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State of the Division Address & 11th Annual Faculty Awards

Learn about the FY16 accomplishments of Cancer Medicine from our State of the Division presentation by **Patrick Hwu, MD**, Division Head.

[View the slides](#) / [Watch the video](#).



11th Annual DoCM Faculty Recognition Awardees

- Lifetime Achievement: **William Plunkett, PhD**, Professor, Experimental Therapeutics
- Patient Care: **Fredrick Hagemeister, MD**, Professor, Lymphoma/Myeloma
- Clinical Research: **David Hong, MD**, Associate Professor, Investigational Cancer Therapeutics

- Translational Research: **Pam Sharma, MD, PhD**, Professor, Genitourinary Medical Oncology
- Basic Science: **Giulio Draetta, MD, PhD**, Professor, Genomic Medicine
- Education: **Alyssa Rieber, MD**, Associate Professor, General Oncology
- Team Science: AML Team – **Michael Andreeff, MD, PhD**, Professor, Leukemia; Carlos Bueso-Ramos, MD, PhD, Professor, Hematopathology; **Richard Champlin, MD**, Chair, Stem Cell Transplantation; **Hagop Kantarjian, MD**, Chair, Leukemia; and **Marina Konopleva, MD, PhD**, Professor, Leukemia

Saluting our Military Reservists



- **Nathan Perkins** (left), a clinical investigation technician in the CTSC lab, performs blood collection, processing, and shipping for research patients. Perkins, who has been in the military for 21 years, is an Army staff sergeant at Ellington Field. He maintains the schedules of multiple commissioned officers, helps care for injured soldiers, and also performs some chaplaincy duties.
- **Samantha Wheatfall** (right), a lab inventory coordinator, joined the Army right out of high school 16 years ago, spending the first three as an active duty soldier and the last 13 as a reservist. Wheatfall is a staff sergeant at Ellington Field and non-commissioned officer in charge (NCOIC) of pharmacy operations

within her unit. She also serves as a victim advocate for the Sexual Harassment and Assault Program (SHARP).

- **Passion Lockett, DrPH**, (center), assistant director of the CTRC, supervises Perkins and Wheatfall in the lab, and until recently, also at Ellington Field. She now performs readiness drills in San Antonio. Major Lockett is an officer in charge (OIC) of training and operations, and is the OIC of laboratory services. Lockett first joined the military as an active duty soldier in the US Air Force in 1997 and became an Army reservist in 2004.

Do you know a reservist at MD Anderson? [Let us know](#).

Faculty Awards and Accolades

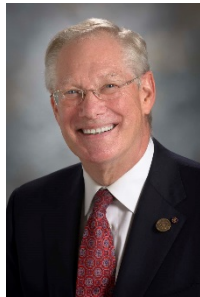
Our faculty recently received the following awards:



R01: “Enhancing anti-EGFR Therapeutic Efficacy in Inflammatory Breast Cancer.” Says Breast Medical Oncology Professor and PI **Naoto Ueno, MD, PhD**, “This grant will help our understanding of the role of metastasis and the cancer microenvironment in IBC via the EGFR pathway.”



UT Kenneth I. Shine Academy of Health Science Education: Leukemia Professor **Jorge Cortes, MD**, will be inducted into the academy in 2017.



“Big 4 of the Millennium”: Breast Medical Oncology Professor **Craig Jordan, PhD**, received this honor from the German Society for Gynecology and Obstetrics for his groundbreaking research, which helped establish the standards of women's health care in the 21st century.

[Read the story](#).

CPRIT Awards (Read the [announcement](#)):

- **Early Translational Research Award:** **Juan Fueyo-Margareto, MD**, Professor, Neuro-Oncology, “Oncolytic immunotherapy for gliomas and cancer metastases in the era of checkpoint regulation”
- **Individual Investigator Research Awards:**
Patrick Hwu, MD, Division Head, “Targeting the glycolysis pathway to overcome resistance to cancer immunotherapy”

Scott Woodman, MD, PhD, Assistant Professor, Melanoma Medical Oncology, “Developing effective immunotherapeutic strategies for advanced uveal melanoma”

Gregory Lizee, PhD, Associate Professor, Melanoma Medical Oncology, co-PI with Rice University’s Lydia Kavraki, PhD, “Structural modeling of peptide-HLA complexes presenting a melanoma-associated antigen for cross-reactivity assessment”

- Recruitment of Established Investigator: **Maura Gillison, MD, PhD**, recruitment to Thoracic/Head & Neck Medical Oncology from The Ohio State University

**Staff Award:
Heart of MD
Anderson**



If you hear a hearty laugh on Floor 15 of the Main Building, it almost certainly belongs to **Khanh Dang**, a clinical nurse in Lymphoma/Myeloma. Dang is well-known for that laugh, as well as for her cheerful demeanor and the ease with which she handles even the most challenging patients. (November 2016)

[Read the story](#) / [Nominate a coworker](#).

Grand Rounds

In addition to our own faculty, we recently hosted two visiting speakers:

- Michel Sadelain, MD, PhD, from Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center presented “CAR Therapy: The CD19 Paradigm and Beyond” on Jan. 31.
- Thomas Walsh, MD, PhD, from Weill Cornell Medical College presented the Gerald P. Bodey Distinguished Professorship on “The Global Impact of Infectious Diseases Supportive Care in Patients with Cancer” on Feb. 7.

View videos and read synopses [here](#).

DoCM Grand Rounds are held at 8 a.m. each Tuesday. Upcoming speakers:

Feb. 28: Scott E. Woodman, MD, PhD, Melanoma Medical Oncology (Hickey Auditorium)

March 7: Robert Benjamin, MD, Sarcoma Medical Oncology

March 14: *Canceled due to Spring Break*

March 21: Cliona Rooney, MD, Baylor College of Medicine (Hickey Auditorium)

March 28: John Marshall, MD, Georgetown University Med Ctr (AT&T Auditorium)

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