

The background of the poster features a large, weathered metal windmill on the left side, its blades partially visible. In the lower portion of the image, a group of horses is seen running or galloping across a grassy field, enclosed by a dark metal fence. The overall scene is set against a soft, hazy sky, suggesting a rural landscape at dawn or dusk.

# **Rural Oncology Care Symposium**

**Friday, September 11, 2026  
7:30am - 5:00pm**

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center  
Academic Classroom Building  
3601 4<sup>th</sup> St, Lubbock, Texas



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HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER™

**PRESENTED BY:**  
Rural Cancer Collaborative

# Symposium Information

The Rural Oncology Cancer Symposium is designed to support healthcare professionals who care for patients with cancer in rural and underserved communities. Healthcare teams in rural West Texas often face challenges related to timely diagnosis, access to oncology specialists, fragmented referral pathways, transportation barriers, limited diagnostic infrastructure, and reduced access to specialty care and clinical trials.

This symposium will bring together members of the healthcare team to discuss rural cancer care resources, multidisciplinary coordination, referral pathways, telehealth capabilities, survivorship needs, and evidence-based strategies to improve cancer care access and patient outcomes.

## Purpose

The purpose of this educational activity is to improve the healthcare team's ability to evaluate patients with cancer, coordinate multidisciplinary and interprofessional care, identify appropriate oncology resources and referral pathways for rural patients, and address survivorship and ongoing healthcare needs after cancer treatment.

The activity is intended to improve timely diagnosis, increase access to evidence-based cancer care, reduce treatment delays, and support improved outcomes for patients in underserved rural communities.

## Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of this event, participants should be able to:

1. Identify challenges in managing multidisciplinary cancer care in rural communities.
2. Apply disease-specific cancer care strategies, including women's health, nursing services, and prevention.
3. Coordinate multidisciplinary cancer care for patients from rural communities.
4. Describe central and rural cancer care education, services, and resources available to community providers and healthcare team members.
5. Select appropriate referral pathways and resources for patients needing cancer care in rural communities.
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# ACCREDITATIONS

## Accreditation



In support of improving patient care, this activity has been planned and implemented by Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) and UMC Cancer Center. Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

## Credit Designations



This activity was planned by and for the healthcare team. Learners will receive 7 Interprofessional Continuing Education (IPCE) credits for learning and change.

## Physicians

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center designates this live activity for a maximum of 7 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

## Nurses

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center designates this live activity for a maximum of 7 nursing contact hours. Nurses should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

## Physician Assistants



Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center has been authorized by the American Academy of PAs (AAPA) to award AAPA Category 1 CME credit for activities planned in accordance with AAPA CME Criteria. This activity is designated for 7 AAPA Category 1 CME credits. PAs should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

## Social Worker

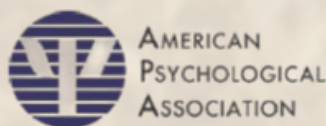


As a Jointly Accredited Organization, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center is approved to offer social work continuing education by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) Approved Continuing Education (ACE) program. Organizations, not individual courses, are approved under this program. Regulatory boards are the final authority on courses accepted for continuing education credit. Social workers completing this course receive 7 general continuing education credits.

## Pharmacist

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center designates this activity for 7 contact hours. It is the responsibility of the pharmacist {and pharmacy technician} to provide the correct information [i.e. e-Profile ID and DOB (in MMDD format)] to receive credit for participating in a CE activity. Credit will be provided to NABP CPE Monitor. UAN# JA0000858-9999-26-007-L01-P

## Psychologists



Continuing Education (CE) credits for psychologists are provided through the co-sponsorship of the American Psychological Association (APA) Office of Continuing Education in Psychology (CEP). The APA CEP Office maintains responsibility for the content of the programs.

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## AGENDA

All sessions will be located in Academic Classroom Building Room 150 unless otherwise noted.

**7:30 - 8:00am Registration and Breakfast located in Preston Smith Library**

**8:00 - 8:15am Welcome**

Mohamad M. Al-Rahawan, M.D., MPH, FAAP

Executive Director, Rural Cancer Collaborative | Professor, Dept. of Pediatrics, TTUSHC

**8:15 - 9:00am Keynote Speaker: As If It Weren't Hard Enough: Conducting Cancer Clinical Trials in Rural Areas**

David E. Gerber, M.D.

Professor, Dept. of Internal Medicine | Peter O'Donnell Jr. School of Public Health, UT Southwestern

**9:00 - 9:45am Supporting Workforce Wellbeing: The Chaplain's Contribution to Healthcare Teams**

Julie Harris

Chaplain | Covenant Health

## Break 9:45 - 10:00am

**10:00am - 2:30pm Concurrent CME Breakout Sessions | Prevention Roundtable (Begins at 12:30)**

CME Breakout Sessions - Locations: ACB Rooms 100 and 150 - page 5

Prevention Roundtable - Location: 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of Preston Smith Library - page 6

## Break 2:30 - 2:45pm

**2:45 - 3:45pm Poster Session Presentations**

**3:45 - 4:45pm John Wayne Cancer Foundation Endowed Lectureship**

Charles Scoggins, M.D.

