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DIABETES RESEARCH RETREAT BRINGS TOGETHER MAJOR PLAYERS IN A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR INDUSTRY IN NORTHEAST OHIO

*Diabetes Association of Greater Cleveland and Case School of Medicine
Partner for a Historical Event*

CLEVELAND – The Diabetes Association of Greater Cleveland (DAGC), northeast Ohio's only local and independent resource for diabetes services and information, announces the first Diabetes Research Retreat ever to be held in Cleveland. Presented by the Case Western Reserve University (Case) School of Medicine and sponsored by the Diabetes Association of Greater Cleveland's Dietrich Diabetes Research Institute, this professional Retreat will showcase diabetes and diabetes-related research being conducted in northeast Ohio. The all-day event will be held on Friday, December 3, 2004 at Executive Caterers at Landerhaven.

The Retreat will provide participants with a forum to exchange information regarding current local diabetes research, propose opportunities for collaborative research, and advance ideas about the future direction of diabetes research in northeast Ohio. This gathering represents millions of dollars in funding from the public and private sectors that is brought to Cleveland each year for diabetes-related research.

Harriet L. Fader, President & CEO of the Diabetes Association of Greater Cleveland, comments, "One of the main goals of our Dietrich Diabetes Research Institute is to aid in the development of partnerships among northeast Ohio research institutions. By bringing together individuals from such diverse backgrounds, we are definitely realizing our vision of facilitating collaborative research and serving as a convener of local diabetes research. We are proud to be partnering with Case School of Medicine in this groundbreaking event in the history of diabetes research in northeast Ohio."

Approximately 150 researchers from over ten institutions (including Case medical school, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland Clinic Health System, MetroHealth Medical Center, Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine, Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine, University of Akron, University Hospitals Health System, and Louis Stokes Cleveland Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center) will attend. These participants are engaged in diabetes research projects at over 35 institutions in the United States across 60 disciplines.

Led by Ralph I. Horwitz, MD, Dean of the Case School of Medicine, the Retreat will address the overall vision for diabetes research in northeast Ohio. "The Retreat will be a unique networking opportunity as we review where we are in diabetes research today in northeast Ohio and combine our

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talents to confront the challenges of diabetes research in the 21st century,” Dr. Horwitz says.

The Diabetes Research Retreat provides the opportunity for all researchers to become aware of the varied studies being conducted within northeast Ohio and plan collaborative projects that will further efforts and initiatives toward prevention, understanding, and a cure for diabetes. Crossing institutional barriers, Retreat breakout sessions will focus on developing a collective vision for the future of local diabetes-related research.

Maren Laughlin, Ph.D., Director of the Metabolism Program at the National Institute of Diabetes & Digestive & Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) of the National Institutes of Health, will make the keynote address, “Diabetes Research in the Early 21st Century” and will discuss the future priorities and lines of funding at NIDDK.

Other highlights from the Retreat Agenda include:

- Representatives from Cleveland’s major medical institutions, including University Hospitals, the Veterans Affairs Medical Center, the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, and MetroHealth Medical Center, will present current diabetes research highlights so participants will understand the variety, quantity, and quality of diabetes-related research being conducted in northeast Ohio.
- Retreat participants, post-doctoral fellows and students will display poster abstracts of their current diabetes-related research projects to provide an additional avenue for the exchange of ideas and information.

For more information about the Diabetes Research Retreat, visit www.dagc.org/ddri/retreat.asp. To attend as a media guest, please contact Lori Izeman or George Stamatis (contact information above).

About the Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine

Founded in 1843, the Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine is the largest medical research institution in Ohio and 18th largest among the nation’s medical schools for research funding from the National Institutes of Health. Eleven Nobel Laureates have been affiliated with the school. The School of Medicine is recognized throughout the international medical community for outstanding achievements in teaching. In 2002, it became only the third medical school in history to receive the best review possible from the national body responsible for accrediting the nation’s medical schools. Case is affiliated with University Hospitals of Cleveland, MetroHealth Medical Center, the Louis Stokes Cleveland Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, and the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, with which it opened the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine of Case Western Reserve University this year. <http://casemed.case.edu>

About the Dietrich Diabetes Research Institute

Established in 2003 at the Diabetes Association of Greater Cleveland by Nancy and Richard Dietrich, the Dietrich Diabetes Research Institute is an independent, regional diabetes research clearinghouse whose mission is to: (1) Help local research institutions and local researchers to obtain funding for diabetes related research initiatives, (2) Aid in the development of partnerships among northeast Ohio research institutions, and (3) Help people with diabetes understand new research and its affect on their medical care. For more information about DAGC and its services, visit the association Web site at www.dagc.org or the DDRI Web site at www.ddri.org or call 216-591-0800.