The word 'CURE' is rendered in large, bold, blue letters. A yellow stethoscope is superimposed over the letters, with its chest piece resting on the 'C' and 'U', and its tubing looping around the 'R' and 'E'. The background is black with abstract, organic shapes in yellow and white.

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The Foundation provided \$200,000 to support the shortfall in the clinical cancer research program which accelerates the development of interventions for preventing, treating, recovering from and curing cancer. This support helped:

Enroll 175 patients into 27 different clinical trials encompassing more than 15 different cancer types.

- ❖ Provide a research patient navigator to screen patients daily at our 13 clinic locations for clinical trial opportunities.
- ❖ Follow more than 1,000 patients who have participated in clinical trials prior to 2012.
- ❖ Physicians and staff to co-author a number of peer reviewed medical journal articles including the treatment of peripheral neuropathy, stage IV melanoma and lung cancer.

The Foundation also funded the creation of an iPad application to collect data to better understand diagnosis, screening, prevention, and treatment of cancer, particularly in the areas of underserved populations and comparative effectiveness of treatments. An investigator-initiated research project is examining gene expression from cord blood and bone marrow to look for genetic factors that will help increase the knowledge of how patients could better respond to cancer therapy.

We continue to provide needed assistance to our patients in a number of areas:

- ❖ Fuel cards are provided to cancer clinical trials participants who face financial barriers.
- ❖ A community partnership is underway to develop a comprehensive breast cancer risk assessment program and follow up assistance for breast cancer patients.
- ❖ Compression garments and therapy for breast cancer survivors.
- ❖ Trust in Hope continues to provide support to patients and their families during the holidays.

Support continues for the pilot genetic screening program to screen central Illinois families at risk for hereditary non-polyposis colorectal cancer (HNPCC or Lynch Syndrome). Additionally, we are supporting studies that offer targeted oral therapies to patients whose tumors have "driver mutations" found through molecular sequencing. Thanks to generous contributions to the Illinois Cancer Care Foundation, eligible patients can receive financial assistance for their tumor sequencing when needed.

Hope. It is one of the most important therapies during a cancer diagnosis. Your participation this evening provides genuine hope and loving compassion to those forever touched by cancer. On behalf of our Board of Directors, Advisors, & Young Leaders, and our CUREageous event committee, thank you for joining us and for giving so generously.

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Schedule of Events

6:00pm Welcome to CUREageous

6:00 – 6:45 Enjoy Table Side and Butlered Appetizers
Enjoy Roving Performers including Gamma Phi Performers
Silent Auction Opens

6:45 Welcome by Dr. Gregory Gerstner

6:50 Enjoy Buffet Dinner and Cocktails

7:40 Presentation of the "Rock Doc" Awards for Research

8:20 Close of Silent Auction

8:30 Special Remarks by Patient, Wendy Lewis
"High Five to Fight Cancer"
Door Prize Drawing
Raffle Prize Drawings