Professor, School of Medicine | University of Louisville

**4:45 - 5:00pm Closing Remarks**

**Bridging the Gap: Networking Dinner & Special Recognitions  
Sponsored by UMC | Overton Hotel | 6:00pm**

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## Concurrent CME Accredited Breakout Sessions

|                         | <b>Women's Health<br/>(ACB Rm. 100)</b>                                                                                       | <b>Disease-Specific<br/>(ACB Rm. 150)</b>                                                                             |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>10:00 - 10:45am</b>  | <i>Women's Oncology Health</i><br><b>Salvatore LoCoco, M.D.</b>                                                               | <i>Evolving Cellular Therapy Landscape in<br/>Oncology and Impact on Survival</i><br><b>Muhammad Bilal Abid, M.D.</b> |
| <b>10:45 - 11:30am</b>  | <i>Cancer Prevention and Screenings</i><br><b>Amy Moore, DNP, APRN</b>                                                        | <i>Head and Neck Cancers</i><br><b>Yusuf Dundar, M.D.</b>                                                             |
| <b>11:30am - 1:00pm</b> | <b>Poster Session and Lunch Break</b>                                                                                         |                                                                                                                       |
| <b>1:00 - 1:45pm</b>    | <i>Fertility Preservation for Oncology Patients</i><br><b>Jennifer Phy, D.O.</b>                                              | <i>Advancements in Pediatric Oncology</i><br><b>Erin Barr, M.D.</b>                                                   |
| <b>1:45 - 2:30pm</b>    | <i>Finding the Hidden Risk - The Essential Role of<br/>Genetic Testing in Women's Oncology</i><br><b>Lindsay Eckert, P.A.</b> | <i>Lung Cancer Update</i><br><b>David Jenkins, M.D.</b>                                                               |

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## Prevention Roundtable (Non-CME Accredited)

Located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of Preston Smith Library

Those attending the Prevention Roundtable are welcome to attend any CME breakout session from 10:00am - 1:00pm

|                 | Session Name                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 12:30 - 12:35pm | <b>Welcome</b><br><i>Julie St. John, Dr. P.H.   Associate Professor, School of Health Professions/Research, TTUHSC Abilene</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 12:35 - 12:50pm | <b>Opening Remarks: The Impact of Prevention</b><br><i>Kristen Doyle, JD   Chief Executive Officer, Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT)</i>                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 12:50 - 1:15pm  | <b>CPRIT Prevention Program Overview</b><br><i>Ruth Rechis, Ph.D.   Chief Prevention Officer, Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT)</i>                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 1:15 - 1:25pm   | <b>Break</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 1:25 - 2:10pm   | <b>Panel Discussion: Implementing Cancer Prevention in Rural Texas</b><br><i>Theresa Byrd, Dr. P.H.   Dean, UT Tyler Public Health (Retired)</i><br><i>Jennifer Molokwu, M.D.   Dir. Cancer Prevention and Control   Professor, Family Medicine, TTUHSC El Paso</i><br><i>Izi Obokhare, M.D.   Professor, Surgery, TTUHSC Amarillo</i> |
| 2:10 - 2:25pm   | <b>Facilitated Roundtable Discussion</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 2:25 - 2:30pm   | <b>Closing Remarks</b><br><i>Julie St. John, Dr. P.H.   Associate Professor, School of Health Professions/Research, TTUHSC Abilene</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

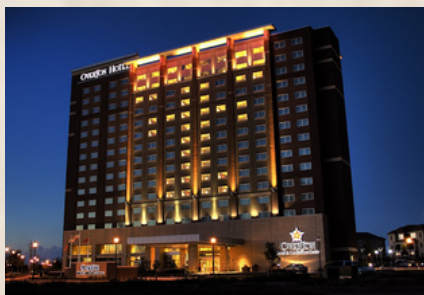
# Registration and Accommodation Information

## Registration Fees

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Physicians                                                      | \$ 150.00 |
| Advanced Practice Providers & Pharmacists (NP, PA, PharmD, RPh) | \$ 75.00  |
| Staff and Other Professionals                                   | \$ 50.00  |
| Nurses                                                          | \$ 50.00  |
| Social Workers                                                  | \$ 50.00  |
| Students/Fellows                                                | FREE      |

A 50% group discount is available for groups of 10 or more participants.  
For group registration, contact ShaBre' Wilson | [shabre.wilson@ttuhsc.edu](mailto:shabre.wilson@ttuhsc.edu)

## Accommodation Information



### Overton Hotel & Conference Center

#### Overton Hotel and Conference Center Online Room Reservation Link

This link will take you to the reservation page. The check-in date is automatically populated, please ensure you click the correct check-out date.

If you would like to call for reservations, the Overton Hotel Reservations line is 806-776-7000. You must ask for the RURAL ONCOLOGY CARE SYMPOSIUM room block to receive the discounted rate.

Standard rooms have been set aside at \$130.

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