

News Highlights

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UH CANCER CENTER PHYSICIAN RECEIVES NATIONAL EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE AWARD

HONOLULU – University of Hawai'i Cancer Center professor and physician, Dr. Jeffrey Berenberg, was recognized recently by one of the largest physician organizations in the nation for his decades of service and advocacy in the state. He was awarded Mastership by the American College of Physicians (MACP), its highest level of recognition.

Berenberg is only the fifth physician from Hawai'i to receive the honor; the first MACP was awarded in 1923.

"Dr. Berenberg is uniquely deserving of selection for Mastership in the American College of Physicians. He is the doctor's doctor. He has devoted himself to a life of service to his patients and his colleagues," said Dr. MaryAnn Antonelli, Hawai'i Chapter Governor. "He promotes excellence in Internal Medicine in Hawai'i. Even after 47 years of practice, Dr. Berenberg continues to be a role model for the next generation."

Berenberg has practiced medicine in Hawai'i since 1983. He served as Chief of Hematology & Oncology at Tripler Army Medical Center (TAMC) from 1979 through 2010, and is currently a full time physician at TAMC.

The award goes to a physician with a long history of excellence in serving the community. Masters are selected because of integrity, position of honor, eminence in practice and other achievements in the science and art of medicine. The physician must be a respected practitioner of internal medicine care and a contributor to medical education.

"Dr. Berenberg is a superb physician and tireless advocate for his patients. His contributions to the University of Hawaii Cancer Center, especially in the area of clinical trials for patients with cancer, have been and continue to be exemplary," said Dr. Randall Holcombe, UH Cancer Center director.

Berenberg began working on cancer clinical trials and data management at the Cancer Center more than 35 years ago. He has extensive experience both at the local and national levels in the conduct of clinical trials, especially in breast and colorectal cancer. He is the co-principal investigator on the \$3.8 million NCI Community Oncology Research Program (NCORP) grant in Hawai'i, which is part of a national effort to increase access to federal government cancer research for minority, rural, and underserved patient populations, and a main focus of the Cancer Center. Since publishing his first paper in 1972, he has gone on to author more than 50 peer-reviewed publications.

"I feel privileged and honored to receive this award that recognizes both academic achievement as well as my care for cancer patients," said Berenberg.

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 Manoa, the center is dedicated to eliminating cancer through research, education, and improved patient care. Learn more at www.uhcancercenter.org. Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/UHCancerCenter. Follow us on Twitter [@UHCancerCenter](https://twitter.com/UHCancerCenter).