

Emmy-winning actress Tracey Conway to speak at March 29 luncheon about women's heart and lung health

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DENVER — National Jewish Health, the nation's #1 respiratory hospital, presents Emmy-winning actress and comedienne Tracey Conway as its speaker at the New Directions for Women luncheon on March 29 at Broken Sound

Country Club in Boca Raton. The luncheon will raise funds for National Jewish Health to support research and treatment of lung and heart diseases that affect women.

Conway will present her poignant and humorous journey as a heart disease survivor after "dropping dead" at age 39 from sudden cardiac arrest. Her presentation will motivate women and men to find passion for their health and life priorities.



Lung and heart diseases are the two biggest health risks to women, and National Jewish Health focuses on the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of these two critical women's health issues. Integrative research, treatment and education efforts will improve the understanding of how these diseases affect women and will redefine the treatment women receive.

National Jewish Health faculty have demonstrated expertise in women's health issues and have shared this knowledge with presentations, conferences and symposia, including the North American Cystic Fibrosis Conference; the Annual American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology meeting; and in research papers published in leading medical journals such as the *International Journal of Cardiology* and the *American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine*. National Jewish Health also sponsors an annual Women's Health Conference focusing on health issues including heart and lung diseases.

In the past three years, National Jewish Health treated 776 people from Florida. The institution trained 33 former National Jewish Health fellows who currently practice in Florida.

Tickets for New Directions for Women start at \$100 per person, with sponsorships available. Contact Ellen Kurry at kurrye@njhealth.org or 561.477.5400 to attend or sponsor New Directions for Women.

The chair of the New Directions for Women Luncheon is Rhona Guberman. Lila Siegel, longtime National Jewish Health supporter and National Jewish Health Trustee, serves as the honorary chair.

National Jewish Health is known worldwide for treatment of patients with respiratory, cardiac, immune and related disorders, and for groundbreaking medical research. Founded in 1899 as a nonprofit hospital, National Jewish Health remains the only facility in the world dedicated exclusively to these disorders. Its integrative approach to personalized medicine and innovative research and treatment allows National Jewish Health to provide unparalleled care for women with lung and heart disease. Since 1998, *U.S. News & World Report* has ranked National Jewish Health the #1 respiratory hospital in the nation.

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