

## Juan Larrañaga - UNM CANCER CENTER NOTES November 20, 2009

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### CANCER CENTER NOTES FOR NOVEMBER 20 – NOVEMBER 27, 2009

#### - CALENDAR -

#### November 20, 2009

##### ***Helicobacter Pylori: The Infection, the Inflammation, and the Cancer***

3:45 PM at the College of Pharmacy, Room B15

Ellen Beswick, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Molecular Genetics and Microbiology, will speak on the topic of *Helicobacter pylori*. MGM Graduate Student posters will be presented after the seminar in the Domenici Center on the first and second floor lobbies.

#### November 21, 2009

##### **Think Pink Football Game**

The Lobos will support breast cancer awareness in their upcoming game against Colorado State.

#### December 7, 2009

##### **Can Simple Rules Exist in Complex Heterogeneous Environments?**

12 PM in CRTC 240

Kumar Selvarajoo, PhD, Assistant Professor, Institute of Advanced Biosciences, Keio University, Japan, will present this visiting lectureship.

#### December 11-12, 2009

Santa Fe

##### **Santa Fe Gastrointestinal Cancer Conference at the Eldorado Hotel and Spa**

Drs. Yehuda Patt and Fa-Chyi Lee will host the Santa Fe Gastrointestinal Cancer Conference at the Eldorado Hotel and Spa in Santa Fe. We are pleased to have a number of world-renowned experts speaking. Please see the attached brochure for a complete list of topics and speakers. This conference is CME-accredited and is eligible for employee tuition remission benefit.

If you would like to use your tuition remission benefit to attend this conference, the instructions are below:

1. Complete the form linked here: <http://hr.unm.edu/Forms/benefits/TRFormSpring2009.pdf>.

2. Under "Professional Development," enter "Santa Fe Gastrointestinal Cancer Conference." There is no course number. Cost is \$350 (Early Bird before 11/20/09) and \$390 (Regular after 11/20/09). Class Day/Time is 3PM -5:40PM on 12/11/2009 and 8AM - 6PM on 12/12/2009.
3. Sign the form.
4. Have your Supervisor or Department Chair sign the form.
5. Send to CME with completed registration form. Fax: 272-8604 or Campus Mail: MSC09 5370

If you have any questions about the conference or using your tuition remission to register, please contact Catherine Wood at 2-6569 or [catwood@salud.unm.edu](mailto:catwood@salud.unm.edu).

Thanks and we'll see you at the Santa Fe Gastrointestinal Cancer Conference!

### **March 6, 2010**

#### **In Harmony with Cancer**

In Harmony with Cancer is designed to bring all of the native people of New Mexico and surrounding areas together in building cancer awareness and recognizing cancer survivors in tribal communities.

#### **- UPDATES FROM PREAWARD -**

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is currently being funded by a **Continuing Resolution**.

#### On Thursday, NIH issued the following announcement:

Until the final FY 2010 appropriation is enacted, NIH will issue non-competing research grant awards at a level below that indicated on the most recent Notice of Award (generally up to **90%** of the previously committed level). This is consistent with our practice during the CRs of FY 2006 - 2009. NIH will consider upward adjustments to these levels after the final appropriation is enacted, but expects institutions to monitor their expenditures carefully during this period.

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-10-012.html>

Awards received during Continuing Resolution will have specific instructions from HSC PreAward regarding how they will be processed.

#### **- UPDATES FROM PATIENT ADMINISTRATION –**

Anyone wishing to donate money or toys to the Pediatric Oncology department may call 505-277-5680 for donation information.

#### **- UPDATES FROM HR –**

It's time to start planning for annual performance reviews. Please see the attached document for more information about the upcoming reviews.

#### **- FLU CLINIC UPDATE –**

In an effort to decompress the patient load on the main and pediatric emergency rooms and the peds clinic, UNMH will open a Flu Symptoms clinic on Thursday, October 8, at 8AM. The clinic will be open from 8AM to 6PM daily, Monday through Sunday. The effort is expected to last for about 12 weeks.

The Flu Symptoms Clinic will be located across the plaza from the Pavilion in the former CTRC building. Signs are up to help locate the entrance.

It's important to know that this clinic is an overflow surge site to help relieve the Emergency Department and Pediatrics clinics of the many patients they are currently seeing with mild flu symptoms. Patients that are presenting in the Emergency Department and peds clinic with *mild* ILI symptoms will be rerouted by ED and peds clinic staff to the Flu Symptoms Clinic. Higher risk patients and those with more severe symptoms will continue to be evaluated and treated in the ED.

