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CLEVELAND CLINIC OPENS BONE INNOVATION SUMMIT EVENT RUNS MAY 3-5, 2006

Researchers, physicians and industry leaders will gather this week for the second Cleveland Clinic Bone Innovation Summit. This year's focus is the clinical science of skeletal repair, maintenance and regeneration. **The event opens at 1:00 p.m. today, Wednesday, May 3, at the InterContinental Hotel & Conference Center Cleveland, and runs through Friday, May 5.**

The Summit showcases the latest innovations in the diagnosis and treatment of bone disease and fractures. Innovative leaders will explore topics ranging from bone biology to challenges and opportunities in the clinical area of osteoporosis, insufficiency fractures, compromised bone repair, non-healing fractures, metastatic bone disease, Paget's disease and *Osteogenesis Imperfecta*.

Highlights of this year's event include lunchtime sessions focusing on the "Engine and Engineering of Medical Innovation", W. Scott Simonett, Director of research for the Department of Metabolic Disorders at Amgen, will present on *Innovation in the Industry of Bone and Mineral Metabolism* on Thursday, May 4th and on May 5th, Joan, McGowan, Bone Diseases Program Director for the National Institutes of Health, will present on the *NIH and Medical Innovation*.

The first Cleveland Clinic Bone Innovation Summit in 2004 drew more than 180 participants from 17 states and 11 countries and over 250 participants are expected at this year's event. The Bone Summit has been established as a forum which honors the innovative contributions from clinicians, basic science and industry, and seeks to accelerate the opportunities derived from these valuable relationships to enhance patient care.

Cleveland Clinic, located in Cleveland, Ohio, is a not-for-profit multispecialty academic medical center that integrates clinical and hospital care with research and education. Cleveland Clinic was founded in 1921 by four renowned physicians with a vision of providing outstanding patient care based upon the principles of cooperation, compassion and



innovation. *U.S. News & World Report* consistently names Cleveland Clinic as one of the nation's best hospitals in its annual "America's Best Hospitals" survey. Approximately 1,500 full-time salaried physicians at Cleveland Clinic and Cleveland Clinic Florida represent more than 100 medical specialties and subspecialties. In 2004, patients came for treatment from every state and 100 countries. Cleveland Clinic website address is www.clevelandclinic.org