Director’s Welcome

On behalf of the Feist-Weiller Cancer Center at LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport I would like to welcome you to the 17th Carroll W. Feist Symposium on Esophageal Carcinoma. These symposia started during Mr. Feist’s lifetime because of his encouragement to bring together science and medicine. Indeed, as a layman Mr. Feist was visionary and saw medicine as a scientific discipline albeit one requiring some additional attributes for its practitioners. In addition, Mr. Feist delighted in attending the symposium and absorbing much of the information.

The choice of esophageal cancer as the topic for this year’s Feist Symposium is apt because this disease presents many conundrums foremost of which is the increasing prevalence. While colorectal cancer incidence has fallen inexorably by about 1/3rd over the last two decades, carcinoma of the esophagus has been increasing. This is especially true for adenocarcinoma of distal esophageal which presents a number of enigmas including a genetic diversity that makes Barrett’s esophagus genetically heterogeneous and hence difficult to derive a small panel of genes whose expression would correlate strongly with the risk of cancer progression from what is essentially an inflammatory lesion arising for the most part from gastroesophageal reflux. The scenario of Barrett’s esophagus evolving into cancer will be the thrust of Dr. Quyen Chu’s remarks on Barrett’s Esophagus and the Development of Esophageal Cancer.

How best to detect esophageal cancer and how best to gather the information necessary for the surgical resection will be addressed by Dr. James Hobley, Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine, in his talk on Endoscopic Ultrasound for Esophageal Cancer, and subsequently by Guillermo Sangster, MD, Associate Professor of Radiology in CT scans for Staging of Esophageal Cancer and by Amol Takalkar, MD, Associate Medical Director, PET Imaging Center in the Role of PET in Esophageal Cancer. We then come to the “gold-standard” in the care of esophageal cancers, surgical resection, but here too there is debate which will be engaged in by Roger H. Kim, Assistant Professor, Department of Surgery discussing Transhiatal versus Transthoracic Esophagectomy, Benjamin Li, MD, FACS, Professor and Chairman, Department of Surgery, on Reconstruction after Esophageal Resection, and Mazin Al-kasspooles, MD, FACS, Associate Professor of Surgery, University of Kansas Medical Center, on Minimally Invasive Esophagectomy. But the addition of chemotherapy and radiation therapy to the treatment improves the outcomes and this will be discussed by Shantan Reddy, MD, Assistant Professor of Medicine in Neoadjuvant and Adjuvant Therapy for Esophageal Cancer and Frederico Ampil, MD, Professor, Department of Radiation Oncology in Radiation Therapy for Esophageal Cancer.

The penultimate talk will be Dr. James Hobley discussing an important aspect of caring for the patient with advanced esophageal carcinoma in Palliative Esophageal Stenting. And all will be brought into perspective in closing remarks by Drs. Kim and Chu.

We are very thankful to Drs. Chu, Kim, and Reddy as stalwart members of the Feist-Weiller Cancer Center for putting together this year’s program and to Mrs. Anne Higdon for coordinating the entire Symposium.

Who should attend:

Oncologists
Primary Care Physicians
Healthcare Professionals
Family Practice Physicians
Gastroenterologists
Radiologists

Nurse Practitioners
Physicians’ Assistants
Nurses
Medical Students
Surgeons

Jonathan Glass, MD, FACP
Director, Feist-Weiller Cancer Center
Scientific Program
8:30 – 9:00  Registration & Continental Breakfast
9:00 – 9:15  Welcome  Jonathan Glass, MD, FACP
Feist-Weiller Cancer Center Director
9:15 – 9:25  Barrett’s Esophagus and the Development of Esophageal Cancer  Quyen D. Chu, MD, FACS
Associate Professor and Chief, Surgical Oncology
9:30 – 9:40  Endoscopic Ultrasound for Esophageal Cancer  James Hobley, MD
Clinical Assistant Professor, Gastrointestinal Specialists Group
9:45 – 9:55  CT scan for Staging of Esophageal Cancer  Guillermo Sangster, MD
Associate Professor, Department of Radiology
10:00 – 10:10  The Role of PET in Esophageal Cancer  Amol Takalkar, MD
Associate Medical Director, PET Imaging Center
10:15 – 10:25  Questions
10:25 – 10:35  Transhiatal versus Transthoracic Esophagectomy  Roger H. Kim, MD
Assistant Professor, Department of Surgery
10:40 – 10:50  Reconstruction after Esophageal Resection  Benjamin Li, MD, FACS
Professor and Chairman, Department of Surgery
10:55 – 11:15  Minimally Invasive Esophagectomy  Mazin Al-kasspooles, MD, FACS
Associate Professor of Surgery, University of Kansas Medical Center
11:15 – 11:25  Questions
11:25 – 11:35  Break
11:35 – 11:45  Neoadjuvant and Adjuvant Therapy for Esophageal Cancer  Shantan Reddy, MD
Assistant Professor of Medicine
11:50 – 12:00  Radiation Therapy for Esophageal Cancer  Frederico Aampil, MD
Professor of Radiation Oncology
12:05 – 12:15  Palliative Esophageal Stenting  James Hobley, MD
Clinical Assistant Professor, Gastrointestinal Specialists Group
12:15 – 12:25  Questions
12:25 – 12:40  Evaluation/Wrap-Up/Closing remarks  Roger H. Kim, MD
Assistant Professor, Department of Surgery
Quyen D. Chu, MD, FACS
Associate Professor and Chief, Surgical Oncology

Program Purpose
The 17th Annual Carroll W. Feist Scientific Symposium on Esophageal Cancer will offer the audience the opportunity to stay abreast and understand the different modalities currently available to patients with esophageal cancer. This should allow community physicians to adapt their practice to these medical advances and lead to an improvement in patient outcomes for esophageal cancer in the region.

As a result of attending this activity, participants will be able to:
1. Identify current surgical procedures for patients with esophageal carcinoma.
2. Discuss the role of various imaging modalities in the diagnosis and staging of esophageal carcinoma.
3. Describe the role of chemotherapy and radiation therapy in the management of patients with esophageal carcinoma.

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