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MD ANDERSON UPDATE

In November 2016, The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, now called UT Health San Antonio, and The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center announced an affiliation to provide adult cancer patients greater access to the most advanced oncology care available.

Through this affiliation, the Cancer Therapy & Research Center of UT Health San Antonio, an NCI-designated cancer center, joins forces with MD Anderson's international network of hospitals and health care systems dedicated to ending cancer globally. The affiliation builds on MD Anderson's world-renowned knowledge and capabilities along with UT Health San Antonio's expertise and distinguished Institute for Drug Development to benefit patients in the 38 South Texas counties served by the university.

The agreement aligns with the vision of UT System Chancellor Bill McRaven to create a "quantum leap" by building collaborative teams of UT System institutions based on the respective strengths and expertise of the institutions within the UT System.

The affiliation provides increased access to MD Anderson's treatment protocols, standards of care and will strengthen the

more than 200 clinical trials and translational research conducted by the cancer center at UT Health San Antonio. Patients also will benefit from an aligned, multidisciplinary model of care through MD Anderson's comprehensive patient-centered approach that will provide a new dimension in innovative care and treatment options.

Although not expected to officially launch until 2018, the collaboration is in full swing. In the wake of Hurricane Harvey, MD Anderson Cancer Network[®] members, including UT Health San Antonio, came to the aid of the nearly 35 percent of MD Anderson employees affected by the storm. Nearly one dozen police officers from UT Health San Antonio arrived in Houston to help with flood relief. MD Anderson Cancer Network members donated more than \$100,000 to the MD Anderson Caring Fund, which provides financial assistance to employees and educational appointees who have lost or been temporarily displaced from their homes by disaster. Thanks to the generous support of and partnership with UT Health San Antonio, countless nurses, physicians, faculty and staff were able to return to work sooner to continue providing the best care for patients in need.

NEWSLETTER

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**CELEBRATE THE
HOLIDAY SEASON!**

**JOIN US
FOR AN EMPLOYEE
APPRECIATION
HOLIDAY LUNCHEON**

**Wednesday, December 13
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
The Mabee Conference room
4th floor of the Grossman Building**

UGLY SWEATER CONTEST

Ugly Sweater Contest will be held from 10-11 a.m. in the Mabee Conference room. Employee votes will determine winners. Each employee will receive a ticket upon entering the Mabee Conference Room.

Contest participants that have clinic/work responsibilities will need to bring their Ugly Sweater submissions to display in the Mabee at 10 a.m.

For more information, contact Rachel Ortiz-Wong at wongro@uthscsa.edu.

BREAST CANCER SYMPOSIUM

ONE OF SAN ANTONIO'S FINEST HOURS

By Dr. Virginia Kaklamani & Dr. Ruben Mesa

THIS IS THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SAN ANTONIO BREAST CANCER SYMPOSIUM, WHICH STARTED DECEMBER 5TH AT THE HENRY B. GONZALEZ CONVENTION CENTER.

As the 2017 symposium approaches, we reflect on this important meeting's value to patients and families everywhere.

When the symposium began in 1978, women with breast cancer faced a far bleaker outlook than today. For example, radical mastectomies were still routinely done, and little was known about genetic profiling of tumors. Each year's symposium has provided state-of-the-art information on breast cancer research, and this year's symposium will be no different. Co-directors for 2017 are Dr. Virginia Kaklamani of the UT Health San Antonio Cancer Center, Dr. C. Kent Osborne of Baylor College of Medicine and Dr. Carlos Arteaga of The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center.

The San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium is one of the largest breast cancer meetings in the world, with approximately half of attendees coming from more than 90 countries outside of the U.S. More than 7,000 oncologists, cancer researchers and patient advocates attend annually. The first symposium, in contrast, attracted 141 physicians and surgeons from five states.

The meeting generates a \$19 million economic impact for San Antonio, based on data.

