



JOIN US FOR A WEEK OF CELEBRATION
MONDAY, NOV 13 – THURSDAY, NOV 16
BUILDING A CULTURE OF EXCELLENCE

At UT Health San Antonio, each of us is on a journey to help create a better tomorrow. So we're dedicating a week to honor your accomplishments and enhance the ways our organization listens, works and grows together.

Come get a FREE Promise T-shirt celebrating Spirit Week. Please bring your student, faculty or employee ID badge, one T-shirt per ID.

T-SHIRT PICKUP DAYS

MONDAY, NOV 13 & TUESDAY, NOV 14

7 A.M. - 9 A.M. & 11 A.M. - 1 P.M.

UT Health Cancer Center Conference Room Z601 (Zeller Building)

GALLERY WALK

TUESDAY, NOV 14 – THURSDAY, NOV 16

TUES – WED: 10 A.M. – 4 P.M., THURS: 10 A.M. – 3 P.M. | HOLLY FOYER

LUNCH ON THE LAWN

WEDNESDAY, NOV 15 | 11 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.

Courtyard between the School of Medicine Building and the Academic & Administration Building on the Long Campus. Wear your PROMISE T-shirt and enjoy FREE lunch, music and giveaways. Lunch also provided in the UT Health Cancer Center Conference Room Z601 (Zeller Building).

PRESIDENT'S FORUM

THURSDAY, NOV 16 | 11:45 A.M. | PESTANA LECTURE HALL

All are invited to join President Henrich for a quarterly update on the progress of UT Health San Antonio. Lunch for attendees follows. If you cannot attend, there will be a Live Stream in Mabey conference room. Lunch not provided at this location.

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NEW LEADERSHIP ROLES FOR CANCER CENTER PHYSICIANS

As we work together to improve outcomes and build a cohesive cancer service line in our cancer center and throughout UT Health, engagement of our physician leaders is critical to our success.

Please join us in welcoming new key leadership roles in the following cancer subservice lines:

Anand Karnad, MD for Medical Oncology and Hematology. Dr. Karnad serves as the current Chief of Medical Oncology and Hematology

Chul Ha, MD for Radiation Oncology. Dr. Ha serves currently as the Chair of the Department of Radiation Oncology

Javier Hernandez, MD, a Urologic Oncologist, will serve as the interim physician lead for Cancer Surgery

These physician leaders' interest and efforts support service line growth, and align with our collective efforts to strive continuously for the highest quality care while being most efficient with resources.

We also welcome **Mary Salazar, APRN** as Interim Clinical Administrative Director for the Cancer Center.

As we execute our affiliation with MD Anderson Cancer Center, these leaders will implement strategies in San Antonio and the region to enhance patient care, improve financial performance, and increase volume and market share for both the cancer center and UT Health Physicians. These leaders will engage colleagues in decisions that impact their specialty and gather valuable opinions and ideas about improving outcomes as well as the future direction of cancer services for our organization.

Thank you in advance to these team members who seek to drive real change to ultimately make for better outcomes for our patients.

IMPORTANT COMMUNICATION CHANGES

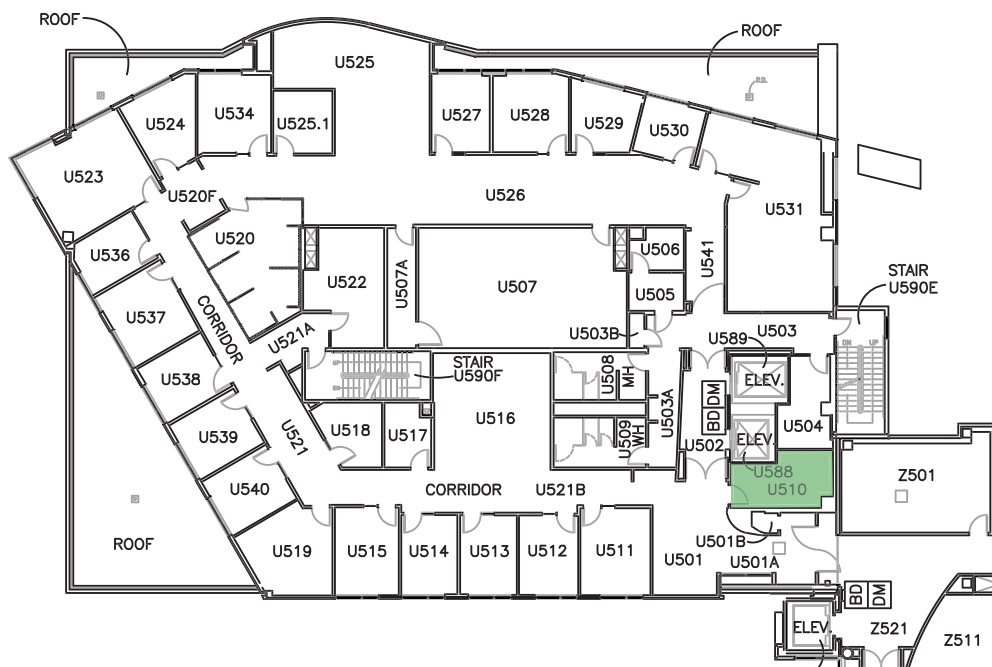
Because we're committed to sharing information and gathering feedback, we've decided to re-introduce Future Focus as a bi-weekly newsletter in November.

