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## President's Message

*Aloha, friends and supporters of the UH Cancer Center!*

During this season of thanks and joy, I am grateful for your continued support of the University of Hawai'i Cancer Center. I am also looking forward to welcoming Dr. Naoto Ueno as the new Director of the Center.

The pandemic heavily impacted our clinical trial office in Hawai'i, as well as those across the nation, due to staffing shortages and lack of patients.

Dr. Jonathan Cho, a former Friends board member, is the Medical Director of the Clinical Trials Office. In support of his mission to increase the number of participants in clinical trials, we're encouraging all of you to help get the word out to friends, family, and co-workers to think about joining a clinical trial.

Whenever you or a loved one needs treatment for cancer, a clinical trial is an option to consider. **Trials are available for all stages of cancer.** It is a myth that they are only for people who have an advanced cancer that is not responding to treatment.

In a clinical trial, you will have **access to treatments and better care** that is not available to others. If the trial is more effective than the standard care you receive from your doctor, you may be one of the first persons to benefit. Clinical trial doctors and clinicians will be monitoring you so you will also receive more attention and enhanced care.

When you take part in a clinical trial, you add to the Center's knowledge and **help improve cancer care for future patients.**

Take a look on the next page for a short list of trials that need patients. Please encourage those you know to consider joining a clinical trial.

Mahalo,

**CHRISTOPHER M. YASUMA**

*President, Friends of the  
UH Cancer Center*



## A Run for Hope

**A**fter a two-year hiatus, the 25th Annual Run for Hope weekend took place on September 9-11. It was hosted by the Four Seasons Resort Hualalai on Hawai'i Island to benefit cancer research. The event activities included a golf tournament, a tennis tournament, and the Run for Hope—a 10K run and 5K run/walk. Supported by the Friends of the UH Cancer Center, seven Cancer Center staff volunteered at this event along with volunteers from the American Cancer Society (ACS).

Volunteers at Run for Hope: Rachel Taketa, Dr. Jonathan Cho, Daveline Ching, ACS volunteer and Hero of Hope, Cliff Martin, Crissy Kawamoto, Todd Kawamoto, Paula Higuchi, and Erin Fukaya (not pictured).



# Current Recruitment for Clinical Trials

**Interested in participating in a clinical trial  
at the University of Hawai'i Cancer Center?  
Here is a list of some of the trials that are open for enrollment.**

## COLON CANCER

### Improving Quality of Life for Colon Cancer Patients and Their Caregivers (NCT04713007)



A supportive care study that compares two distinct methods of providing information and caregiving resources, affect quality of life scores for both colon cancer patients and their informal caregivers, such as family members. Dr. Kevin Cassel at the UH Cancer Center is the lead investigator for this study, which is open to colon cancer patients and their caregivers living in Hawai'i.

## BREAST CANCER

### Tomosynthesis Mammographic Imaging Screening Trial (TMIST) (NCT03233191)

A breast screening clinical trial that compares 2D and 3D mammography. TMIST will help researchers learn about the best ways to find breast cancer in women who have no symptoms.

### Effect of Exercise on Body Composition of Breast Cancer Patients (NCT04013568)



A supportive care study looking at the effects of a 12-week exercise program on body composition and health in breast cancer survivors. Dr. Jami Fukui at the UH Cancer Center is the lead investigator for this study, which is open to newly diagnosed breast cancer patients only in Hawai'i.

## Icon Key



Study originated in Hawai'i

## NON-SMALL CELL LUNG CANCER

### Testing the Addition of the Drug Atezolizumab to A Randomized Phase III Trial of Induction/ Consolidation Atezolizumab & SBRT vs. SBRT Alone in High Risk, Early Stage NSCLC (NCT04214262)

A treatment study looking at whether giving patients atezolizumab (immunotherapy with monoclonal antibodies) and radiation therapy works better than radiation therapy alone in treating patients with early NSCLC.

## LIVER CANCER

### Phase II Study of TSR-022 (Cobolimab) in Combination with TSR-042 (Dostarlimab) for the Treatment of Advanced Hepatocellular Carcinoma (NCT03680508)



A treatment study to test whether two immunotherapy agents in combination work to shrink tumors in patients with advanced hepatocellular carcinoma. Dr. Jared Acoba at the UH Cancer Center is the investigator for this study, which is open to hepatocellular cancer patients.

## PROSTATE CANCER

### Multiparametric MRI (mpMRI) for Preoperative Staging and Treatment Planning for Newly Diagnosed Prostate Cancer (NCT03697148)

A diagnostic trial to test how well mpMRI works in evaluating cancer stage and helping to plan treatment for prostate cancer patients.

Each clinical trial study has different enrollment criteria. If you are interested in participating, meet with your physician to help identify a suitable trial.

**If you would like more information on these clinical trials, please call the  
Clinical Trials Office at (808) 586-2979.**