



Speaker Biographies
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Scott Riccio

Scott Riccio is the Senior Vice-President for Patient Access and Advocacy at The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. His role is to focus on creating a stronger mission presence across the country, and to build and oversee a team of regional strategic leaders whose focus is on assessing patient needs and deploying LLS resources to meet those needs. In coordination with his team of Regional Mission Directors, Scott oversees the Patient Access and Education & Advocacy and Outreach functions ensuring an organizational focus on bringing awareness of LLS and its resources to all those in need and to identifying, reducing and/or removing as many barriers to accessing quality, affordable, and coordinated cancer care as possible.

Nicole Bell, LMSW

Nicole Bell is the Southwest Region Mission Director for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Nicole is a licensed master social worker with over 19 years of medical social work experience. She has served as patient services manager of the South Central Texas chapter for the past 11 years. Nicole's leadership in patient services has led to increased mentorship opportunities, board development support with a focus on advocacy, and leadership of a strong advocacy-driven database improvement effort. Nicole earned a bachelor's degree in social work and a bachelor's degree in liberal arts from Southwest Texas State University, and a master's degree in social work from Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio.

Michael Keating, M.B., B.S.

Dr. Michael J. Keating is a Professor of Medicine and Internist at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in the leukemia department. His career is marked by close collaboration with laboratory scientists but his major focus has been on delivery of effective, compassionate care to patients suffering from leukemia. His major pursuits at the present time are developing new potentially curative therapies for CLL and developing rational combinations of new agents in the treatment of all leukemias and other hematologic malignancies. He was voted one of the best doctors in America by the American Health magazine in 1996 and each year repeatedly for this honor. The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society awarded Dr. Keating the Service to Mankind Award for his work in 1988.

Robert H. Collins, Jr., M.D., F.A.C.P.

Dr. Robert H. Collins, Jr., is a Professor of Internal Medicine and Director of the Hematologic Malignancies/Stem Cell Transplantation Program at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. Dr. Collins specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of leukemia and lymphoma. He holds the Sydney and J. L. Huffines Distinguished Chair in Cancer Research in Honor of Eugene Frenkel, M.D., is a fellow of the American College of Physicians, and is recognized by his peers in *Best Doctors in America*.

Luis Pineiro, M.D.

Dr. Luis Piñeiro is a blood and marrow transplant physician with Texas Oncology in Dallas. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine and board certified in hematology and internal medicine. Dr. Pineiro is interested in the treatment of hematological malignancies and stem cell transplants.

Klaus Hollmig, M.D.

Dr. Klaus Hollmig is developing a newly formed community medical oncology program for UT Southwestern, with its first location to be in the Plano/Richardson area. He has extensive experience treating all solid and hematologic malignancies including multiple myeloma and performing autologous transplants.

Joel Marcus, PsyD

Dr. Joel Marcus is the Director of Psychosocial Oncology & Palliative Care Services at the Gayle and Tom Benson Cancer Center at Ochsner Medical Center in New Orleans. He has over a decade of experience in the development and implementation of psychosocial oncology, end of life, and palliative care service. He is currently on the board of the American Psycho-Oncology Society.

Martha Stegner, M.D.

Dr. Martha Stegner is an Assistant Professor at the Department of Pediatrics at UT Southwestern and oversees fellows, residents and Medical students at Children's Medical Center and directs the Lymphoma Program at Children's Hospital. She treats patients with childhood cancer and blood disorders, with a primary focus in leukemia and lymphoma.

Larry Anderson, M.D.

Dr. Larry Anderson is an Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas and specializes in the treatment of plasma cell disorders, including Multiple Myeloma, Waldenstrom's Macroglobulinemia, and Amyloidosis. He also has over 10 years of experience with bone marrow and stem cell transplantation.

