The Center for Movement Disorders and Neurorestoration Celebrates Making a Move

GAINESVILLE, Fla. —The University of Florida Center for Movement Disorders and Neurorestoration is celebrating the grand opening of its new location on Nov. 4.

The CMDNR recently moved from the Shands Medical Plaza to its new location on the fourth floor of UF's Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine Institute, located at 3450 Hull Road across from the UF Hilton Conference Center.

The opening will begin at 11 a.m. and will include tours of the facility for the general public, a ribbon cutting and several speakers from the UF medical community, including Dr. Michael Okun, the center's co-director.

Among those attending will be former U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno, who announced that she had Parkinson's disease in 1995 while still serving as attorney general. She will be the first to receive a tour of the center's new facilities. Her sister, an advocate in the fight against Parkinson's, will speak on her behalf at the ribbon-cutting event.

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The CMDNR was established in July 2002 to provide the highest level of medical and surgical care to patients with Parkinson's disease, tremor, dystonia and other movement disorders, and to perform research that will lead to better treatments and ultimately cures for these disorders.

"The idea is the patient comes to one place, and ten or more disciplines revolve around the patient, offering the best care and access to cutting-edge research," said Okun, who is a neurologist and the national medical director of the National Parkinson Foundation.

For more information on the CMDNR grand opening and movement disorders, visit mdc.mbi.ufl.edu. Follow the center on Twitter @UFMDC and "like" the Facebook page at facebook.com/UFMDC. For live updates on Twitter during the ribbon cutting, search for the hashtag #UFMOVEMENT.

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