

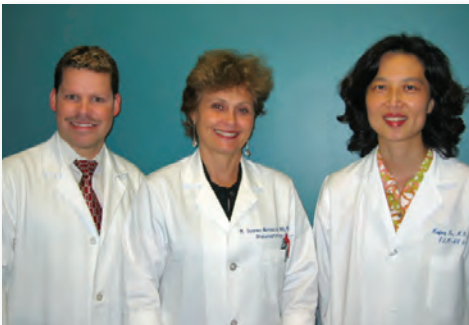
# DoIM news

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## Expanding Interdisciplinary Care for Cancer Patients with Concomitant Rheumatic or Autoimmune Disease

The Division of Internal Medicine is proud to introduce our rheumatology faculty. The Rheumatology Section, which is part of the Department of General Internal Medicine, AT and EC, consists of



the following faculty members: (center) Maria Suarez-Almazor, MD, PhD, Professor, Rheumatology Section Chief, Deputy Chair (Research) GIM, AT & EC, (right) Huifang (Linda) Lu, MD, PhD, Assistant Professor and (left) Javier P. Berrios, MD, Assistant Professor. In addition, the Rheumatology Section has three faculty members from the Division of Rheumatology and Clinical Immunogenetics at UT Health Science Center-Houston (John D. Reveille, MD (Division Head), Maureen Mayes, MD, MPH, and Noranna Warner, MD). M. D. Anderson and the UT Health Science Center share many clinical and academic rheumatology activities including collaboration in federally funded grants, participation in seminars and a joint fellowship program, which begins in July 2007.

### The Rheumatology Section's three full-time rheumatologists provide clinical services for the diagnosis, treatment and interdisciplinary management of rheumatic disease in cancer patients and survivors including:

- differential diagnosis of musculoskeletal pain, arthritis, systemic diseases of unclear origin, vasculitic rashes, serological autoimmune abnormalities (e.g. RF, ANA, ANCA)
- concomitant and interdisciplinary management of rheumatic diseases in cancer patients including: inflammatory arthropathies such as rheumatoid arthritis and spondyloarthritis, connective tissue diseases (such as SLE and scleroderma), crystal-induced arthropathies (gout and chondrocalcinosis), inflammatory myopathies (dermatomyositis and polymyositis), systemic vasculitides (Wegener granulomatosis, polyarteritis nodosa and giant cell arteritis), osteoporosis, osteoarthritis and soft tissue rheumatism
- therapeutic management of patients with rheumatic diseases undergoing surgery or chemotherapy, in particular, management of biologic agents such as TNF blockers, steroids and other immunomodulatory therapies
- diagnosis and treatment of musculoskeletal and autoimmune paraneoplastic syndromes

- treatment-related complications, including osteoporosis, refractory gout, musculoskeletal complications of radiation therapy and scleroderma-like disorders in cancer patients and survivors
- diagnostic and therapeutic arthrocentesis and injections for the management of local soft tissue ailments (e.g., bursitis)

Drs. Suarez, Lu and Berrios are available for inpatient consultations and see outpatients in the Internal Medicine Center, Mays Clinic, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. With three full-time faculty members and three faculty from UT Health Science Center-Houston, M. D. Anderson now has the largest rheumatology clinical service in a cancer institution in the country. The Rheumatology Section's main goal is to provide the best possible rheumatologic care for patients to improve their cancer treatment outcomes and quality of life. A second goal is to develop a state-of-the-art clinical research program to study the diagnosis and treatment of rheumatic issues that directly affect cancer patients and survivors.

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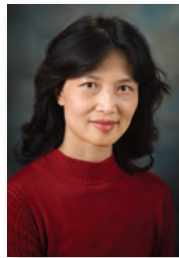
The Rheumatology Section Head, **Maria Suarez-Almazor, MD, PhD**, is a rheumatologist and clinical epidemiologist.



