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Dear Colleague:

The Florida Department of Health (DOH), Bureau of Epidemiology, and the Florida Cancer Data System (FCDS) are pleased to provide you with a complimentary copy of the **Florida Annual Cancer Report: 2005 Incidence and Mortality**. The purpose of this report is to present an overview of cancer in Florida to stimulate cancer surveillance and research, and advance the state's cancer control and prevention activities for researchers, policymakers, health professionals, and the public.

This comprehensive report includes the following:

- Data on the incidence, mortality, staging, and hospitalizations for all cancers combined, eight of the most frequently diagnosed cancers, and two cancers of public health interest and importance in Florida by county, age group, race, and sex for 2005
- Cancer incidence and mortality trend data from 1981 to 2005
- Maps of incidence and mortality rates for selected cancers by county
- Cancer incidence and mortality data displayed over four stages of life: children (0-14 years), young adults (15-39 years), adults (40-64 years), and elders (65 years and older)
- Screening data for cancers of the breast, cervix, colon and rectum, and prostate
- Years of potential life lost due to cancer
- Florida programs addressing cancer prevention and intervention

The DOH Bureau of Epidemiology and the FCDS appreciate cancer registrars and abstractors throughout the state that have diligently provided accurate, complete, and timely data to the statewide cancer registry since its inception in 1981, making possible this epidemiological series.

Should you require any additional information please contact Ms. Tara Hylton at (850) 245-4444, ext. 2441. Thank you for your support of Florida's statewide, population-based cancer registry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julia Gill".

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Enclosure