Researchers and clinicians team up

Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory and the North Shore-LIJ Health System* this year announced a strategic affiliation to bring the cutting-edge basic discovery science and translational cancer research at CSHL to one of the largest cancer treatment centers in the United States. The unique integration of research scientists, clinical translational researchers and cancer clinicians promises to speed the advance of novel cancer diagnostics and therapeutics to patients in the region.

An early example of the power of this affiliation is the collaboration between CSHL Professor and Deputy Cancer Center Director David Tuveson, M.D., Ph.D. (right), and NSLIJ Hematology/Oncology Acting Chief Craig Devoe, M.D. (left). Together, the scientist and physician care for this pancreatic cancer patient, Gail Poinelli, leveraging the latest clinical advances and academic research insights.

"Bringing the scientists of CSHL together with the more than 200 academic oncologists and clinicians of the North Shore-LIJ Cancer Institute will transform our approach to cancer research and treatment throughout the New York area," says North Shore-LIJ President and CEO Michael Dowling. "North Shore-LIJ oncologists will make CSHL’s promising pre-clinical research available as innovative trials to select cancer patients at a much earlier stage, building on the clinical and translational research programs the health system has been offering its patients for more than 30 years and establishing our Cancer Institute as a destination for pioneering cancer therapies."

*The North Shore-LIJ Health System is changing its name to Northwell Health starting January 2016.

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From lab bench to bedside