

Winnick Family Clinical Research Center Celebrates 6th Anniversary

LOS ANGELES CA, March 3, 2008 -- The Winnick Family Clinical Research Center celebrated its sixth anniversary this month and announced that it has 60 active research protocols at the Center in 2008, representing 210 clinical researchers at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. These researchers are active in areas ranging from women's health and the genetics of common diseases to mitochondrial genetics, insulin resistance and AIDS.

The Winnick Family Foundation, founded by business visionary Gary Winnick, funds the Winnick Family Clinical Research Center at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and the critical research that takes place at its facility.

"We continue to be hugely encouraged and inspired in our research by the generous support from the Winnick Family Foundation," said Dr. Shlomo Melmed, senior vice president academic affairs of Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. "With the breakthroughs in genetic research now coming faster and gaining in practical medical relevance all the time, the generous donations made to our genetic research programs by Gary Winnick through his Foundation to the Winnick Family Clinical Research Center are enabling us to explore whole new treatment protocols with the potential to improve quality of life and life expectancy for thousands of patients suffering from a wide spectrum of illnesses. We look forward to continuing our dynamic relationship with Gary and the Winnick Family Foundation for many years to come."

"It's been an honor for us to make a contribution toward the immensely important research work being carried out at Cedars-Sinai," said Gary Winnick, founder and president of the Winnick Family Foundation. "Since the beginning of our relationship with the Center, it was crucial that the innovative, exciting work being carried out with the support of the Winnick Family Foundation give special emphasis to patient-oriented research. We are confident that this is the cutting-edge of clinical research. Our hopes have been amply rewarded by the Center's groundbreaking research into some of the afflictions that are among the greatest scourges of our society. It's wonderful to see young, gifted scientists taking up the torch of pioneering research in the Human Genome era, and we can't wait to see what the 2008 Winnick Clinical Scholars and larger body of researchers at the Winnick Family Clinical Research Center will be working on over the coming year."

The Winnick Family Clinical Research Center is a fully staffed center for clinical research active in all major clinical departments, utilizing administration, nursing, and nutritional support, along with core laboratory services in sample processing, tissue culture, genome screening and bioinformatics. Winnick Family Clinical Research Center

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