
UPDATE 2004: Cancer Research and Treatment

McHenry County College Conference Center

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Speakers' Biographical Sketches

Terrence J. Bugno, M.D.

Medical Director/ Radiation Oncologist
Centegra Sage Cancer Center
McHenry, IL

Dr. Terry Bugno, a product of Chicago's Southwest side, graduated from Benedictine University in Lisle, IL and received his MD training from Northwestern University Medical School in Chicago. He is board certified in radiation oncology and was also in the first group of board certified Practitioners in Holistic Medicine conferred in late 2000. Among his many professional honors and activities, he was commissioned to create a commemorative video slide set celebrating the 100th anniversary of Roentgen's discovery of x-rays and roles for therapy in the first 100 years. A member of Alpha Omega medical honor society, he has been selected as a Chicago area "top doc" by his peers. He serves as an attending radiation oncologist and medical director in Radiation Oncology Services for the Centegra Healthcare System.

Luis H. Camacho, M.D., MPH

Assistant Professor, Bioimmunotherapy
M.D. Anderson Cancer Center
Houston, TX

Dr. Camacho received his M.D. degree from the Universidad Militar "Nueva Granada", Bogota, Colombia. He then completed his residency and received an MPH from George Washington University in Washington, DC. Following a 3-year Hematology/Oncology Fellowship at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, he joined M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. His clinical specialties are melanoma and hematological malignancies and his research interests are focused on immunotherapies.

Spiridon G. Gerolimos, M.D.

Director of Medical Imaging
Centegra Northern Illinois Medical Center
McHenry, IL

Born in Greece, Dr. Gerolimos received both his undergraduate degree (biology) and his M.D. degree from the University of Illinois, Chicago. He then completed a combined internship in Internal Medicine and Surgery and his residency requirement in Diagnostic Radiology, both at Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Hospital, Chicago. He is Board Certified in Diagnostic Radiology and a member of numerous professional medical societies.

Martin Gutierrez, M.D.

Head, Office of Navy Oncology
National Cancer Institute
Bethesda, MD

Dr. Gutierrez received his M.D. from Javeriana University in Bogota Colombia. He has served as chief resident in Medicine at the Boston University Hospital, completed an oncology fellowship in medical oncology at the National Cancer Institute, and received training in hematology at the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute in Bethesda, Maryland. Subsequently, Dr. Gutierrez was on the staff of the Bienes Comprehensive Cancer Center, Holy Cross Hospital in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He rejoined the National Cancer Institute in 2003, where his research interest lies in targeted therapies for the treatment of lung cancer and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

Michael J. Hall, M.D.

Center for Clinical Cancer Genetics
University of Chicago Hospitals and Health System
Chicago, IL

Dr. Hall received his undergraduate and M.D. degrees from Columbia University in New York City. He then completed his residency at Brigham and Women's Hospital/Harvard Medical School in Boston. Presently, he is completing a Hematology/Oncology Fellowship at the University of Chicago Medical Center and conducting research on the relationship between the BRAC2 gene, breast and ovarian syndrome, and familial pancreatic cancer. Dr. Hall has several professional publications to his credit, has received an Excellence in Teaching Award from Harvard Medical School, and recently won an Award of Merit from the American Society of Clinical Oncology.

Geoffrey L. Smoron, M.D.

Radiation Oncologist
Centegra Sage Cancer Center
McHenry, IL

Dr. Smoron received both his undergraduate degree and his medical degree from Loyola University in Chicago, followed by an internship at Evanston Hospital and residency at Wesley Memorial Hospital and Northwestern University Hospital in Chicago. He is Board Certified in Therapeutic Radiology and in 2001 received a fellowship to the American College of Radiology. He served 15 years in the Naval Reserve, including 2 years on active duty as Lieutenant Commander at Great Lakes Naval Hospital, Great Lake, Illinois. In 1999 he was recognized for 25 years of teaching as Assistant Professor of Radiology at Northwestern University Medical School in Chicago, and in the same year, received the Distinguished Committee Service award from the American College of Radiology.

Michael B. Soble, M.D.

Physician/Partner
North Shore Oncology-Hematology Associates
McHenry, IL

In addition to his private oncology practice, Dr. Soble is on the staff of several hospitals in northern Illinois, including the Centegra Sage Cancer Center. He received his medical degree from the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Chicago, followed by a 3-year internal medicine residency and a 3-year hematology/oncology fellowship at the Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center in Chicago. He is a member of several professional medical societies and has been involved as a project author and chairman of clinical cancer research projects.

Aslam S. Zahir, M.D.

Physician
Fox Valley Hematology Oncology
McHenry, IL

Prior to his current position, which he has held for 9 years, Dr. Zahir was a Clinical Instructor in Hematology and Oncology in the Medical College of Wisconsin, VA Medical Center, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He received his medical degree in India and then completed his residency in Internal Medicine at St. Joseph Hospital and Health Care Center, Chicago, where, in 1990, he was awarded "Intern of the Year." Dr. Zahir is Board Certified in Internal Medicine, Hematology, and Oncology, has been involved in several research projects, and is a member of several national and local professional medical societies.