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Faculty contribute to new cancer management guide

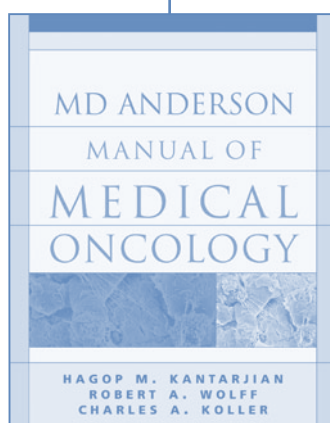
Nearly 100 faculty members from M. D. Anderson have contributed to a new book for clinicians, which describes the M. D. Anderson way of treating a variety of cancers.

To be published this spring by McGraw-Hill, *The M. D. Anderson Manual of Medical Oncology* is designed to be a timesaving tool for community and referring physicians. Hagop Kantarjian, M.D., chair of Leukemia; Robert Wolff, M.D., associate professor of medicine in Gastrointestinal Medical Oncology; and Charles Koller, M.D., professor of medicine in Leukemia, are the lead editors, with contributions from more than 90 of our faculty and fellows.

"It's an accessible, clinically-oriented guide that gives treating physicians a rational, complete cancer patient management strategy," says Frank Stevens with McGraw-Hill Companies' medical publishing division.

Reflecting the expertise of our faculty members' leadership in chemotherapeutic, surgical, and radiation oncology, here is a straightforward approach that:

- Concisely reviews the latest knowledge about each form of cancer, including its epidemiology, risk factors, and molecular biology
- Presents — in quickly-accessed boxed tables — M. D. Anderson's



own prognostic and staging models for initial evaluation of patients, and general diagnostic and therapeutic algorithms

- Gives physicians all the information essential for appropriate therapy selection

- Focuses on modalities that are increasing disease-free survival time for patients and examines the acute and long-term side effects of each therapeutic modality
- Describes modalities that produce superior functional imaging of tumor masses

- Reviews the current state of the major components of allogeneic stem cell transplantation, with particular attention to strategies being utilized and evaluated at M. D. Anderson
- Explains surgical techniques that result in shorter, less expensive hospitalization and more rapid convalescence
- Offers case examples of successful clinical strategies and highlights areas that present special challenges for the treating physician
- Summarizes the major and common endocrine complications of cancer therapy
- Demonstrates how palliative care should be integrated with

disease management (curative care), with explicit guidance for pain management and symptom control

The 1,536-page guide includes 44 chapters covered in 13 sections:

- Lymphoma and myeloma
- Blood and marrow transplantation
- Lung cancer
- Head and neck cancer
- Gastrointestinal carcinomas
- Breast cancer
- Gynecologic malignancies
- Genitourinary carcinomas
- Miscellaneous tumors
- Supportive care
- Palliative care and symptom management
- Long-term survival

"The manual has been designed to fill an important void in oncology reference material by serving as a hands-on resource for the practicing oncologist. It was written exclusively by our faculty and fellows, and we believe it presents a bird's eye view of medical oncology as it is currently practiced at our institution," the editors state in the book's preface.

Although it was written primarily from the perspective of the medical oncologist, the book emphasizes M. D. Anderson's unique multidisciplinary approach to cancer care. Some details of radiation therapy and surgery covered in other subspecialty textbooks, however, haven't been included.

The book retails for \$195. For ordering information, visit accessmedbooks.com (search using ISBN 0071414991).

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Faculty Spotlight: Michael McClure reflects fondly on early days of GSBS

Last year, this publication featured an alumnus spotlight on Thomas Matney, Ph.D. Michael McClure, Ph.D., an alumnus of The University of Texas Graduate School of Biomedical Science Class of 1963, read the article and was moved to respond with his own recollections.

"It brought back such a flood of memories of the early GSBS and the time I spent in Houston at M. D. Anderson as a graduate student and green-horn young faculty member," McClure says of reading the article.

"I remember Dr. Matney was there in the first orientation to GSBS in 1963 and I was one of the first two students admitted to the new school. Elmer Sheltgen was the second. Felix Haas was my department chair and T.C. Hsu my major professor.

"In early 1963, Elmer and I temporarily left Houston to be sent to Austin to

take required courses that weren't offered in Houston," McClure continues. "Elmer, his wife and three children, along with my new bride and I, found apartments in old homes in the same neighborhood just off campus. I tutored Hispanic high school students in the Austin school system for extra cash and Elmer and I pooled our resources to feed each other."

McClure says he'll never forget seeing then M. D. Anderson President R. Lee Clark, M.D., running up a building stairway seven floors to his office. "I also remember that Dr. Matney was a great source of support to the students. He really made a difference with his kind and caring nature and sharp, knowledgeable skills in working with the confusion in those early days at the GSBS."