She holds the Barnts Family Distinguished Professorship in Cancer Research and adjunct appointments in Medicine (Rheumatology) at Baylor College of Medicine and UT Health

Science Center-Houston. Before joining M. D. Anderson, Dr. Suarez-Almazor was a Professor of Medicine at Baylor College of Medicine. She is also the Director of the Houston Centers for Education and Research on Therapeutics (CERTs), an initiative from the Agency for Health Research and Quality in partnership with the Food and Drug Administration and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Dr. Suarez-Almazor currently holds three NIH R01 grants examining the outcomes of rheumatic disease. Her current areas of interest are the effects of comorbidities and rheumatic disease in cancer patients and survivors, long-term musculoskeletal and connective tissue complications of cancer treatment, evidence-based medicine and health decision making, and disparities in the delivery of health to underserved populations.

**Huifang (Linda) Lu, MD, PhD**, is a rheumatologist and immunologist. She is Assistant Professor of Medicine and



holds an adjunct appointment at UT Health Science Center-Houston (Rheumatology). Dr. Lu, who joined M. D. Anderson as the first member of the rheumatology faculty

in October 2005, provides full time inpatient and outpatient services. Dr. Lu is a graduate of Beijing Medical University, Beijing, China and came to Texas to pursue a PhD in Immunology from Baylor College of Medicine. Dr. Lu completed a three-year dual-track fellowship training in Rheumatology, Allergy and Immunology at Baylor College of Medicine. She has done postdoctoral research in bone development and inflammation. She is currently focusing her research interests on osteoporosis prevention in cancer patients, especially patients undergoing bone marrow transplant. Dr. Lu is also interested in the treatment and outcomes in cancer patients of rheumatological disease such as rheumatoid arthritis, gout and sarcoidosis, as well as rheumatic manifestations of malignancy and its treatment.

**Javier P. Berrios, MD**, Assistant Professor, is a rheumatologist and clinical researcher with experience



in health disparities, clinical epidemiology and evidence-based medicine. Dr. Berrios holds an adjunct appointment at the UT Health Science

Center-Houston and Baylor College of Medicine. He attended the University of Massachusetts Medical School, Worcester and completed his residency in internal medicine at the UT Health Science Center-Houston. Dr. Berrios went on to pursue a fellowship in rheumatology at Baylor College of Medicine and a Masters of Science in Epidemiology at the UT School of Public Health. He has published several papers on topics ranging from patient-doctor communication and trust in physicians to chemotherapy utilization in patients with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. His current interests include health disparities in patients with rheumatic disease, rheumatic manifestations of malignancy, inflammatory arthropathies, and rheumatoid arthritis.

## A Few Words from Dr. Gagel

It is my pleasure to announce the recent appointment of **Joseph Swafford, MD**, Professor, as Deputy Division Head of the Division of Internal Medicine. Dr. Swafford is a graduate of the Howard University College of Medicine, Washington, D.C. He initiated his cardiology fellowship at



Howard University Hospital and completed his fellowship at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital, Texas Heart Institute, Baylor College of Medicine Affiliate Program, Houston, Texas.

Dr. Swafford was chosen for this position because of his consummate skills as a clinical cardiologist and his long-term interest in clinical safety and effectiveness. Dr. Swafford also brings a wealth of administrative experience. He is the incoming Chair of the Credentials Committee of the Medical Staff, is a member of the Clinical Faculty Review Committee and has served as the Director of the Noninvasive Laboratory and Clinical Medical Director of the Cardiopulmonary Center.

In his new role, Dr. Swafford will be charged with the management of clinical safety and effectiveness across the Division. He will work closely with the Division's department chairs to develop and monitor improvement initiatives. Another important component of his activities will be to interface with other divisions and clinical programs across M. D. Anderson. We anticipate that Dr. Swafford's warm and engaging management style will serve him well in this capacity. Please join me in congratulating Dr. Swafford on this new appointment.



