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Caviar for a Cure: The Future of Women's Cancer Care

Cancer is among the leading causes of death worldwide, according to the National Cancer Institute, which estimates 2,001,140 new cases will be diagnosed in the United States in 2024, and 611,720 people will die from the disease. The positive news is that as of January 2022, there were an estimated 18.1 million cancer survivors in the U.S. The number of cancer survivors is projected to increase to 22.5 million by 2032.

The Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) Laura W. Bush Institute for Women's Health and the UMC Cancer Center will host "Caviar for a Cure: The Future of Women's Cancer Care," an evening of inspiration, knowledge and insights into the latest practices and research, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Oct. 29 at the UMC Health and Wellness Hospital, 11011 Slide Road.

The Laura W. Bush Institute for Women's Health aims to transform women's health care by empowering women and giving them the tools to advocate for their own health. This event will offer valuable insights into cancer prevention, treatments and research.

Topics and speakers will include:

- "Overview of the TTUHSC Laura W. Bush Institute for Women's Health"
Connie Tyne, executive director, Laura W. Bush Institute for Women's Health
- "Current Best Practices for Breast Cancer Treatments"
Karla Daniele, M.D., Texas Tech Physicians breast surgical oncologist and UMC Cancer Center integrative medicine director
- "Gaps in Treatment, Current Research and Local Initiatives"
Lance McMahon, Ph.D., senior vice president, TTUHSC Office of Research and Innovation
- "The Future of Breast Cancer Care"
Thomas E. Hutson, D.O., Pharm.D., hematology oncology division chief at TTUHSC and UMC Cancer Center director

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McMahon will present about local research initiatives and said the TTUHSC School of Medicine Cancer Center faculty experts are unraveling basic biological mechanisms of ovarian, breast and pancreatic cancers.

“These local efforts are driving the development of new treatments,” McMahon said. “With the support of multiple National Cancer Institute grants and both academic and industry collaborators, School of Medicine Cancer Center Director C. Patrick Reynolds, M.D., Ph.D., is developing cutting-edge treatments and diagnostic tests by harnessing the power of precision medicine to exploit the unique biological identities of certain cancer types.”

As a breast surgical oncologist, Daniele said she will share how she applies her expertise to deliver personalized care through advanced surgical techniques and a holistic approach.

“From assessing breast cancer risk factors to performing innovative procedures like sensation-preserving mastectomies, my goal is to empower women with knowledge they need to make informed decisions about their health,” Daniele said. “We aim not only to treat breast cancer effectively but also to enhance patients' quality of life through comprehensive and compassionate care.”

The event will include champagne, wine and beer, heavy hors d’oeuvres and caviar.

For more information, please call (806) 755-8250 or email the UMC Foundation at umcfoundation@umchealthsystem.com. To purchase tickets, click under the “Caviar for a Cure” designation at <https://bit.ly/CaviarforaCure-Tickets>.