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PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT (TO PROSPECTUS DATED FEBRUARY 14, 2002)

GERON CORPORATION

WARRANTS TO PURCHASE COMMON STOCK AND COMMON STOCK ISSUABLE UPON EXERCISE OF WARRANTS

You should read this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus carefully before you invest. Both documents contain information you should consider carefully before making your investment decision.

We are issuing a warrant to purchase an aggregate 300,000 shares of the our common stock, par value \$0.001, to Mainfield Enterprises, Inc., which we refer to as Mainfield, and a warrant to purchase an aggregate 300,000 shares of our common stock to The Riverview Group, LLC, which we refer to as Riverview. Both warrants are being issued pursuant to the terms and conditions of a letter agreement dated October 14, 2003 between Mainfield, Riverview, and us. Each warrant has a purchase price of \$20.00. The warrants provide for the purchase of a total of 600,000 shares of common stock and are exercisable, either in their entirety or partially from time to time, at a price of \$16.15 per share of common stock, for a period beginning 90 days from the date of issuance and ending three years thereafter.

Our common stock is quoted on the Nasdaq National Market under the symbol GERN. On October 14, 2003, the last reported sale price of our common stock on the Nasdaq National Market was \$16.15 per share. As of September 30, 2003, we had 33,349,939 shares of common stock outstanding.

Investing in our common stock involves certain risks. See Risk Factors beginning on page 2 of the prospectus.

You should rely on the information provided or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the prospectus. We have not authorized anyone else to provide you with different information. You should not assume that the information in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front of these documents.

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The date of this prospectus supplement is October 14, 2003.

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