

N.E.D.

**NO EVIDENCE
OF DISEASE**



They're six doctors you hope to never meet in a hospital. They are gynecologic oncologists, charged with guiding women (and their families) through cancer diagnoses.

In March 2008, the annual medical conference for the Society of Gynecologic Oncologists reported new medical research, as always. But this conference would reveal another breakthrough--the creation of a rock band with a purpose: N.E.D. The name of the band itself-No Evidence of Disease-represents the hope that every gynecologic oncologist has for every patient: at the end of treatment the disease will be gone.

The mission of the band is to enhance knowledge about gynecologic cancers and bring hope through rhythm for women undergoing treatment. The doctors strongly believe music heals. In fact, more than 250 journal articles report findings investigating the beneficial effects of music on pain, anxiety or depression. In a recent study at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, investigators found that patients who received music therapy while undergoing chemotherapy reported 37% less mood disturbance than other patients and 28% less anxiety. Other studies have shown that music can assist patients in coping with difficult illnesses. N.E.D. is focused on using music to convey this comfort.

With original music influenced by U2, Foo Fighters, Rush, and Weezer, N.E.D. hopes to bring a fresh and encouraging, yet sympathetic approach to what can often be a very dark time.

The band signed with New York-based Motema Music to develop and record its premiere CD in May 2009, for a Fall 2009 release. Proceeds from the sale of the CD and live performances will be donated to the Gynecologic Cancer Foundation (GCF) whose mission is to educate the public about gynecologic cancers and support promising research. Specifically, funding donated to GCF by N.E.D. will support the new Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Movement (GCAM) to be launched in November 2009 in Washington, DC.