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December 3, 2021

8:00 am - Clinical Fellows Session

11:30 am - Main Symposium



## Morning Session

Clinical Fellows

- 8:00-8:15 am..... **Registration, Breakfast, Introductions**
- 8:15-9:15 am..... **Fellow Talks Session #1**  
Moderator – Bilawal “Billy” Ahmed, MD  
Assistant Professor,  
Department of Medicine, Division of Hematology and Oncology
- 9:30-9:45 am..... **Break**
- 9:45-10:45 am ..... **Fellow Talks Session #2**  
Moderator – Bilawal “Billy” Ahmed, MD  
Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine, Division of Hematology and Oncology
- 11:00-11:15 am..... **Awards**
- 11:15-11:30 am..... **Break**

## Afternoon Session

All Attendees

- 11:30-12:00 pm..... **Lunch and Check In**
- 12:00-12:35 pm..... **Welcome**
- 12:00-12:20 pm..... Neil Hayes, MD, PhD  
Director, UTHSC Center for Cancer Research,  
Assistant Dean for Cancer Research,  
Chief, Division of Hematology and Oncology
- 12:20-12:35 pm..... Dr. Kennard Brown, JD, MPA, PhD, FACHE  
Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Operations Officer
- 12:35-12:45 pm ..... **Break**
- 12:45-1:30 pm – **Session I:**..... **Cancer Prevention and Control**  
Moderator – Michelle Martin, PhD  
Professor, Department of Preventive Medicine  
Speaker – Jay Fowke, PhD, MPH, MS  
Chief, Division of Epidemiology,  
Professor of Preventative Medicine, Department of Preventive Medicine  
Speaker – Junling Wang, PhD  
Professor and Vice Chair for Research,  
Department of Clinical Pharmacy and Translational Science  
Hyo Young Choi, PhD  
Assistant Professor, Department of Preventive Medicine

- 1:30-2:15 pm – **Session II:**..... **Clinical Research**  
Moderator – David Schwartz, MD  
Professor and Chair, Department of Radiation Oncology  
Speaker – Janeane Anderson, PhD, MPH  
Assistant Professor, Department of Health Promotion  
and Disease Prevention, College of Nursing  
Speaker – Jeremiah Deneve, DO  
Associate Professor, Department of Surgery, Division of Surgery General  
Lightning Talks
- 2:15-2:30 pm ..... **Break**
- 2:30-2:50 pm..... **Keynote Speaker**  
Introduction  
Reginald Coopwood, MD  
President and CEO, Regional One Health
- 2:50-3:00 pm ..... **Break**
- 3:00-3:45 pm – **Session III:**..... **Chemical Biology**  
Moderator – Ramesh Narayanan, PhD  
Deputy Director, UTHSC Center for Cancer Research  
Professor, Department of Medicine, Division of Hematology and Oncology  
Speaker – Duane Miller, PhD  
Professor Emeritus, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences,  
College of Pharmacy  
Speaker – Wei Li, PhD  
UTHSC Distinguished Professor,  
Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, College of Pharmacy  
Lightning Talks
- 3:45-4:30 pm – **Session IV:**..... **Cancer Cell Biology**  
Moderator – Scott Strome, MD  
Robert Kaplan Executive Dean, College of Medicine  
Vice Chancellor of Clinical Affairs  
Speaker – Santosh Kumar, PhD, MS  
Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences  
Speaker – David Ashbrook, PhD  
Assistant Professor, Department of Genetics, Genomics and Informatics  
Lightning Talks
- 4:30-5:45 pm..... **Poster Session/Reception**
- 5:45-6:00 pm..... **Awards and Closing Comments**  
D. Neil Hayes, MD, MPH  
Director, UTHSC Center for Cancer Research,  
Assistant Dean for Cancer Research,  
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