Dr. Yeh, Dr. Swafford and his wife, Melba, Dr. Gagel and Rosemary Scarfia

# Early Intervention Key for Kidney Problems

The Division of Internal Medicine is proud to announce the addition of a Nephrology Section within the Department of GIM, AT and EC. Dr. Abdulla Salahudeen, MD, (left) Professor and Nephrology Section Head and Dr. Amit Lahoti, MD, (right) Assistant Professor joined M. D. Anderson in July 2006. Before joining M. D. Anderson, Dr. Salahudeen was a faculty member of General Medicine and Nephrology, the University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson, MS. He graduated from the Trivandrum Medical School, Kerala University, India, received his internal



medicine training in the United Kingdom and completed his Nephrology Fellowship at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Lahoti completed his Internal Medicine residency and Nephrology Fellowship at the UT Health Science Center-Houston. Susan Kopplin, RN, MSN, CNS, AOCN, who has special dialysis training, is joining the team this fall.



Our new Nephrology Section will continue its relationship with the Division of Renal Diseases at UT Health Science Center-Houston (Bruce Kone, MD, Division Head). Nephrology fellows from UTHSCH will continue their training at M. D. Anderson and UTHSCH renal

faculty will continue to contribute to the joined team. Plans are being made to expand the fellowship program, which will result in improved service for referring physicians and patients and an outstanding nephrology fellowship experience. Dr. Salahudeen will have laboratory space at UTHSCH with the goal of developing a robust research program by partnering with UTHSCH's existing program.

The expertise of Drs. Salahudeen and Lahoti in treating all aspects of kidney disease is a valuable addition to M. D. Anderson. Kidney problems are on the rise due to an

increasing elderly population and the wider use of cancer medications and other cancer treatment modalities. A cancer patient's kidneys can be affected at many different levels, by the cancer itself and by the treatment. Immunosuppression, associated with both cancer and its treatment, can make patients susceptible to infection, of the blood in particular, and can potentially lead to acute kidney failure.

When a patient's kidneys acutely shut down, dialysis is required to sustain life. The Nephrology Section provides dialysis services at M. D. Anderson in the Intensive Care Unit. Our nephrologists use the latest method of dialysis, Continuous Renal Replacement Therapy (CRRT). This continuous process removes toxic metabolic products, thus allowing time for patient recovery. Drs. Salahudeen and Lahoti also see patients for follow-up care, Monday-Thursday, in the Internal Medicine Center, Main Building. And because kidney problems can linger or develop after cancer treatment is over, cancer survivors also are seen in the outpatient setting for residual renal injury.

The Nephrology Section is focused on developing strategies to prevent kidney failure whenever possible. It is beneficial to the patient to be seen by a nephrologist as soon as a kidney problem appears. Early intervention results in better patient outcomes. Drs. Salahudeen and Lahoti also are very dedicated to patient and family education and prefer to take a broad, holistic and compassionate approach to patient care.

Drs. Salahudeen and Lahoti are very interested in outcomes research of cancer patients with kidney failure. Collaboration with Drs. Kristen Price and Joseph Nates, Critical Care, is underway to examine the various aspects of acute renal failure in cancer patients and to define the risk factors. By addressing these risk factors before a kidney injury develops, kidney failure may be averted. The group is also interested in identifying the early markers of kidney injury, thus preventing kidney injury with early intervention.



Dr. Taryn J. Liss, MD, second year nephrology fellow from UT Houston Medical School, Drs. Salahudeen and Dr. Lahoti

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## We Achieved our FY06 Anderson Award!

Seventy-five percent of DoIM faculty and staff participated in at least one of the 2006 Diversity Awareness events (diversity focus group, diversity education course or the Diversity Celebration). Our FY07 Anderson Award also will be based on our Diversity Awareness project. The Diversity Awareness Steering Committee currently is working on developing the FY07 Diversity Awareness Plan based on DoIM faculty and staff diversity focus group feedback. The diversity focus group results and the FY07 Diversity Awareness Plan will be communicated to all faculty and staff later this year.



