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Endometriosis Foundation of America (EFA) Announces A Collaborative Research Initiative with Lenox Hill Hospital

EFA to Provide Initial Funding for Tissue Bank Research To Understand Causes and Effects of Endometriosis

(New York) December 6, 2010 – The [Endometriosis Foundation of America](http://www.endofound.org) (EFA) will announce the organization's first donation to seed a repository tissue bank, the first of its kind, in collaboration with [Lenox Hill Hospital](http://www.lenoxhillhospital.com). In support of women's health issues, the tissue bank will serve to collect preliminary data and develop a world-class clinical and translational research program.

This groundbreaking announcement will occur on Tuesday, December 21, 2010 during the EFA holiday celebration being held at the Morgan Library in Manhattan. In addition, the evening will include a guest performance by renowned opera singer, [Harolyn Blackwell](http://www.harolynblackwell.com), and the [Brooklyn Youth Chorus](http://www.brooklyn-youth-chorus.org) as the foundation is interested in raising awareness about the disease and early detection among teens and college-age women.

About Endometriosis

Endometriosis is a reproductive disorder affecting an estimated 176 million girls and women globally. The quality of life for those with endometriosis is greatly impacted and significantly diminished by the disease, which can cause severe pelvic pain, infertility and significantly impair a woman or girl's ability to care for herself, her family, pursue her career, attend school or social functions, or go about her normal routine. Endometriosis is also linked to other health concerns, such as certain autoimmune diseases, fibroids, adenomyosis, interstitial cystitis and even certain malignancies.

About The Founders & EFA

Actress, model, designer and award winning author, Padma Lakshmi and Tamer Seckin, MD, a leading endometriosis specialist and gynecologic surgeon, formed the foundation in 2008 after Lakshmi was treated by Seckin.

Through increased awareness, education, research and legislative advocacy, the EFA is committed to improving lives of females by promoting early detection, more suitable treatment options and scientific research about endometriosis. For more information about the disease, foundation or the event visit www.endofound.org.

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