#### - MAPS ONLINE –

Maps to the new clinic, the existing clinic and Lovelace are on the intranet now (<http://cancer.unm.edu/scontent.aspx?section=intranet&id=43682>). Please print and circulate as necessary. Username: unmcancer Password: cancer

#### - ARTS-IN-MEDICINE -

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, there will be no AIM events this week.

#### - IN THE NEWS –

##### [Cancer Survivor Against New Guidelines](#)

KROE – TV November 19, 2009

Christi Rich, a ten-year cancer survivor, says she's not in favor of new breast cancer guidelines that may not have allowed her cancer to be caught early. Dr. Melanie Royce of the UNM Cancer Center speaks about these new guidelines.

##### [Football program urges fans to 'Think Pink'](#)

*Daily Lobo Albuquerque* November 19, 2009

Mike Locksley has battled on the football field for 20-plus years, but nothing could prepare him for the news that his mother was diagnosed with breast cancer. Locksley's mother, Venita Locksley, a fighter, survived breast cancer.

##### [Class AAA: Lady Cardinals, St. Michael's and SFIS move on to quarterfinals](#)

*Trading Markets Los Angeles* November 13, 2009

Melissa, is Melissa Ainsworth. Brian's wife and assistant coach was diagnosed with breast cancer in August. The Elkettes wore pink uniforms in honor of Melissa during pool play. It was the second time they donned the special jerseys. The first was at a Dig Pink match in Pojoaque, which raised \$7,400 for The University of New Mexico Cancer Center and the Espanola Cancer Fund. The money was donated in Melissa's name.

##### [The jury is still out on whether skin cancer screening saves lives](#)

*HemOncToday* November 10, 2009

In February, the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force — a panel of experts that reviews evidence of efficacy and makes recommendations based on its findings — published an update stating that there is insufficient evidence available to recommend for or against skin cancer screening.

##### [Patients, Doctors Embrace the Web](#)

*Renal and Urology News* November 9, 2009

A man walks into a hospital urology department for a consultation on prostate cancer screening. The man makes it clear that he will only meet with the department chairman. After 30 minutes, he emerges from the chairman's office; it is clear that the meeting has not gone well. It turns out that the man is upset the institution does not offer the advanced screening tools described in the Internet

printouts the man is carrying in a large file folder.

**UNM Cancer Center NCI Programs/Cancer Information Service (CIS) Partnership Program Intranet Site** <http://hsc.unm.edu/crtc/intranet/nci.asp>  
**NCI Recent Press Releases** <http://www.cancer.gov/newscenter/>

**- SAVE THE DATE! -**

**June 11-12, 2010**

It has taken nearly a decade of planning, countless hours of work, and millions of dollars in state and private funding, but the new UNM Cancer Treatment and Clinical Research Facility is nearing completion. While the clinic will open on August 31, we are planning a formal dedication for June 11-12, 2010, and we hope you will make plans to attend.

The theme for the Building Program Dedication is "Healing Through Arts and Medicine," and will begin on Friday night with a concert at UNM's Popejoy Hall. The concert, which will be hosted by world-renowned opera singer Marilyn Horne, features performances by some of the greatest musical talents of our era, including famed singers Susan Graham and Thomas Hampson. The concert will include the world premiere of a specially commissioned composition of music of hope and healing by the highly acclaimed composer Marc Neikrug, Director of the Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival, which will be performed by the New Mexico Symphony Orchestra, under the talented Maestro Guillermo Figueroa. The formal dedication of the facility will take place on Saturday morning, June 12, 2010.

We hope you will save the date of June 11-12 and plan to be a part of this celebration weekend.

**- NATIONAL CANCER ORGANIZATIONS' PUBLICATIONS-**

**AACI -Association of American Cancer Institutes – November 2009** [http://aaci-cancer.org/update/n\\_update-new.asp?upid=57&ndate=10/1/2009](http://aaci-cancer.org/update/n_update-new.asp?upid=57&ndate=10/1/2009)

**Cancer Letter** – November 20, 2009 - Attached

**Clinical Cancer Letter** – October 2009 - Attached

Our goal is to communicate critical information to our entire team in an effective and concise manner. We hope that you will regularly scan and read this communication. For our research and clinical faculty, please note that new funding opportunities are provided in each week's communication. **To submit information, please contact BARB BITTNER** at [BLBittner@salud.unm.edu](mailto:BLBittner@salud.unm.edu) by **Thursday noon**.

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If you have any questions, please contact your supervisor directly.

Thank you.