9:00 City Dance Group Performance
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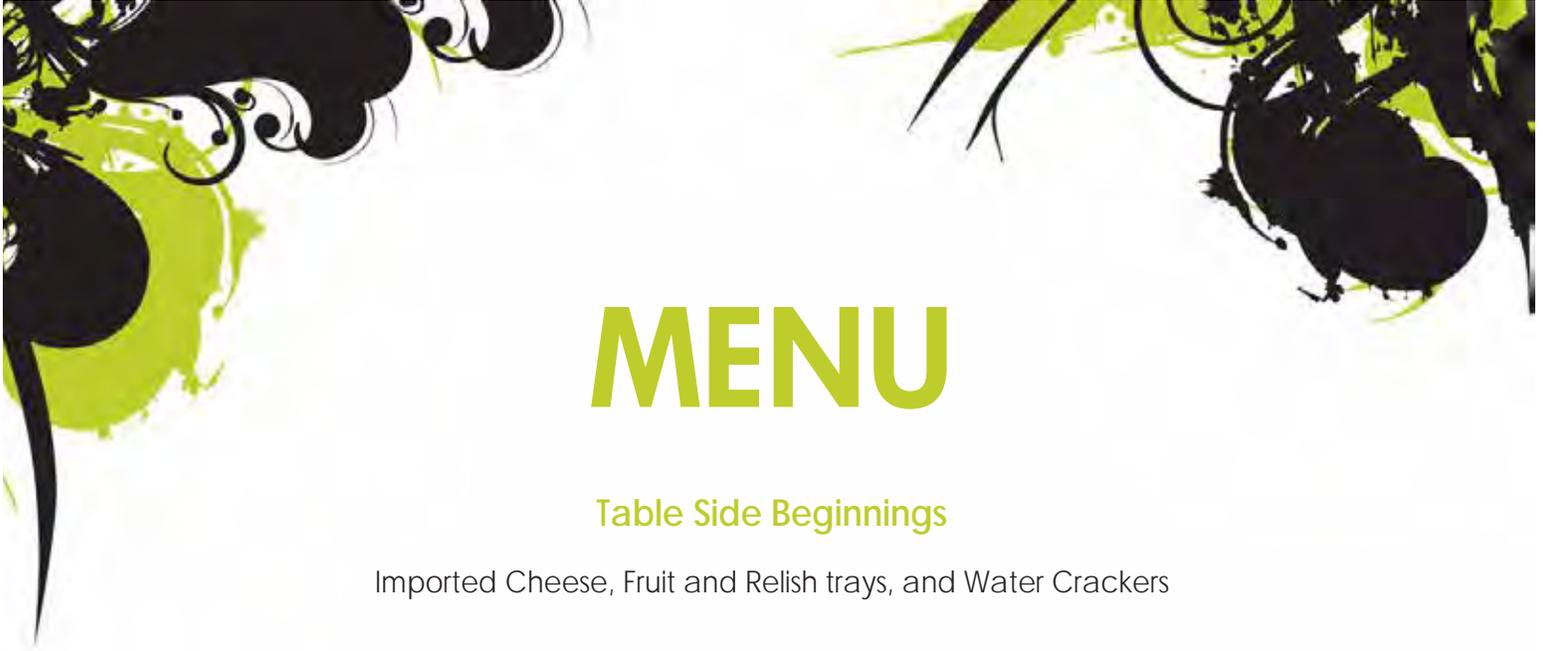


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The Rockin' Requirements to be a Rock Doc are:

- A Rock Doc should be a physician that works in healthcare in the central Illinois area.
- A Rock Doc should be a physician who is moving patient care forward through their support directly or indirectly in research.
- A Rock Doc should be a physician who exhibits qualities that demonstrate outstanding patient care.

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Pankaj Kumar, M.D. - Illinois CancerCare, Bloomington Clinic **Internal Medicine, Medical Oncology and Hematology**

Current Research?

I am primarily interested in the development of the clinical research program at Illinois CancerCare and in improving patient access to clinical research across all our sites.

Most significant changes you have seen in your field of medicine (due to research) since you started?

Due to advancements in pre-clinical and clinical oncology, and thanks to research, our patients are living longer with productive and better quality of life.

If you were given all the money in the world, to which project would it be dedicated?

To initiate smaller and focused clinical trials that study newer developments and medications and have faster results.

What are some of your hobbies outside of work?

Spending time with family, travelling and reading.

What made you choose the research that you are doing now?

The research division at Illinois CancerCare has provided me with an excellent avenue to continue my interest in cancer research.

Tell us about the best part of your work.

The ability to help my patients and their families, utilizing the latest developments in medical science.



2013 Rock Docs

Matt Scheidt, MD - Central Illinois Radiological Association, Ltd. **Vascular/Interventional Radiology**

Current Research?

My research currently is in it's infancy as I am gathering tons of information regarding available interventional oncology trials in hopes of actually beginning some here in Peoria in the near future.

Most significant changes you have seen in your field of medicine (due to research) since you started?

Two of the most important innovations in interventional radiology have been the development of percutaneous thermal ablative techniques to treat a wide variety of tumors as well as intra-arterial administration of chemotherapy/radiation impregnated beads to treat primary and secondary liver cancer. Both of these techniques have markedly improved patient quality of life and decreased morbidity of treatment in appropriate candidates.

