The University of Hawai'i Cancer Center honored some of its top oncologists at the 2nd Annual Clinical Faculty Appreciation Dinner.

"The event allows us to show our gratitude to the dedicated doctors that work side by side with us. Their support is critical to our work here at the Center," said Dr. Randall Holcombe, UH Cancer Center director. Holcombe continued, "They help us coordinate the enrollment of patients to clinical trials and insure the quality of data collected to ensure that patients get the best and safest care available."

The doctors honored at the dinner included the Center's Clinical and Translational Research Faculty, Hawai'i Cancer Consortium members, and community oncologists.

"Without these oncologists working with the Center, cancer providers and their patients would be very challenged to participate in clinical trials in Hawai'i, and most of the trials would not be available to residents in the state," said Dr. Charles Rosser, director of the UH Cancer Center's Clinical and Translational Research Program.

**UH Cancer Center Clinical Trials**

Since the Center was founded in 1971, thousands of Hawai'i residents have been able to participate in UH Cancer Center coordinated clinical trials.

Currently, the Center is running about 150 active national clinical trials of new treatments and technologies for adults and children, currently following about 1,000 patients and enrolling about 324 new clinical trial patients each year.

The local residents participating in the trials (most performed in partner hospitals and clinics) include underserved and minority populations who (through UH Cancer Center coordinated trials) have access to the most innovative and latest treatments without having to travel and live on the mainland.

**The UH Cancer Center honored its clinical faculty oncologists from:**
University of Hawai'i Cancer Center  
The Queen's Medical Center  
Tripler Army Medical Center  
Straub Clinic and Hospital  
Kapiolani Medical Center  
Pali Momi Medical Center  
The John A. Burns School of Medicine  
Hawai'i Oncology, Inc.  
Hawai'i Cancer Care
Exceptional Service Honor (Highest accruals for the year):
Jeffrey Berenberg, MD Tripler Army Medical Center

Top Registering Awards (Accrued the most patients for studies):
Jared Acoba, MD The Queen's Medical Center, Hawai'i Oncology, Inc.
Mark Carmichael, MD Tripler Army Medical Center
Jonathan Cho, MD The Queen's Medical Center, Hawai'i Cancer Care
Clayton Chong, MD The Cancer Center of Hawai'i
Kenneth Sumida, MD Kuakini Medical Center, Hawai'i Oncology, Inc.
Ronald Yanagihara, MD Straub Clinic and Hospital

Top Reviewing Awards (Excellence in reviewing clinical trial studies):
Lara Au, PharmD Tripler Army Medical Center
Brian Issell, MD University of Hawai'i Cancer Center
Ian Okazaki, MD Straub Clinic and Hospital
Ian Pagano, PhD University of Hawai'i Cancer Center
Keith Terada, MD The Queen's Medical Center

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The University of Hawai'i Cancer Center through its various activities, cancer trial patients and their guests, and other visitors adds more than $54 million to the O'ahu economy. This is equivalent to supporting 776 jobs. It is one of only 69 research institutions designated by the National Cancer Institute. Affiliated with the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, the center is dedicated to eliminating cancer through research, education, and improved patient care.
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