

GASTROINTESTINAL CANCER PROGRAM

Coordinated  
Care  
for your  
GI  
Cancer  
Patient.



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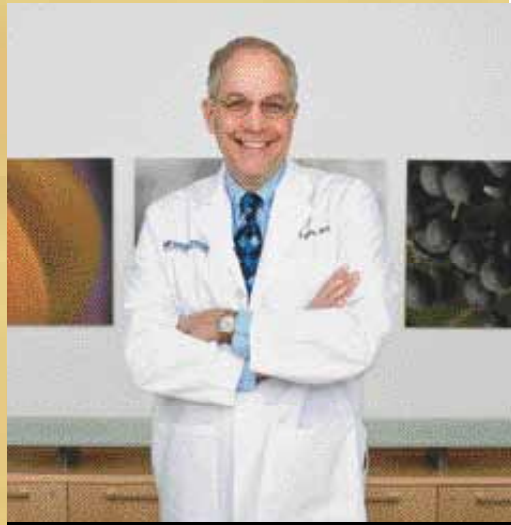
## GI CANCER PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Simmons Cancer Center combines compassionate cancer care and groundbreaking research to ensure advanced medical treatment for patients with all stages of GI cancers, including cancers of the **esophagus, stomach, small and large intestine (including rectum and anus), liver, bile ducts, gallbladder and pancreas**. Our nationally recognized GI cancer team, led by Dr. Roderich Schwarz, brings together the multidisciplinary expertise of surgical, medical and radiation oncologists, radiologists and gastroenterologists, as well as basic and translational scientists.

Following a comprehensive diagnostic evaluation, we implement an individualized multidisciplinary treatment plan, essential for best outcomes for GI cancers. These include surgical therapy, chemotherapy, radiation and minimally invasive endoscopic or ablative procedures, as well as supportive care from a dedicated team to focus on symptom control and patient support.

### Our Program Offers

- *Combined modality evaluation availability, so that patients can see all of the physicians involved in their care in one setting*
- *GI cancer experts recognized as leaders in the field*
- *Clinical trials involving the newest, most promising treatments*



James Willson, M.D.  
Director of the Simmons Cancer Center

- *State-of-the-art surgical therapies*
  - *Diagnostic and therapeutic laparoscopy*
  - *Complex visceral resections and extended lymphadenectomy procedures*
  - *Robotic operations*
  - *Palliative surgical therapy*
- *Innovative technology for the delivery of radiation therapy, including stereotactic body radiation therapy (SBRT) and intensity-modulated radiation therapy (IMRT)*
- *A dedicated oncology certified nurse practitioner GI cancer patient coordinator who ensures all patients receive the diagnostic and therapeutic care that they need in a timely fashion*
- *Supportive care*
  - *Pain specialists*
  - *Psychologists*
  - *Social workers*
  - *Nutritionists*
- *Genetic risk assessment and counseling for therapy options.*

## EXCELLENCE IN CARE

- *The extensive clinical, research and academic expertise of our oncology team blends leading-edge cancer research with the best of proven standard cancer care.*
- *On-site state-of-the-art technology meets the demands of our distinguished oncology team to deliver the most advanced treatment in a patient-friendly environment.*
- *The Simmons Cancer Center offers patient access to clinical research trials for promising new treatments.*

## PATIENT SUPPORT

- *Patient coordinators (oncology certified nurse practitioners) collaborate with the physician team to streamline the patient experience.*
- *Board certified oncology pharmacists ensure safe delivery of therapeutic drugs.*
- *An interdisciplinary support team of social workers, dietitians, financial counselors and specially trained registered nurses work closely with patients and their families. This coordinated care is integral to our patients' well-being and long-term success. A wide range of patient support, health promotion and cancer prevention programs are also available.*

## ADVANCED EXPERTISE

Our GI cancer specialists in surgery, chemotherapy and radiation are nationally recognized as oncology experts and leaders in GI cancer specialty societies such as the Society of Surgical Oncology, American Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association, Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract, American Society of Clinical Oncology and the American Society of Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology. Our physicians are also active participants in clinical research organizations such as the Eastern

Cooperative Oncology Group, Radiation Therapy Oncology Group, and the National Surgical Adjuvant Breast and Bowel Program. Affiliated translational research members are premier experts in tumor tissue banking, molecular expression profiling of cancer and experimental therapeutic oncology.

As part of the only academic medical center in Dallas with world-class strength in medical research, the Simmons Cancer Center has extensive capabilities to apply the latest advances in medicine toward optimizing patient comfort and care.