McClure later served as a GSBS faculty associate while at Baylor College of Medicine before being

recruited to the National Institutes of Health, where he completed his "41-year voyage of adventure in science." In 2000, McClure was selected as the GSBS Outstanding Alumnus. In 2003, he retired from the NIH to work at Duke University and several small companies he started.

"My hair is much thinner and my waist isn't," he says, jokingly. "I'm at that age where my belt won't buckle and my knees do. Fortunately, I still can find where I parked my car ... usually."

McClure says he is proud of the growth and direction the program has experienced since his days as a student. "Look at the GSBS now. Wow! It is a child turned golden adolescent."

Trainee spotlight: W. Mark Tucker

W. Mark Tucker, D.D.S., 1970 trainee, was chosen recently as president-elect of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. Prior to assuming office, he served a year as the association's vice president.



W. Mark Tucker, D.D.S.

As president-elect, Tucker serves as an officer of the AAOMS Board of Trustees and will succeed to the office of president at the end of the 2006 annual meeting.

"From Tennessee to Texas, Florida, Illinois, Indiana — across the country — I have been privileged to work with the most dedicated and skilled oral and

maxillofacial surgeons, and I will do all that I can to serve them and the public as an officer of this association," Tucker says.

Before his election as vice president, Tucker served as a trustee on the AAOMS Board, representing oral and maxillofacial surgeons in Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and the Department of Veterans' Affairs and U.S. Public Health Service.

In addition to his private practice, Tucker has been Chief, Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Section of the James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital in Tampa, Fla., for more than 30 years. He has given more than 230 scientific presentations, contributed to more than 25 scientific publications and continues to be a consultant reviewer for Military Medicine International Journal and the Journal of the American Dental Association.

Distinguished Alumnus Award Winner



David Hussey, M.D., receives M. D. Anderson's Distinguished Alumnus Award from Margaret Kripke, Ph.D., executive vice president and chief academic officer. Hussey, professor of radiation oncology at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, was honored in November during the Faculty Honors Convocation.

Richard Axel to deliver Mike Hogg Award Lecture

Richard Axel, M. D., Nobel Laureate, University Professor and Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics and of Pathology at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, will present the 2006 Mike Hogg Award Lecture at 4 p.m., Thursday, May 4 in Hickey Auditorium at M. D. Anderson.

The award ceremony, lecture and reception are sponsored by the Mike Hogg Fund of Private Foundation Services and the M. D. Anderson Alumni and Faculty Association.

Axel shared the 2004 Nobel Prize with Linda B. Buck, P.D. The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine recognized the two scientists for their discoveries of odorant receptors and the organization of the olfactory system. Axel's research focuses in particular on how the sense of smell may change over time and ultimately how certain smells can elicit appropriate thoughts and behaviors.

Trainee Recognition Day Planned

Mark your calendars for Friday, May 26, when M. D. Anderson will recognize and exhibit the excellent research of its trainees during the annual Trainee Recognition Day and Research Exposition.

Sponsored by the M. D. Anderson Alumni and Faculty Association, the competition will feature platform presentations and poster sessions followed by a reception. For the second year in a row, a separate category of awards will be presented to graduate students. Although they won't compete, undergraduate students from the M. D. Anderson School of Health Sciences will participate in a special exhibition of their work as well.

Cash awards will be presented in basic science research and translational research for graduate

research assistants, and in basic science research, clinical/translational research and patient-oriented research for fellows.

Activities will take place from noon to 2:30 p.m. in Hickey Auditorium and foyer on Floor 11 of the Main Building. For more information, call Sharon Pepper, (713) 563-9194.

Association to host AACR reception in Washington

The M. D. Anderson Alumni and Faculty Association will host a reception for M. D. Anderson faculty, trainees, alumni, and friends during the upcoming American Association for Cancer Research meeting in Washington, D.C., on Sunday, April 2.

AACR is the oldest and largest scientific organization in the world focused on every aspect of high-quality, innovative cancer research. Its reputation for scientific breadth and excellence attracts the premier researchers in the field. The programs and services of AACR foster the exchange of knowledge and new ideas among scientists dedicated to cancer research, provide training opportunities for the next generation of cancer researchers, and increase public understanding of cancer. This is the ninth year for M. D. Anderson to host a reception in conjunction with AACR.

