

American Cancer Society Spirit Award Honorees

Six people who make significant contributions to the Louisiana Cancer Research Consortium were among the thirteen honorees who received the *American Cancer Society Spirit Award* for significant contributions in the fight against cancer. The awards were presented by the ACS and Ceremony Hostess, WWL-TV anchor Angela Hill, at the Tenth Annual Hope Gala on Saturday August 28, 2010.



John T. Cole, MD

Dr. Cole earned his medical degree from LSU and completed his medical internship and residence at Ochsner. He completed his fellowship in hematology and oncology at Columbia University in New York. Dr. Cole is passionate about the treatment of breast cancer, having authored many articles and book chapters on the management of patients with breast cancer and its related issues. He is currently the Chairman of the Hematology & Medical Oncology Department at Ochsner Clinic Foundation and is the Acting Clinical Chief Hematology/Oncology LSU Health Sciences Center.



Lolie Yu, MD, MPH

Dr. Yu has dedicated her career to clinical research through clinical trials to improve the survival of children and developed the only certified and accredited pediatric hematological stem cell transplant program in Louisiana. Dr. Yu completed her training in pediatrics at LSU, then pediatric hematology oncology at LSU and Fred Hutchison Transplant Program in Seattle. She is the principal investigator for the Children's Oncology Group at LSUHSC and Children's Hospital of New Orleans and a member of the Stanley S. Scott Cancer Center and serves as Division Chief of the Pediatric Hematology Program at Children's Hospital.



Steve Moye

Mr. Moye is the CEO and President of both the Louisiana Cancer Research Consortium and the Louisiana Gene Therapy Research Consortium. Under his leadership, both of these organizations have made tremendous strides in pushing for the latest medicinal research aimed at discovering cures for cancer. LCRC is a collaborative alliance consisting of partners from LSU Health Sciences Center, Tulane University and Xavier University of Louisiana and recently added Ochsner Health System, that has built successful programs in cancer prevention and control, cultivated state of the art basic research and treatment options, and related cancer education programs for the citizens of Louisiana.



Adam I. Riker, M.D., F.A.C.S.

Medical Director of Cancer Services for Ochsner Health System, Ochsner Cancer Institute and the Department of Surgery. In 2004, Dr. Riker was named one of America's Top Surgeons in Surgical Oncology. Dr. Riker's research is centered on the development and completion of several experimental cancer "vaccine" trials focused on the immunology and immunotherapy of patients with metastatic melanoma. He has published over 20 articles on this topic over the last two years. Dr. Riker has extensive experience in immunotherapeutic clinical trials that have focused on patients with metastatic melanoma, currently active with the CCOP within the Ochsner Cancer Institute.



Charles D. Scher, MD

Dr. Scher received his B.A. in 1961 from Brandeis University and earned his medical degree in 1965 from the University of Pennsylvania. He served a residency in pediatrics fellowship in pediatric hematology at Children's Hospital Medical Center, Harvard Medical School. He also served as a lieutenant commander from 1967-1971 in the United States Public Health Service at the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Maryland. He joined the Tulane faculty in 1994. Dr. Scher specializes in pediatric hematology and oncology. He has served as bench researcher, mentor, and reviewer in investigations in acute lymphoblastic leukemia and the molecular biology of cancer.



Eugene A. Woltering, MD, FACS

Dr. Woltering is the James D. Rives Professor of Surgery and Neurosciences. He received his general surgical training at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee, and completed Surgical Oncology fellowships at the NIH and The Ohio State University. He has held academic positions at The Ohio State University and the Oregon Health Sciences University, and is currently the Chief of the Sections of Surgical Oncology and Endocrinology at the LSU Health Sciences Center, where he is also Director of Surgical Research. Dr Woltering has written over 100 peer-reviewed manuscripts and filed 16 patents for novel diagnostic and therapeutic cancer-related discoveries. He is a member of a host of national and international professional societies and is the educational coordinator for the newly formed North American Neuroendocrine Tumor Society (NANETS).