San Antonio was an appropriate place to launch the world's foremost breast cancer symposium, since the city from the 1970s

onward was a cradle of the highest-quality research in the field. Dr. William L. McGuire, pioneering breast cancer researcher at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, and Dr. Charles Coltman, medical director of San Antonio's Cancer Therapy & Research Center (CTRC), planned the first symposium. Dr. C. Kent Osborne, breast cancer researcher now at Baylor College of Medicine, was instrumental in the event's growth during his years with the UT Health Science Center at San Antonio and onward.

In 2005, Baylor College of Medicine became a joint sponsor with the CTRC. In 2007, it was announced that the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) would join the collaboration on the annual symposium.

Today the CTRC is part of The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and is called the UT Health San

Antonio Cancer Center. It is a National Cancer Institute-designated cancer center.

Exciting times are on the horizon as the UT Health San Antonio Cancer Center is developing an affiliation with The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. This will expand available cancer services to the region's patients and ensure families will not be forced to go elsewhere for cancer care. Patients do better when treated near their homes.

Current investigators stand on the shoulders of the symposium's founders. We are grateful that the San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium exists, because in convening the field's greatest minds, the armamentarium of treatments steadily increases. Mothers, grandmothers, wives and aunts of families can spend more time loving their families, the way it should be.



Terry Mamounas, MD, MPH – SABCS 2016 San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS OF New Agents IN ONCOLOGY™

THE 19TH ANNUAL PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS OF NEW AGENTS IN ONCOLOGY WILL BE HELD AT THE HOLIDAY INN SAN ANTONIO RIVERWALK ON FEBRUARY 2-3, 2018.

The UT Health School of Nursing and the Joe R. & Teresa Lozano Long School of Medicine invites you to join us for this interprofessional continuing education activity designed for Physicians, Hematologists/ Oncologists, Nurses, Nurse Practitioners, Physicians Assistants, Pharmacists, students and other health care professionals specializing in oncology. This is a continuing education activity and designed to update the educational needs for all attendees.

The following continuing education will be offered at this conference:

- Continuing Medical Education (CME)
- Maintenance of Certification (MOC)
- Continuing Nursing Education (CNE)
- Continuing Pharmacy Education (CPE)

Leading healthcare professionals will educate attendees on the numerous new immune targets and immunotherapies that have been approved over the last several years as well as those that are likely to be approved. Several world-renowned speakers will discuss how to incorporate these agents into standard clinical practice providing guidance to the front-line clinicians, nurses and pharmacists regarding current or projected appropriate use of these therapeutics.

Our expert faculty includes:

Mathew J. Butlet, MD

Howard Burris, MD

Sherri Rauenzahn Cervantez, MD

Adolfo Enrique Diaz-Duque, MD

Seth Eisenberg, RN, OCN

Georgios K. Fotopoulos, MD

Anand Karnad, MD

Eric Kodish, MD

John G. Kuhn, PharmD

Howard McLeod, PharmD

Ruben Mesa, MD

Kathy Mishaw, MS, RN, AOCN

Ivan Reveles, PharmD, M.S., BCPS

Miguel Villalona-Calero, MD

**PRE-REGISTRATION ENDS ON JANUARY 19, 2018.
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**WELCOME
DR. FEDERICO TOZZI**



**PLEASE JOIN US IN WELCOMING
A NEW ADDITION TO THE SURGICAL
ONCOLOGY & ENDOCRINE
SURGERY DIVISION AT
UT HEALTH SAN ANTONIO,
DR. FEDERICO TOZZI.**

Dr. Tozzi, an Assistant Professor in the Division of Surgical Oncology and Endocrine Surgery at UT Health San Antonio, received his medical doctorate from the University of Siena, School of Medicine in Italy, graduating Summa Cum Laude.

He pursued his training as a general surgery resident at The Methodist Hospital in Houston, Texas and Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine in Dayton, Ohio.

He joined the Division of Surgical Oncology with the goal of expanding the division's clinical practice in gastrointestinal malignancy after completing a clinical fellowship in Complex General Surgical Oncology at City of Hope National Cancer Center in Los Angeles, CA. His clinical interest includes gastric, pancreas, liver, colon, rectal, breast cancer and melanoma.