

Dear Friends,

We hope you will have an opportunity to watch tomorrow evening's (Thursday, 7/30/09) edition of "Chicago Tonight" on WTTW Public Television, Channel 11. The show has scheduled a feature on our own Janet Rowley, MD., which is expected to air at approximately 7:22 PM. This is a fitting tribute to one of the world's most innovative cancer researchers.

Last month Dr. Rowley received two prestigious honors. The Peter and Patricia Gruber Foundation honored her with its 2009 Genetics Prize for "discoveries of recurrent chromosomal abnormalities in leukemias and lymphomas— discoveries that have revolutionized how cancer is understood and treated. . . Rowley is also being honored for her critical national and international leadership in the biomedical research community." Dr. Rowley also received the 2009 Association of American Cancer Institute's Distinguished Scientist Award. The award "acknowledges extraordinary scientific accomplishments and contributions to cancer research." In honoring her, the AACI announced that the award recognizes the role of "chromosome abnormalities in human leukemia and lymphoma – including [her] landmark discovery of the first consistent chromosome translocation in any human cancer, the 9;22 translocation in chronic myelogenous leukemia – that has led to the development of today's targeted therapies, such as Gleevec." Many experts have called Gleevec the first "cancer miracle drug."

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