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National Prostate Cancer Prevention Study Information Meeting Wednesday, September 10 at Hackley Hospital

Muskegon, MI – Hackley Hospital's Cancer Center is participating in a largest-ever nationwide prostate cancer prevention study and men from West Michigan are encouraged to participate.

An informational meeting for interested male participants is scheduled for **5:00 pm on Wednesday, September 10th** in the Youngberg Auditorium at Hackley Hospital. Hackley Hospital's principle investigator, medical oncologist Dr. James Ryan, will be the featured speaker.

The SELECT study seeks to learn whether two dietary supplements, selenium and vitamin E, protect against prostate cancer. Previous research suggests a possible link between these dietary supplements and the prevention of prostate cancer. Eligibility for the study includes men aged 55 and older; African American men aged 50 or older are eligible due to the fact prostate cancer tends to appear at younger ages in African-American men. There is no upper age limit for the trial. There is no cost to participate.

Prostate cancer is the second most common form of cancer in men, behind skin cancer. Annually, nearly 200,000 American men are diagnosed with prostate cancer. Significant risk factors include age, African-American race, and/or having a father or brother with the disease.

Hackley Hospital Cancer Center is participating in the clinical trial in affiliation with the Grand Rapids (GRCOP) Clinical Oncology Program. **To register or receive more information, please contact the Hackley Hospital Cancer Center at 231-728-4068.**

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