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## FY06 SERVICE AWARDS

### 25 Years

**Amelia Arnaez**, Internal Medicine Center  
**Rena V. Sellin, MD**, Endocrine Neoplasia and HD  
**Lillian E. Wischer**, Infectious Diseases

### 20 Years

**Belinda L. Weatherly**, Internal Medicine Center  
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**On August 2006, the DoIM hosted an appreciation luncheon recognizing the FY2006 performance award winners. Congratulations to all of our STARS!**



Rosemary Scarfia, Sherrie Flores, and Lorraine Medina

# PEOPLE SPOTLIGHT



The Department of Cardiology is proud to announce that **Edward T.H. Yeh, MD**, Professor and Chair, has been elected to membership in the Academia Sinica, the most prestigious scholarly institution in the Republic of China. Academia Sinica was founded in 1928 and currently has 241 academicians in three disciplines: physical science, biological science and humanity. The current membership includes six Nobel laureates and many National Academy of Science members. Dr. Yeh is among 15 new academicians elected this year. He is being recognized for his discovery of three novel posttranslational protein modification pathways (Sumoylation, NEDDylation and GPI anchor formation). Dr. Yeh is also internationally known for his work on vascular inflammation, stem cell biology and cardiovascular complications of cancer therapy.



**Aarif Y. Khakoo, MD**, Assistant Professor, Cardiology, has been appointed a member of the faculty of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences at The UT Health Science Center at Houston.



**Daniel Lenihan, MD**, (left) Associate Professor, Cardiology, has been appointed Associate Director of the Cardiopulmonary Center and **Jean-Bernard Durand, MD**, (right) Assistant Professor, Cardiology, is the new Program Coordinator for the Cardiology Fellowship Rotation.



**Dr. Rena Sellin**, Naguib A. Samaan Distinguished Professor, Endocrine Neoplasia and Hormonal Disorders and Life After Cancer Care Program Medical Director, was named the August 2006 Faculty Educator of the Month. Throughout her career, Dr. Sellin has contributed greatly to the education of young clinicians not only at M. D. Anderson but also at other institutions across the Texas Medical Center. Furthermore, Dr. Sellin has contributed to the education of patients and other physicians through the development and maintenance of the M. D. Anderson online message board for cancer survivors and the Life After Cancer Care web site and through her work on the Texas Physician Oncology Education Program learning module for primary physicians on surveillance of cancer survivors. Congratulations Dr. Sellin!



In September, 2006, **Robert Bresalier, MD**, Professor and Chair, GI Medicine and Nutrition, renewed his five years NIH RO1 grant (total award \$1.545 million) on Mucin Glycoprotein in Colon Cancer Metastasis.

**John Stroehlein, MD**, Professor, GI Medicine and Nutrition, has been appointed Deputy Associate Medical Director for Endoscopy and Clinic Operations, GI Center. Dr. Stroehlein will provide assistance in the daily operations and the maintenance of systems and procedures involving patients who are receiving care in the Endoscopy and GI Medicine and Nutrition components of the GI Center.



Congratulations to **Vickie R. Shannon, MD**, Pulmonary Medicine on her promotion to Professor. Dr. Shannon received her Doctor of Medicine from the Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, Missouri. She completed her residency at the University of Texas Medical School, Houston and her fellowship at the Washington University School of Medicine. Dr. Shannon joined the M. D. Anderson faculty in March, 1993. She is currently heading up the Pulmonary Rehabilitation Service pilot, which is being considered for institution-wide expansion.



Congratulations to **Janice Freeman, RN**, Emergency Center, on receiving a Nurse Expert Award, Exceptional level. This is the inaugural year for the Clinical Nurse Expert Recognition (CNER) program. The CNER program acknowledges the accomplishments of clinical nurses beyond the Maturation Phase performance standards of the Professional Development Model. Awarding the designation of Expert-level practice is the highest level of accomplishment for clinical nurses and is intended not only to recognize but also to reward these clinical nurses for their expertise and dedication to excellence in clinical practice.