M. Yair Levy, M.D.

Dr. M. Yair Levy specializes in Hematology, including lymphoma, myeloma and leukemia at Texas Oncology – Baylor A. Sammons Cancer Center. He is Board Certified in Medical Oncology and Internal Medicine and serves on the Faculty at Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins. Dr. Levy is a member of the American Society of Hematology, American Society of Clinical Oncology, Society of General Internal Medicine, American College of Physicians and Dallas Medical Society.

Brian Berryman, M.D.

Dr. Brian Berryman is currently the Medical Director for Bone Marrow Transplant Outreach Program and Clinics at Baylor Charles A. Sammons Cancer Center. Dr. Berryman is the principal investigator and the co-investigator for numerous research trials and has authored and coauthored many articles in peer reviewed journals.

Laurence H. Altshuler, M.D.

Dr. Laurence Altshuler is a board certified Internist/Hospitalist and palliative care physician who is trained in both conventional and alternative methods, including acupuncture, herbal medicine and mind-body medicine. Dr. Alrshuler is the current Director of Oncology Intake, Internist/Hospitalist/Palliative Care at the Cancer Treatment Centers of America in Tulsa, OK.

Kim Barker, M.D.

Dr. Kim Barker is an assistant professor at UT Southwestern Medical Center in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. She completed her residency in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine/Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago in 2011. Dr. Barker has a special interest in oncological rehabilitation.

Maurizio Ghisoli, M.D.

Dr. Maurizio Ghisoli serves in the Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Department at Medical City Children's Hospital. He specializes in pediatric hematology/oncology and stem cell transplantation, with a special interest in solid tumors (sarcomas of the bone and muscle), leukemia and lymphomas, and hematologic disorders including coagulopathies, thrombophilia, sickle cell disease, and other hereditary red blood cell disorders.

Prapti Patel, M.D.

Dr. Prapti Patel serves at UT Southwestern with a specialty in hematologic malignancies, including acute leukemias and myelodysplastic syndrome, and hempatopoietic stem cell transplants. She attended UT Southwestern for her Hematology-Oncology fellowship, where she served as Chief Fellow. Dr. Patel joined the UT Southwestern faculty in July 2011.

Claudia E. Harsh, M.D.

Dr. Claudia Harsh is board certified Integrative and Holistic Medicine. She completed a fellowship in Integrative Medicine with Dr. Andrew Weil at the University of Arizona in 2010 and trained in medical acupuncture with Dr Joe Helms in 2006. She has practiced integrative medicine and medical acupuncture for over ten years.

Karel Dicke, M.D., Ph.D.

Dr. Karel Dicke is a world renowned bone marrow and stem cell transplantation specialist. He is committed to creating innovative individualized protocols for his patients. He completed his medical degree and Ph.D. at Leiden University Medical School in the Netherlands. Dr. Dicke was recruited to MD Anderson Cancer Center and founded the MD Anderson Section of Bone Marrow Transplantation. Later, the University of Nebraska recruited him and he served as chief of hematology/oncology. In 1993, Dr. Dicke joined Arlington Cancer Center and his focus has been on providing individualized treatment plans for patients and long term survival with quality of life.

Angela Orlino, M.D.

Dr. Angela Orlino is an Assistant Professor in the General Internal Medicine division at UT Southwestern Medical Center. She completed training in a combined Internal Medicine-Pediatrics residency at The Ohio State University Medical Center and Columbus Children's Hospital in 2002 and joined the General Internal Medicine faculty in 2006. She has been involved with the ACE (After the Cancer Experience) Cancer Survivorship Program through Dallas Children's Medical Center since 2007, doing clinical work and research within its Young Adult Program (YAP), of which she is currently director.

Anish Ray, M.D.

Dr. Anish Ray is a practicing Pediatric Oncologist at Cook Children's Hospital in Fort Worth. Following his residency in Pediatrics, Dr. Ray joined MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston to pursue fellowship in Hematology/Oncology. During his training, Dr. Ray was able to participate in research involving natural killer cells in the laboratory of Dr. Dean Lee. He maintains his keen interest in immunotherapy as a means to tackle cancer and looks forward to its many applications in the treatment of cancer patients.