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West Texas Cancer Symposium: Connecting Need to Cancer Care

The Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) and UMC Cancer Center will host, “West Texas Cancer Symposium: Connecting Need to Cancer Care,” June 7 at the TTUHSC Academic Event Center, 3601 Fourth St.

Patients in rural communities often face substantial challenges in accessing timely and coordinated cancer care. Since oncology treatment begins long before a specialist visit, empowering the local health care team with up-to-date knowledge and resources is essential to improving outcomes.

The symposium is intended for all members of the health care team who support cancer patients and is designed to strengthen the health care team’s understanding of cancer screening, diagnosis and treatment across a range of cancer types. Barriers such as transportation, financial strain and limited awareness of available services — all of which can impact a patient’s ability to receive appropriate care — will be addressed.

Topics and speakers will include:

- “Skin Cancer in Rural America”
Alba Posligua, M.D., TTUHSC Dermatology assistant professor and dermatologic surgeon
- “Breast Cancer Imaging Update”
Cassy Cook, M.D., Breast Imaging, Lubbock Diagnostic Radiology director
- “Prostate Cancer Expert Panel”
Thomas Hutson, M.D., TTUHSC Hematology Oncology division chief and UMC Cancer Center director; Pranav Sharma, M.D., TTUHSC Urology; and Gabriel Axelrud, M.D., Joe Arrington Cancer Research & Treatment Center at Covenant Health medical director of radiation oncology
- “Gastrointestinal Cancer”
Kanak Das, M.D., TTUHSC Internal Medicine interim chief of the Division of Gastroenterology

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- “Thyroid Cancer/Parathyroid Cancer”
Mohamad Siani, M.D., TTUHSC Surgery section chief of endocrine surgery
- “Lung Cancer Expert Panel”
Lukman Tijani, M.D., TTUHSC Amarillo Pharmacy Practice, and Ramzi Abdulrahman, M.D., UMC Cancer Center Radiation Oncology medical director
- “Social Services and Financial Navigation”
Griselda Perez and Eva Herrera, social workers

For more information about continuing medical education credit, contact the TTUHSC Office of Accredited Interprofessional Continuing Medical Education at (806) 743-2929 or by email at cme@ttuhsc.edu.

To register online, visit

<https://cmetracker.net/TTUHSC/Publisher?page=pubOpen#/EventID/39601/>

In support of improving patient care, this activity has been planned and implemented by TTUHSC and UMC Health System. TTUHSC is joint accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education, the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education and the American Nurses Credentialing Center to provide continuing education for the health care team.