If you were given all the money in the world, to which project would it be dedicated?

Honestly, if this is not related to research, I would use this money to ensure education for all children, both here nationally as well as globally, as I think a solid education is the foundation for a strong society. If this is related to research, I would have to say that whatever sum of money I had, I'd try and spread around to multiple different groups/foundations with a focus on oncologic breakthroughs, whatever disease process it may be.

What are some of your hobbies outside of work?

First and foremost, hanging out with my adorable children, Owen and Emmett, and beautiful wife, Amy. We love to stay active including running, biking, hiking....basically anything to enjoy the outdoors!

What made you choose the research that you are doing now?

Ever since I was about 10 or 11 years old, when my grandmother succumbed to lung cancer, I have had a strong interest in oncology. I am thrilled to have discovered a constantly evolving, innovative field of medicine that allows me to treat patients and their families with a wide variety cancer diagnoses. Therefore, all of my research interests currently are focused on the continued and rapid advancement of interventional oncology as the 4th pillar (surgical, medical and radiation oncology traditionally) of oncologic treatment.

Tell us about the best part of your work.

Besides the wonderful people I work with? This is easy....the smile on a patient's and his/her family members' faces when a follow-up scan shows positive response from treatment, or alternatively when I am able to offer them hope with a new treatment after other therapies may not have worked as well as expected. Those smiles and the possibility of hope are what make it all worthwhile!



Revathi Swaminathan, MD - UnityPoint Health Methodist **Radiation Oncology**

Current Research?

My research is a collaborative effort with medical oncologists who participate in a variety of research protocols.

Most significant changes you have seen in your field of medicine (due to research) since you started?

Radiation therapy has advanced tremendously since I started my practice from Cobalt therapy to True Beam and Tomotherapy. The treatment techniques have improved considerably from treating large volumes to performing image guided and intensity modulated radiation therapy and stereotactic radiosurgery thus minimizing morbidity to the normal tissue.

If you were given all the money in the world, to which project would it be dedicated?

Lots of money is being spent on genetic research and newer drugs for the different cancers. I would like more money being spent on cancer prevention.

What are some of your hobbies outside of work?

Gardening, musical instruments- piano and Indian string instruments. Collecting Christmas ornaments, and travelling to different countries.

What made you choose the research that you are doing now?

I participate in Radiation Therapy Oncology Group (RTOG) study protocols and also protocols that are in the Community Clinical Oncology Program (CCOP). The CCOP Program brings researchers together with local physicians to conduct high quality clinical studies that result in better care for cancer patients and people at risk for cancer.

Tell us about the best part of your work.

I enjoy working with patients. It is very gratifying when you are able to help someone get better. The department where I work is like a family and everyone in the department cares about every patient. I am very grateful to be working with the doctors, nurses, radiation technologists and physicists who care about the patients.



2013 Rock Docs

William Tillis, MD - Illinois Lung Institute Pulmonary Disease & Critical Care Medicine

Current Research?

My current areas of research involve several areas. The first area of research is clinical trials in critical care patients with the main focus on acute respiratory distress syndrome, advanced ventilator strategies and patients with severe sepsis. We have several ongoing trials and are beginning a trial treating sepsis in our emergency department. My second area of focus is in COPD patients and bronchoscopic lung reduction.

Most significant changes you have seen in your field of medicine (due to research) since you started?

Due to research involved, the major areas of advances are in molecular biology and genetic research. This has led to very specific treatments based on the pathophysiology and specific cell level markers. This initially has been seen in the field of cancer, but now has really expanded into the inflammatory disease areas.

If you were given all the money in the world, to which project would it be dedicated?

If I had unlimited resources for research, I would concentrate on lung cancer. This is a disease that kills more people than any other cancer and despite the advances that we've made today, it still is the #1 killer. Lung cancer is still an ongoing, troublesome problem.

What are some of your hobbies outside of work?

