer Institute of NJ and University Hospital are so critically important, not only to the Garden State but to residents living especially here, where I came from in the greater Essex County community, who have been diagnosed with cancer. As part of our historic restructuring of higher education the Cancer Institute of NJ became a part of Rutgers, and today it's the state's only NCI-designated as a comprehensive cancer center - something to be very proud of.

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