

Cancer society honors local oncologist

Oncologist Daniel Von Hoff, M.D., chief scientific officer at the Virginia G. Piper Cancer Center at Scottsdale Healthcare, was recognized for his work benefiting cancer patients during the American Society of Clinical Oncology annual meeting held last week in Chicago.

Dr. Von Hoff is receiving the 2010 David A. Karnofsky Memorial Award and Lecture for his impact on treating cancer patients and outstanding achievements in cancer research.

ASCO is the world's leading professional organization representing physicians who treat people with cancer. Recipients of the prestigious awards collectively represent significant strides in cancer treatment and leadership in the oncology community, according to the society.

Dr. Von Hoff is an internationally recognized physician-scientist who has contributed to the development of numerous anticancer agents, including paclitaxel, docetaxel, irinotecan and gemcitabine.

He also serves as physician-in-chief for the Translational Genomics Research Institute (TGen) in Phoenix, chief scientific officer of US Oncology, and clinical professor of medicine at The University of Arizona College of Medicine.

The Virginia G. Piper Cancer Center at Scottsdale Healthcare opened in 2001 as the first major cancer center in greater Phoenix to offer comprehensive cancer research, diagnosis, treatment, prevention and support services in a single location at Scottsdale Healthcare Shea Medical Center.

Innovative cancer treatments and clinical trials of new anticancer therapies are offered



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at the Virginia G. Piper Cancer Center in collaboration with community oncologists, leading universities and TGen.

The award is named after David A. Karnofsky, M.D., a leading medical oncologist in the 1950s and 1960s and recognizes outstanding contributions to cancer research, diagnosis and/or treatment.

Free cancer resources are open to the public at the Virginia G. Piper Cancer Center at Scottsdale Healthcare. Cancer Care Coordinators offer free information and physician referrals at 480-323-1255 or ccc@shc.org, and research coordinators provide information about clinical trials at 480-323-1339 or clinicaltrials@shc.org.