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General Notice

Early Lung Cancer Detection Study Reaches Recruitment Target

We wish to advise that the Pan-Canadian Early Lung Cancer Detection Study in partnership with the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer has now reached its country-wide recruitment target of 2,500 participants and is no longer recruiting new participants to the study. Existing participants will continue to be followed for the next two years. **Individuals who have qualified to participate in the study will have until December 31, 2010 to complete all baseline tests.**

On behalf of our funding partners, the lead investigators and the project teams at our sites in St. John's, Halifax, Quebec City, Ottawa, Toronto, Hamilton, Calgary, and Vancouver, the Terry Fox Research Institute extends thanks to all those who have shown interest in the study since its launch in September 2008. In particular, we would like to thank the 2,500 now enrolled in the study for their continuing involvement and commitment to this project. We also thank the many volunteers and supporters whose donations and time have contributed to the early success of this project.

The recent closure of the National Lung Cancer Screening Trial in the United States and the announcement that low-dose spiral CT screening may reduce lung cancer mortality by 20% compared to chest x-ray has accelerated our need for an interim analysis of the results of the Canadian study in 2011.

Our Early Lung Cancer Detection Study, which will receive close to \$7 million over the five-year term of the project, has enabled eight centres across Canada to participate in an innovative approach to identify those at highest risk of developing lung cancer which we hope will be of lasting benefit.

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