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Player registration is underway for Fourth Annual Play Golf-Fight Cancer! Central Florida Golf Classic Presented by IBA and SunTrust

*Former Gator Football Stars Chris Doering and Jack Youngblood to participate in fundraiser for
University of Florida Proton Therapy Institute*

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – Player registration is open for the Fourth Annual Play Golf-Fight Cancer! Central Florida Golf Classic to benefit proton therapy and research at the University of Florida Proton Therapy Institute. The tournament is October 15, 2007, at Heathrow Country Club, Heathrow, Fla. and players can register online at <http://www.floridaproton.golfreg.com/>.

Celebrity participants include former Gator football and NFL stars Chris Doering and Jack Youngblood. The Classic is open to individual golfers as well as full teams who represent a company, church, media group, health care facility, or club. The format is a four-person modified scramble, and awards will be given for each of the six flight winners, longest drive, closest to the pin, Hole-in-One contests, and more.

Over the past three years, the tournament has raised more than \$500,000 towards construction and research for the University of Florida Proton Therapy Institute, located on the campus of Shands Jacksonville. The state-of-the-art cancer treatment facility opened last year and is the only proton therapy center in the Southeast.

[Proton therapy](#) is a precise radiation treatment that destroys cancer cells and minimizes damage to healthy tissue. That means patients experience reduced cancer treatment side effects and are at less risk of developing complications from the treatment later in life. This is especially beneficial for treating [cancer in children](#) and in adult cancers located in sensitive areas like the head and neck, brain and prostate.

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For more information about the tournament, please contact Tournament Chairman Larry Shertz 2007 Alaqua Lakes Blvd., Longwood, FL 32779, lshertz@cfl.rr.com, Phone: 407-804-0507, FAX: 407-833-8557.

University of Florida Proton Therapy Institute, a 501 (c) 3 organization, is affiliated with the University of Florida College of Medicine (UF), a national leader in cancer treatment and research. A team of radiation oncologists, physicists, engineers and computer scientists, all faculty members at UF, delivers state-of-the-art cancer treatment and strives to set new standards for treating and curing the disease. More than 8,700 treatments have been delivered since August 2006. For more information about UF Proton Therapy Institute, please visit www.floridaproton.org.

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