

## **Our Mission and History**

Founded in 1898 by Roswell Park, MD, Roswell Park Cancer Institute (RPCI) is the oldest cancer research, treatment and educational facility in the world. RPCI helps set the national standard for cancer care as one of 21 members of the prestigious National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN). The Roswell Park Cancer Institute Division of Health Research Inc. (HRI) was established in 1953 as a not-for-profit corporation affiliated with the New York State Department of Health. HRI primarily serves research programs at the Institute and has grown to administer major health research programs throughout New York State.

Our mission at Roswell Park Cancer Institute is *to understand, prevent and cure cancer*. RPCI's rich history of accomplishments in cancer research, treatment, prevention and education is due in large part to the excellence of its employees who have blended their individual talents in pursuit of our overall mission.

It's a new era at Roswell Park Cancer Institute. Leading the way in cancer research, treatment, and education for more than a century, today RPCI is putting in place the final components of a strategic plan that will set our course for a second century of remarkable accomplishments. Equipped with the best facilities, the sharpest and most creative minds, and a decisive mission, we stand on the threshold of historic discovery.