Heymach Wins Wilson S. Stone Award

John Heymach, M.D., Ph.D., assistant professor in Thoracic/Head and Neck Medical Oncology at M. D. Anderson, received the Wilson S. Stone Award Oct. 26 during M. D. Anderson's 58th Annual Symposium on Fundamental Cancer Research. Heymach recently joined the institution from Harvard Medical School, where he was a fellow. His award lecture was on "Blood-Based Biomarkers for VEGF Pathway Inhibitors."

Upcoming Events

The following presentations and events may be of interest to M. D. Anderson faculty and alumni. For additional information, check online at www.mdanderson.org/conferences..

- **Feb. 17 — Bone Disease Program of Texas Seminar Series**
SBC Telehealth Center, Faculty Center, M. D. Anderson
- **Feb. 22-25 — RadOnc 2006**
Marriott Medical Center, Houston
- **Feb. 25 — Ethics, Money & Medicine: Patient Care Dilemmas, Duties and Decisions**
Hickey Auditorium, Main Building, M. D. Anderson
- **Mar. 4 — Current Trends in Cardiothoracic Anesthesia**
Hickey Auditorium, Main Building, M. D. Anderson
- **Mar. 3 - 31 — Strategic Practices of Critical Care Medicine**
Hickey Auditorium, Main Building, M. D. Anderson
- **May 4 — Mike Hogg Lecture and Reception**
Hickey Auditorium, Main Building, M. D. Anderson
- **May 5 and 6 — Surgical Pathology in the 21st Century**
South Campus Research Building
- **May 26 — Trainee Recognition Day and Research Exposition**
Hickey Auditorium, Main Building, M. D. Anderson

Milestones

Adan Rios, M.D., 2001 Distinguished Alumnus Award recipient and member of the M. D. Anderson Alumni and Faculty Association Steering Committee, was honored with a Beacon Award by the Illumination Project for his research focusing on creating an HIV vaccination. The Award was presented on World AIDS Day as part of a benefit performance at the Hobby Center for the Performing Arts.

Scott Lippman, M.D., recently appointed chair of Thoracic/Head and Neck Medical Oncology at M. D. Anderson, received the fourth annual American Association for Cancer Research-Cancer Research and Prevention Foundation Award for Excellence in Cancer Prevention Research. The honor recognizes him for extraordinary contributions to the field of cancer prevention, including his studies on the biology of carcinogenesis and the targets and mechanisms for potential chemopreventive agents. During the AACR International Conference on Frontiers in Cancer Prevention Research Oct. 30-Nov. 2 in Baltimore, Lippman spoke on "Reducing the 'Risk' of Chemoprevention: Defining High Risk."



Scott Lippman, M.D.

The UT System Board of Regents appointed **Ellen Gritz, Ph.D.**, chair of Behavioral Science at M. D. Anderson, to a distinguished chair. She was honored with the Olla S. Stribling Distinguished Chair for Cancer Research, a seven-year appointment. The chair was established in 1980 to support cancer research and was redesignated a distinguished

chair in 1997 to better reflect the funding level for this endowment. The appointment is a reflection of Gritz's leadership, commitment and academic accomplishments at M. D. Anderson. In addition, Gritz recently was elevated to vice-chair of the American Legacy Foundation from her position on the board of directors. Located in Washington, D.C., the foundation develops programs addressing the health effects of tobacco use through many scientific and lay initiatives, including grants, research, youth activism, strategic partnerships, public relations and community outreach. The foundation was created as a result of the 1998 Master Settlement Agreement between the attorneys general from 46 states, five U.S. territories and the tobacco industry.

Michael Frumovitz, M.D., assistant professor in Gynecologic Oncology at M. D. Anderson, was awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant. He currently is operating and conducting research at Oscar Lambret Cancer Center in Lille, France. His research is in novel applications of laparoscopy in gynecologic oncology. The Fulbright Scholar Program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, with additional funding from participating governments and host institutions in the United States and abroad. Recipients of Fulbright Scholar awards are selected on the basis of academic or professional achievement and because they have demonstrated extraordinary leadership potential in their fields.



Michael Frumovitz, M.D.



Emil J Freireich, M.D.



Robert Chamberlain, Ph.D.

Emil J Freireich, M.D., and Robert Chamberlain, Ph.D., of M. D. Anderson, have been selected as two of 12 founding members of the new UT Academy of Health Science Education. The academy is the idea of Kenneth Shine, M.D., executive vice chancellor for health affairs, to honor outstanding educators from The University of Texas System's six health institutions and to advance health education. Freireich, professor of medicine in Leukemia, is director of Special Medical Education Programs. Chamberlain, professor and deputy chair of Epidemiology, is director of the Cancer Prevention Education and Teaching Program. President John Mendelsohn, M.D., nominated both in recognition of their teaching excellence and commitment to enhancing health science education.

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Your achievements are important to us.

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