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CANCER RESEARCH

Every year, the National Cancer Institute (NCI) prepares a budget report for the funding of cancer research. The [2012 proposal](#), given to the President and to Congress for review, reflects the progress that has been made in cancer treatment and the call for continued research funding. A recent clinical trial featured by the NCI focuses on [second-line targeted therapy](#) for advanced kidney cancer. The goal of this trial is to determine whether a new combination of treatment drugs will improve the overall survival of patients with renal cell carcinoma whose disease has progressed past the first line of treatment. In addition, findings from clinical trials recently gave hope to new [treatment options for melanoma](#) patients. The FDA, also in efforts to prevent a growing number of melanoma diagnoses recently changed the [requirements for sunscreen](#) labels. Advancements in cancer treatment are encouraging, yet continued research is necessary, as is the education of the public on preventative measures.

Book Review!

["Eating Well Through Cancer"](#) by Holly Clegg and Dr. Gerald Miletello features information about treatment side effects and over 250 recipes for patients as they navigate through and after treatment appetite issues. Every recipe features a note from Dr. Miletello, a board-certified oncologist. Shopping lists and nutritional analysis, among other features also highlight the benefit this book has for people with cancer and caregivers.

The Somerset Patriots are partnering with New Jersey Blood Services to host a [Blood Drive](#) at their TD Bank Ballpark on August 13th from 1pm-7pm. All fans that donate will receive a free ticket to a future Patriots game and you can also call 908.252.0700 to [purchase tickets](#) to the game after the drive on the 13th.

Patient notices...



- ◆ If you need a prescription refill, please *have your pharmacy call us*. Please also give us five days advance notice for narcotic refills.
- ◆ Our staff will also ask for your pharmacy contact information in order to more efficiently process your prescriptions.
- ◆ In the coming months, CJOC will utilize a new phone system with switchboard operators in order to best handle your phone calls.
- ◆ Beginning in September, there will be some adjustment to physician office hour schedules. Our physicians will now stay on-call for the hospitals in one-week shifts. We will soon post more specific information about this and appreciate your patience as we adapt to these new schedules.

CJOC Announcements...

- ◆ Our in-house support group for CJOC patients and family will not be held this month. Stay posted for updated information.
- ◆ An on-call physician will be available when our office is closed on Monday, Sept. 5th for Labor Day.
- ◆ Look Good...Feel Better will take place in our East Brunswick office on Sept. 12th at noon. Registration is required. Please call the ACS at 1.800.ACS.2345 and press option #4 to register.