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UT HEALTH SAN ANTONIO MD ANDERSON CANCER CENTER HOSTS BIDEN CANCER COMMUNITY SUMMIT

y, nationally, and globally – in prevention, early
on education, access, and innovation.



UT Health San Antonio MD Anderson Cancer Center hosted a local meeting of the Biden Cancer Community Summit on Sept. 21 for cancer leaders, health care providers, patient advocates and representatives from cancer-related organizations.



The local summit included panel discussions with experts from UT Health San Antonio MD Anderson Cancer Center and the broader cancer community. Participants discussed topics that focused on the patient's journey through cancer prevention, education, diagnosis, treatment and survivorship.



The summit is hosted nationally by former Vice President Joe Biden and his wife, Dr. Jill Biden. In 2015, the Bidens lost their son, Beau, to brain cancer. They launched the nonprofit Biden Cancer Initiative as a national forum hosted in communities throughout the U.S. The aim is to create a more cohesive, comprehensive and timely approach to prevent, diagnose, treat and promote healthy recovery from cancer.

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RING THE BELL

RINGING OUT

Ring this bell

*Three times well
Its toll to clearly say,*

My treatment's done

*This course is run
And I am on my way!*

A ringing bell can mean many things to many people. To some, it's a signal that church is about to begin, to others, it's the sound they wake up to. But a ringing bell to a cancer patient signifies the long-awaited end of cancer treatment.

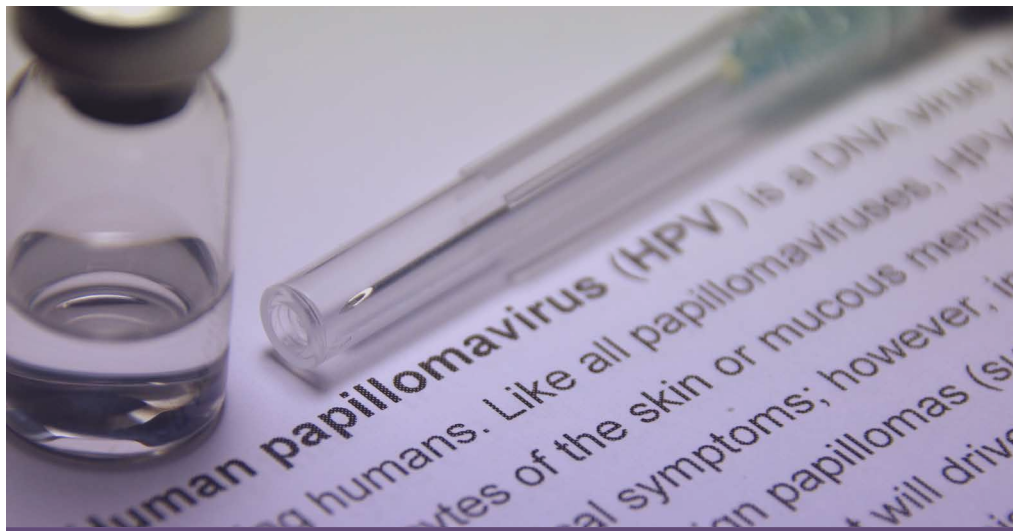
Cancer centers across the country have a bell for patients to ring on their very last day of cancer treatment, and now UT Health San Antonio MD Anderson Cancer Center has a beautiful new bell and plaque that hangs just inside the new infusion center.

Thanks to David Seitze and his family, now all of our cancer patients can ring the bell after the completion of their chemotherapy treatment.

"I donated the bell so patients can celebrate this milestone in their cancer journey with family and friends," Seitze said, "and also share that moment with the wonderful caretakers at UT Health San Antonio MD Anderson that provide such exceptional care to us."

David Seitze and his family donate bell to UT Health San Antonio MD Anderson Cancer Center





CHILDHOOD CANCER SURVIVORS AT GREATER RISK OF DEVELOPING HPV-RELATED CANCER

By Bonnie Petrie, Texas Public Radio - Published September 17, 2018



Dr. Allison Grimes

Childhood cancer survivors are at a much greater risk of developing HPV-related cancer than the general population, yet far less likely to get vaccinated.

Dr. Allison Grimes, the director of the Adolescent and Young Adult Cancer Program at UT Health San Antonio, said both women and men who've survived childhood cancer are much more likely to get HPV-related cancer later in life.

"In fact, females have a 40-fold increased risk of an HPV malignancy, and male survivors of childhood cancer have a 150-fold increased risk of developing HPV-related cancers," Grimes said.

She also explained that just over 13 percent of the people treated for childhood cancer at UT Health San Antonio started the HPV vaccine series, and only 6 percent completed it. She thinks these kids, who often have more than one doctor, are simply falling through the cracks.

"Pediatricians might think it's the job of the oncologists since it's a cancer prevention vaccine, and oncologists don't routinely provide vaccines in their cancer clinics, and so they generally assume this is going to happen in the primary pediatric or family medicine type clinic," Grimes said.

Dr. Grimes wants to fix that, and in August she received a \$1 million grant from the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas to teach health care providers about the increased HPV related cancer risk survivors of childhood cancer face, and to offer to kids eligible for the HPV vaccine the shots at five pediatric oncology clinics across Texas.

She also hopes to educate the patients. "If survivors of childhood cancers knew how vulnerable they were to second cancers from HPV and also knew it was highly recommended from their oncologist to receive the vaccine," she said, "then I think that patients and their families would be really encouraged to do so and to follow through with completing the vaccine series."

Grimes hopes to increase the rate of HPV-vaccinated childhood cancer survivors at those five clinics by at least 50 percent. The clinics included in the grant funding are at UT Health San Antonio, Methodist Children's Hospital in San Antonio, Dell Children's Hospital in Austin, Driscoll Children's Hospital in Corpus Christi, and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in El Paso.

RECOGNIZING EXCELLENCE

Congratulations to the Department of Radiation Oncology at UT Health San Antonio MD Anderson Cancer Center. For the month of August, Radiation Oncology ranked No. 1 with the highest rating for patient experience across all of UT Health Physicians, which includes more than 120 clinical departments that provide care to patients. UT Health Physicians distributes patient experience surveys after each visit seeking real-time feedback on ways we can better serve our patients.

Cancer Center Research SYMPOSIUM

The Annual Research Symposium of UT Health San Antonio MD Anderson Cancer Center will be held Nov. 12 at the Greehey Children's Cancer Research Institute.

There will be keynote speakers in addition to internal speakers selected from abstract submission or by UT Health San Antonio MD Anderson's leadership.

There will also be a competitive poster session where predoctoral and postdoctoral students and fellows at UT Health San Antonio whose mentors are cancer center members (either full or associate) will showcase their cancer research projects. Only students and fellows/post-doctorates are eligible for awards. However, faculty are also invited to submit abstracts and present posters.

For additional details and information on the symposium program, registration and abstract submission for the poster session, please visit our [website](#).

This symposium is supported by UT Health San Antonio MD Anderson Cancer Center through the NCI Cancer Center Support Grant (P30 CA054174) and is organized with help from the UT Health San Antonio MD Anderson Cancer Center Executive Committee and Research Administration Staff.

Grand Rounds



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TOPIC

“Evolving Practices in Radiation Oncology: Examples from San Antonio”

WHEN & WHERE

Friday, October 26, 2018
12:00-1:00 p.m.

UT Health San Antonio MD Anderson Cancer Center
Mabee Conference Room G406



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