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## **LIFE FOR URINARY INCONTINENCE SUFFERERS MAY IMPROVE WITH NEW TREATMENT BEING DEVELOPED BY FEMMEPHARMA, INC.**

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WAYNE – When Royersford, Pa. resident Lori Kline first started noticing the signs of urinary incontinence, she was just 23 years old.

As a college student driving home to work weekends, she began to notice that she stopped more often to use the restroom. Even with those frequent pit stops, she still had to run to the bathroom as soon as she got home. She tried experimenting by not drinking any liquids before her trip, but that didn't seem to help.

The disorder became more problematic when she began her first job out of college. Because she worked with handicapped people, she could not leave them alone if she needed to use the bathroom. Trying to control her urge caused Lori to tremble and experience abdominal pain. Sometimes, she couldn't make it to the bathroom in time.

"It's the most embarrassing when you're in a work environment," said Lori. "People don't understand. Urinary incontinence makes you seem like you don't have control over your body."

Even when the doctor prescribed drugs such as Ditropan and Detrol to control the condition, Lori suffered from side effects such as dry mouth and constipation. The dry mouth would make her drink more water, which in turn would lead her to urinate more often.

So she made a decision to live with the disorder rather than take medicine. Upbeat and optimistic, the vibrant 33-year-old was not about to let her condition stand in the way of her active lifestyle. Now she plans road trips with rest stops in mind and brings a change of clothes with her in case she has an accident.

"It could be a lot worse. I just have to think ahead," she said.

Lori is not alone. Thirteen million Americans suffer from this disorder, and 80 percent of them are women. Many of them suffer in silence, too embarrassed to admit their problem. Some sufferers incorrectly believe urinary incontinence is an inevitable part of aging, but 25 percent of women between the ages of 30 and 59 have experienced urinary leakage, according to the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases.

Fortunately for women like Lori, living with urinary incontinence may soon be much easier thanks to FemmePharma, Inc. The Wayne-based pharmaceutical company is exploring a new way to treat urinary incontinence that will help limit the side effects associated with current treatments.

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FemmePharma's treatment differs from others in that it would be delivered locally to the affected area – the local bladder receptors. Because the drug would not have to travel through the entire bloodstream to reach the affected area, fewer side effects would result.

FemmePharma is devoted to developing safe and effective drugs that minimize or eliminate side effects associated with many drugs by designing them in a way to suit the female anatomy. The Wayne-based company was founded in 1996 by Gerianne Tringali DiPiano.

After more than 15 years in the pharmaceutical industry, Tringali DiPiano saw a glaring need for a pharmaceutical company dedicated just to women, and formed FemmePharma to meet that need. She believes that a female-focused pharmaceutical company will allow for unprecedented opportunities to focus on the physiological differences between the sexes and improve the quality of life for women.

In addition to exploring treatment for urinary incontinence, FemmePharma is also currently investigating a new way to treat endometriosis, a painful condition that affects millions. Similar to the treatment for urinary incontinence, an investigational drug is delivered locally to reduce side effects associated with other types of treatment. Phase II clinical trials are being conducted in the Philadelphia, Cleveland and Chicago areas.

For more information on FemmePharma, call Kim Groff at (610) 995-0801 or visit [www.fpghc.com](http://www.fpghc.com).

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