I enjoy fitness and have been sort of a fitness freak for a number of years. I enjoy running, biking and am becoming involved in some challenge races which include obstacles and running. I have also become involved in some sport shooting and have been enjoying biathlon races which combine running and target shooting. My focus has always been my kids. They have been involved in competitive swimming for years, so most of my free time was spent as swimming pools across the country, which was quite rewarding.

What made you choose the research that you are doing now?

I believe research is an essential part of the practice of medicine. Every project that we are involved in, every new innovation has a research component. Therefore, research is combined in every aspect of my practice of pulmonary critical care medicine.

Tell us about the best part of your work.

I believe the best part of my work is patient and family interaction. In critical care medicine, we see our patients and their families at the worst and the best times. The personal engagement we, as physicians, have with our patients really defines our profession.



David Trachtenbarg, MD - UnityPoint Health Methodist Family Medicine/Diabetes

Current Research?

My current research is in three areas, clinical outcomes including hypokalemia, informatics including patient privacy and drug research into diabetes drugs.

Most significant changes you have seen in your field of medicine (due to research) since you started?

The most significant change I've seen is the rise of evidence based medicine.

If you were given all the money in the world, to which project would it be dedicated?

If I had all the money in the world I would use it to help patients who cannot afford the best medical care possible.

What are some of your hobbies outside of work?

Outside of work I enjoy hiking and photography.

What made you choose the research that you are doing now?

I enjoy being able to help provide the best quality of care to patient through these research areas which have personal meaning to me.

Tell us about the best part of your work.

The best part of my practice is working with patients and residents.





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From left: Dr. Kevin Khater, Dr. Nguyet Le-Lindqwister, Dr. Andrew Tsung,
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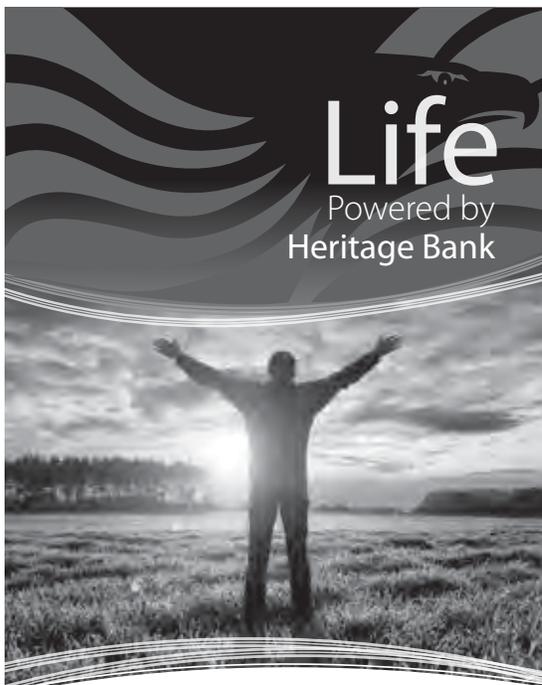
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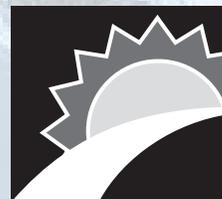
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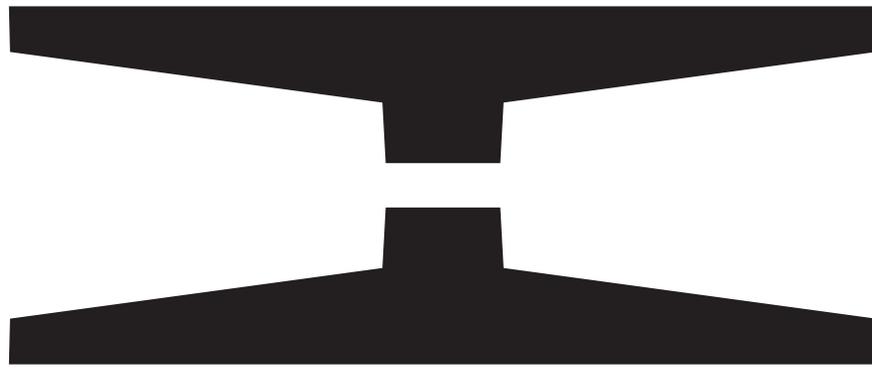
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