

THIS YEARS CHARITIE'S – THE NEW YORK TRIANGLE

ROSWELL PARK CANCER INSTITUTE- BUFFALO

Roswell Park Cancer Institute (RPCI), America's first cancer center founded in 1898 by Dr. Roswell Park. His revolutionary model of a “multidisciplinary approach” to cancer – with scientists and clinicians working in concert and in consult – has become the standard by which all modern-day comprehensive cancer centers are measured. RPCI is among the first and only upstate New York facility to hold the National Cancer Center designation of "comprehensive cancer center" and to serve as a member of the prestigious National Comprehensive Cancer Network. Many RPCI faculty serve on the NCCN panels that create the Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology™ – the internationally recognized standards for clinical policy in oncology, and the most comprehensive, most frequently updated clinical practice guidelines available in any area of medicine. Over its long history, Roswell Park Cancer Institute has made fundamental contributions to reducing the cancer burden and has successfully maintained an exemplary leadership role in setting the national standards for cancer care, research and education. <http://www.roswellpark.org/>

NF RACERS – WATERTOWN

Raising Awareness to Cure, Educate, Research, and Support

Neurofibromatosis 1 (NF1) Occurring in 1:3,000 births, NF1 is characterized by multiple cafe-au-lait spots and neurofibromas on or under the skin. Enlargement and deformation of bones and curvature of the spine (scoliosis) may also occur. Occasionally, tumors may develop in the brain, on cranial nerves, or on the spinal cord. About 50% of people with NF also have learning disabilities.

Neurofibromatosis 2 (NF2) Occurring in 1:25,000 births, NF2 is characterized by multiple tumors on the cranial and spinal nerves, and by other lesions of the brain and spinal cord. Tumors affecting both of the auditory nerves are the hallmark.

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NATHAN LITTAUER HOSPITAL - JOHNSTOWN

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state-of-the-art technology and a caring, dedicated staff of health care professionals. Over the years, the hospital has expanded its services in order offer health care that is comprehensive, accessible, and relevant to the needs of the communities we serve. The Littauer medical staff brings amazing technical expertise and competence to the residents of Fulton County and the surrounding communities. At Nathan Littauer Hospital and Nursing Home, we're people caring for people. <http://www.nlh.org/>