



2011 Chicago Breast Symposium Draws 400 International Breast Care Professionals to Unique Multidisciplinary Education Event

Rosalind Franklin University Plays Host to Accredited CME/CNE/AST/ASRT/CEU One-Day Gathering

CHICAGO, IL – October 18, 2011 – The First Annual Chicago Breast Symposium, held Saturday, October 15 at North Chicago's Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science, brought to Lake County more than 400 physicians, nurses, surgical and radiological technicians, social workers, hospital administrators and breast care advocacy groups for a comprehensive continuing education event. The two-tiered, 7-hour accredited agenda included the latest information on primary care, genetics and risk reduction, diagnostics, breakthrough surgical and micro-surgical techniques, breast conservation, multidisciplinary breast care strategies, advocacy and survivorship.

Co-sponsored by Chicago Plastic Surgery Research Foundation, Inc., University Plastic Surgery, SC, and Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science, the Symposium kicked off its morning schedule with a brief address by Congressman Robert J. Dold (pictured above), who thanked the participants for their "heroic" role in a constant battle against breast cancer and their tireless efforts to improve treatment options while enhancing their focus on survivorship (a legal mandate for inclusion as part of breast cancer care beginning in 2014).

"The field is constantly changing, with new and better methods of patient care being introduced all the time," said Loren S. Schechter, MD, FACS, Chief of the Division of Plastic Surgery at Chicago Medical School, founding member of Chicago Plastic Surgery Research Foundation and University Plastic Surgery, SC, and co-creator of the Chicago Breast Symposium. "By bringing so many different specialists together for a common purpose, to share their knowledge of procedures and approaches in their infancy or on the horizon, we are helping to educate a broad cross-section of the health care community on the front lines of breast care and patient advocacy."

Plans are already underway for the Second Annual Chicago Breast Symposium, scheduled for October 12 and 13, 2012. For more information as it becomes available, visit www.chicagobreastsymposium.com.