# Director's Closing Remarks

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# ■ Progress and Impact



### **Increased Impactful Research**

- Basic, Clinical and Population
- Focus on Transdisciplinary Research
- Integration of Cancer Training and Education in Research Programs



# Defined a High Impact Scientific Initiative

- Cancer Immunology and Metabolism Center of Excellence
- Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research Princeton Branch



# **Effectively Served Catchment Area**

- Focus on all CA priority cancers
- Cover all 21 New Jersey counties
- Over 57,000 people navigated to preventive services



### **Expanded Clinical Research Activities**

- Across CINJ-managed RWJBH Oncology Service Line
- Dramatically increased therapeutic clinical trial accrual



### **Increased NCI and Overall PR Funding**

- Two-fold increase in multi-PI grants
- Two new multi-project program grants
- Four new (T32 and other) NCI-funded training projects



### **Developed a Plan to Enhance Diversity**

- Recruited AD and created DEI Office
- Implementing initiatives to foster a diverse and inclusive environment

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# Significantly Increased State and Institutional Support

- New programs
- Program development and expansion
- Tenure track investigator recruitment



### Statewide Recognition, Authority, and Reach

 New Integrated Practice Agreement with RWJBarnabas Health



### **Strengthened Impact of the Consortium**

- Enhanced cancer focus (~50% increase in PU members)
- Integration of PU members into all five Programs
- Support of collaborations that formed the foundation of our center-defining initiative in immunology and metabolism

# Comprehensiveness



Five well funded, highly cancer focused and complementary science programs spanning and integrating the continuum of basic, translational, population and clinical research



Commitment to advancing education from elementary school students to CINJ faculty with new NCI funded training grants and unique community partnerships



Paradigm shifting, practice and policy changing discoveries capitalizing on expertise across our Rutgers and Princeton University Consortium



Extensive transdisciplinary collaboration and coordination across CINJ, Rutgers, Princeton, RWJBarnabas Health, New Jersey and with other NCI designated Centers across the US



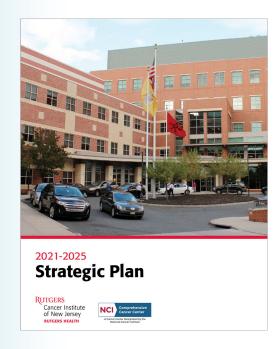
Research that is informed by and committed to our catchment area with significant positive impact on our communities driven by a highly engaged COE Office and CCAB

New Jersey's Only NCI-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center Since 2002

# Future Plans

- 1 Investment and Growth: immunology and metabolism research
- Increase Project and Training Grants: CPC U01 and GICG T32 planned for 2023
- 3 Open Morris Cancer Center: catchment area hub of tertiary cancer care
- 4 Expand Clinical Trial
  Activities Across System:
  increase interventional and
  non-interventional accruals

- 5 Prevent More Cancers and Screen More Patients: reduce incidence and mortality
- 6 Increase Translation: into the clinic and ultimately to commercialization through REACH and CETI
- 7 Implement Plan to Enhance Diversity: increase and enhance representation among leadership, trainees, staff



Develop 2026 – 2030 Strategic Plan

# Thank You

**Q&A Segment** 

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