



SAINT JOSEPH'S
Translational Research Institute

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**Saint Joseph's Translational Research Institute Opens State-Of-The-Art,
32,000-Square-Foot Preclinical Research Facility in the Heart of Atlanta**
Industry Leaders Tour Facility during 2009 BIO International Convention

ATLANTA – (May 18, 2009) – Saint Joseph's Translational Research Institute (SJTRI), the research division of Saint Joseph's Health System, will open its new, state-of-the-art, 32,000-square-foot preclinical research facility on May 19, providing international industry leaders the ability to tour the facility during the 2009 BIO International Convention: The Global Event for Biotechnology held May 18-21, 2009 in Atlanta.

As part of a collaboration with the Georgia Institute of Technology, SJTRI is one of the first anchor tenants at Technology Enterprise Park (TEP), a bio-business park adjacent to the Georgia Tech campus in midtown Atlanta. Current tenants also include biotech companies CardioMEMS and Altea Therapeutics.

SJTRI is a private, nonprofit research institute that combines the efficiencies of a commercial contract research organization with the resources of an academic institution. Unlike any other translational research institute, SJTRI employs a mixture of industry and academic staff; provides access to the medical expertise and resources of Saint Joseph's Health System – locally through Saint Joseph's Hospital and nationally through Catholic Health East; and now offers cutting-edge facilities for preclinical and clinical studies, physician education and training and regulatory assistance.

"SJTRI is changing how scientists and companies investigate new, innovative health breakthroughs," said Nicolas Chronos, M.D., president of SJTRI and world-renowned cardiologist. "By bridging academia, private industry, and nonprofit, we serve as a catalyst for collaboration and offer leading clinical solutions and resources to move new devices and therapeutic technologies from bench to bedside faster."

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The new facility offers six surgical suites; two fixed catheterization laboratories; five wet labs for histology, cell and tissue research; a robotic suite; expansive preclinical prep space; offices and real-time, live 24/7 remote access to the laboratories through Georgia Tech's Global Learning Center. Along with these capabilities, SJTTRI's non-profit status offers customers the opportunity to collaborate on federal funding and grant opportunities, unlike private entities.

SJTTRI has already proven its academic, clinical and regulatory expertise through its successes in bringing two commercially approved drug-eluting stents to commercial use, supporting two international pharmaceutical and medical device companies in entering the U.S. market and collaborating on Atlanta-based CardioMEMS' U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval.

SJTTRI will be part of the BIO convention by participating in the Georgia Pavilion, booth no. 2817, hosting an open house at the new facility on May 19 and lending Dr. Chronos' expertise to the breakout session entitled "Stem Cells: Translating Exciting Preclinical Data into Human Clinical Trials" from 2-3:30 p.m. on May 19.

About Saint Joseph's Translational Research Institute

Saint Joseph's Translational Research Institute is a private, nonprofit research institute that combines the efficiencies of a commercial contract research organization with the resources of an academic institution. SJTTRI was founded as the American Cardiovascular Research Institute by Nicolas Chronos, M.D., in 1999. In 2003, ACRI merged into the Saint Joseph's Health System providing the vast resources of the Catholic Health East network. While academically focused, SJTTRI understands the end goal of bringing devices and therapies to market, which is why half of the SJTTRI employees have experience in private industry. SJTTRI offers preclinical and clinical resources, regulatory support, collaborative funding opportunities and physician education and training. For more information, visit www.sjttri.org.

About Saint Joseph's Hospital

Saint Joseph's, the region's premier provider of cardiac and vascular services and recognized as one of the 50 top hospitals in the country, is Atlanta's oldest hospital. Founded by the Sisters of Mercy in 1880, today Saint Joseph's is a 410-bed, acute-care hospital recognized as one of the leading specialty-referral hospitals in the Southeast and is a part of Saint Joseph's Health System, which includes Saint Joseph's Translational Research Institute (SJTTRI). As a leader in cardiac, neurologic, vascular, gastrointestinal, respiratory, orthopaedic and cancer care, Saint Joseph's offers its patients the latest procedures and treatments through more than 750 physicians. In addition to serving the metro-Atlanta area, patients come from all over Georgia, nearby states and internationally to experience Saint Joseph's specialized services, excellent reputation and unique patient experience. Sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, Saint Joseph's is a member of Catholic Health East.