

# News Highlights

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## **UH CANCER CENTER ADDRESSES LUNG CANCER AT 7TH ANNUAL QUEST FOR A CURE**

**HONOLULU** – The University of Hawai'i Cancer Center hosted its 7th Annual Quest for a Cure: Progress in Cancer Research event on September 30, 2017. The event highlighted the latest research and progress in lung cancer treatments and radiation therapy.

- Lung & bronchus cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in both sexes with an average of 526 deaths statewide each year.
- Cancers of the lung & bronchus are the 2nd most commonly diagnosed malignancy in men and women with an average of 776 new cases each year in Hawai'i.
- Most lung & bronchus cancers are diagnosed at ages 55 and older.
- In 2009-2013, 15 percent of lung & bronchus cancers were diagnosed at early stages and 76 percent at late stages.

### **PROGRAM**

#### **Trends in Lung and Bronchus Cancer in Hawai'i**

Brenda Hernandez, Ph.D., M.P.H.

Director, Hawai'i Tumor Registry, UH Cancer Center

#### **Smoking and E-cigarette Use in Hawai'i: Where Have We Come From, Where Are We Going?**

Thomas Wills, Ph.D.

Co-Leader, Population Science in the Pacific Program, UH Cancer Center

#### **What I Think About When I Think About Lung Cancer**

Ronald Yanagihara, M.D.

Medical Oncologist, Straub Clinic and Hospital

#### **Locally Advanced Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer: Radiation Therapy Past, Present, and Future**

Richard Lee, M.D.

Radiation Oncologist, The Cancer Center of Hawai'i

#### **Living Longer and Better: The Secret of Palliative Care**

Daniel Fischberg, M.D.

Director, Pain and Palliative Care Department, The Queen's Medical Center

See photos from the event: <http://owl.li/PEEu3ofCujQ>

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. 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, patient care and community outreach with an emphasis on the unique ethnic, cultural, and environmental characteristics of Hawai'i and the Pacific.

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