Welcome to the the newest DoIM Clinical Administrative Directors, **June Kelsick, MSN**, IMC CAD and **Christopher George, MS**, Cardiopulmonary Center CAD

## DoIM Orientation...



In August 2006, the Division of Internal Medicine began offering a monthly orientation class for all new faculty and staff. An introduction to the Division of Internal Medicine is presented and the class concludes with a tour of the various DoIM academic departments and centers. The DoIM Orientation class is offered the 2nd Thursday of the month from 1:30-3:30pm in FC10.2031.

To sign-up for the class or to receive more information, contact Dia Swain, DoIM Administrative Analyst at [dkswain@mdanderson.org](mailto:dkswain@mdanderson.org).

# First Sleep Center in a US Cancer Hospital

The Department of Pulmonary Medicine opened the doors to a multidisciplinary Sleep Center on September 25, 2006. "We are very excited to be the first cancer hospital in the United States to open a Sleep Center. It shows our commitment to helping our patients overcome one of the most common symptoms of cancer and cancer treatment" stated Dave Balachandran, MD, Director of the Sleep Center. The Sleep Center will focus on identifying, evaluating and treating sleep



disorders in cancer patients. The Center's mission is to strive to understand and mitigate the effects of cancer and cancer treatment on disordered sleep and cancer-related fatigue. The Sleep Center staff collectively has over 50 years of experience in taking care of patients with sleep disorders.

Research has found that 80% of cancer patients complain of poor sleep. Patients with sleep disorders are less likely to tolerate complicated treatment regimens. According to the National Cancer Institute, sleep disorders may occur in cancer patients as a result of physical illness, pain, treatment drugs, hospitalization and emotional stress.

## The six major categories of sleep disorders that interfere with normal sleep patterns include:

- the inability to fall asleep
- disorders of the sleep-wake cycle,
- disorders associated with sleep stages or partial waking
- excessive sleepiness
- sleep-disordered breathing
- sleep-related movement disorders

The Sleep Center comprises two components: a state-of-the-art Sleep Laboratory and a multidisciplinary Sleep Clinic. The Sleep Lab, located on the 8th floor of the Mays Clinic, conducts sleep studies (polysomnograms) that objectively measure sleep quality and help explain patient symptoms. The four-bedroom Sleep Lab is open three nights a week (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) and will produce 12 sleep studies a week. As patient referrals increase, the Sleep Lab will increase its days of operation to five nights a week. Sleep Center patients are seen in the Internal Medicine Clinic, Mays Clinic or in the Cardiopulmonary Center.

Patients with sleep-related complaints, such as sleep apnea, restless legs syndrome, insomnia, excessive daytime sleepiness or behavioral sleep disorder, should be referred to the Sleep Center. Referrals for patients aged 18 years or older can be made via On-Line Consults (Department of Pulmonary Medicine Sleep Center).



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

### MAYO – M. D. Anderson Symposium

**Diabetes in People with Serious Illnesses: Beyond Sick Day Guidelines**

**February 23-24, 2007** • The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center

For additional information go to [www.mdanderson.org/conferences](http://www.mdanderson.org/conferences)

### Cardiology and Oncology Partnership: Bridging the Gaps to Improve Patient Outcomes

**February 22-23, 2007.** This program will provide a comprehensive review of cardiovascular complications related to cancer therapy. Visit: [www.mdanderson.org/conferences](http://www.mdanderson.org/conferences)

**The DoIM Holiday Party** will take place on **Sunday, December 3, 2006** at the

JW Marriott, 5150 Westheimer, from 5pm to 10pm. Dress is festive evening wear.

*Invitations, noting additional information, will be sent to all faculty and staff closer to the event.*

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