Communications to faculty and staff on the progress at our Cancer Center is a priority. We will be sharing updates from the various work groups, information on facilities and signage, and communications from our leadership that pertain to the Cancer Center and our affiliation with MD Anderson Cancer Center.

We will also utilize this newsletter to inform all staff about upcoming events at the Cancer Center. We ask that all requests to send to all staff be submitted a week in advance to CancerCenterCommunications@uthscsa.edu.

MAIL ROOM RELOCATED DURING CONSTRUCTION

Please be advised that the mailroom has been relocated due to construction on the 2nd floor of the Urschel building. The new location of mailroom and safe is **Urschel 510**.



Rong Li, PhD RECIPIENT OF A FIVE-YEAR NIH AWARD

Congratulations to Dr. Rong Li for being the recipient of a 5 year, **NIH R01 Award**, for his research: Crosstalk between BRCA1 and Transcription in Breast Cancer.

EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

On behalf of the SA Cancer Council Recognition Program, we would like to congratulate Jessica Valdez and Yvonne Castro on their August and September 2017 Employee of the Month Awards.

All UT Health Cancer Center employees are exceptional and greatly appreciated, but today we celebrate both Jessica and Yvonne for their devoted care to the patients and their teams. Please congratulate and thank them for what they do every day to make the fight against cancer a worthy cause!

These employees were chosen by the SA Cancer Council from your nominations and are being recognized for their exceptional dedication, commitment, hard work and compassion.

Attached is a copy of the nomination form for your convenience. The form can be found throughout the Cancer

Center in each of the clinics and lobby areas. If you would like to nominate an employee, please fill out the attached form and send it to:

SA Cancer Council Admin. Office,
Jennifer Collazo, U600 or email
SACancerCouncil@uthscsa.edu.

The Cancer Center staff members may be nominated throughout the year by patients, fellow staff members, and supervisors. We look forward to receiving your nominations.

Thank you for taking the time to participate and to congratulate our latest Employees of the Month!!



Left to Right: Mary Jackson, Linda Phillips, Yvonne Castro, Stephanie Shelton, Mary Wofford



Left to Right: Lori Montezuma, Stephanie Shelton, Mary Jackson, Stephen Pruski, Jessica Valdez, Mary Wofford, Cindi Smith, Kelly Durham

REAL MEN WEAR GOWNS

SCREENING FOR PROSTATE CANCER DURING CONSTRUCTION

Tens of thousands of men die each year in the U.S. from prostate cancer. But if it is caught early enough it is treatable and the cure rate is high.

Medical advancement guidelines have changed in the past about when to get screened for prostate cancer. But right now, Dr. Michael Liss, an Assistant Professor of Urology at UT Health San Antonio and director of medical research at University Hospital says, "The American Urological Association recommends 55 to 69 as the prime age to be screened for prostate cancer."

Dr. Liss added that catching the disease early is key. He said, "Men who have early stages of cancer, the cure can be up to 99 percent."

There are two ways men are screened for prostate cancer. "The PSA is the blood test. That's the most common. Most men are comfortable with that. There is the other task that men are uncomfortable with and that's the digital rectal examination."

Dr. Liss recommends getting both because a high PSA doesn't necessarily mean you have prostate cancer, and the rectal exam gives the doctor and patient a better idea of what's going on inside. He told us, "It takes one second to do it, and after that, we have quite a bit of information."

To find out how you should approach screening and treatment, you may need to be your own advocate. Dr. Liss said, "If the physician doesn't bring it up, the patient should bring it up and say, 'Hey should we do the prostate cancer screening and what are the reasons to do it and what are the reasons not to do it'."

University Health System conducts frequent clinical trials about prostate cancer including screening and treatments. To find out if you qualify for any of these trials just call 210-567-0214.

[Click here](#) to watch the story. You can also find the rest of the Real Men Wear Gowns stories, just go to WearTheGown.com.