## CLINICAL TRIALS

Simmons Cancer Center's GI Cancer Program offers clinical trials to patients with all types and at all stages of GI cancer. Led by our multidisciplinary, disease-oriented team, our program not only participates in major clinical studies, but also develops our own trials based on the research of our physician-scientists. Clinical trials range from first-line treatments to advanced stage cancer therapies, as well as to prevention trials and new agent trials. Our GI cancer team conducts about eight to 10 innovative therapeutic trials at any given time. Special areas of investigation include: preoperative combination therapy for resectable pancreatic and upper gastrointestinal cancers, use of tumor-specific molecular profiles to individualize systemic therapy; and inhibiting nutritional and metabolic side effects of GI cancers. In all cases, we harmonize research objectives with achieving the best possible quality of life for our patients.





Roderich Schwarz, M.D., Ph.D.

#### GI CANCER PROGRAM DIRECTOR

*Roderich Schwarz, M.D., Ph.D., Associate Director of Surgical Oncology at the Simmons Cancer Center; Professor of Surgery and Chairman of the Division of Surgical Oncology at UT Southwestern Medical Center; holder of the Mark and Jane Gibson Distinguished Professorship in Cancer Research*

Dr. Schwarz is a renowned cancer expert with a special interest in surgical and multimodality treatment of upper gastrointestinal malignancies, including pancreatic, hepatobiliary and gastric cancer. He is a frequent presenter at national and international meetings, and has authored more than 80 peer-reviewed journal articles and numerous book chapters. He leads translational research initiatives on experimental GI cancer therapy.

#### GI CANCER TEAM

##### Surgical Oncology

Thomas Anthony, M.D.  
Glen Balch, M.D.  
John Mansour, M.D.  
Kathy Nevarez, P.A.  
Roderich Schwarz, M.D., Ph.D.  
Adam Yopp, M.D.

##### Medical Oncology

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Thomas Froehlich, M.D.  
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James Willson, M.D.

##### Radiation Oncology

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Hak Choy, M.D.  
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##### Colorectal Surgery

Abier Abdelnaby, M.D.  
Farshid Aragizadeh, M.D.  
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##### Diagnostic Radiology

Anthony Setiawan, M.D.  
Robert Sims, M.D.

##### Interventional Radiology

Matthew Anderson, M.D.  
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Shellie Josephs, M.D.  
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Clayton Trimmer, D.O.

##### Gastroenterology

Deepak Agrawal, M.D.  
Raquel Davila, M.D.  
Samir Gupta, M.D.  
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##### Transplantation Medicine

Juan Arenas, M.D.  
Meelie DebRoy, M.D.  
Anne Larson, M.D.

##### Pathology

Jyoti Balani, M.D.  
Thomas Rogers, M.D.

##### Patient Coordinator

Lesley Mathews, N.P.

## ABOUT UT SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL CENTER

UT Southwestern Medical Center ranks among the top academic medical centers in the world. Its mission is to improve health through innovative patient care, research and education. Founded in 1943, UT Southwestern has rapidly evolved into a premier



research institution, pioneering breakthroughs in cancer, cardiovascular disease, neurosciences and women's health. UT Southwestern's distinguished faculty includes Four Nobel laureates, three of

whom are active faculty members.

## ABOUT THE HAROLD C. SIMMONS COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER

The Harold C. Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center welcomes physician referrals for cancer patients seeking care in a premier cancer program where multidisciplinary teams of researchers and clinicians partner in the fight against cancer. State-of-the-art diagnostic, clinical research and therapeutic approaches are individualized to each patient's needs

while emphasizing compassionate patient care. The collaborative working environment at UT Southwestern creates opportunities for multidisciplinary groups to exchange knowledge and share core resources. Integrating core disciplines for the purpose of translating research breakthroughs into advanced clinical care is fundamental to our mission at the Simmons Cancer Center.

## NATIONAL GRANT SUPPORT

The Simmons Cancer Center receives significant grant support from the most prestigious cancer research institutions in the nation, including:

- National Cancer Institute
- American Cancer Society
- Susan G. Komen Foundation

## OUR COMMITMENT TO REFERRING PHYSICIANS

We welcome new patients and are ready to partner with referring physicians to deliver optimal solutions for all patients. We make a commitment to referring physicians to communicate patient progress and outcomes, as well as to return patients to you upon completion of treatment.

### Appointments, Information, Referrals

For patient appointments, information and physician referrals, please call:

Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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