Call for Abstracts
Division of Internal Medicine faculty, fellows and staff may submit abstracts for presentation involving original research. Abstracts not presented at the 2012 Research Retreat but previously accepted, presented or published will be accepted.

Cyrus Scholar Award winners from 2011 and 2012 are not eligible to participate in the 2012 competition.

All abstracts submitted by junior faculty (instructors, assistant professors and associate professors) automatically qualify for the Cyrus Scholar Awards competition. The submission deadline is Thursday, Feb. 28, 2013. For complete instructions, visit www.mdanderson.org/conferences.

Registration and Information
Register Online
www.mdanderson.org/conferences, then scroll to Division of Internal Medicine 2013 Research Retreat.

Additional information
www.mdanderson.org/conferences, or contact Eric Gagneaux, senior conference coordinator, CME/Conference Management, 713-745-0089, Judy Overton, program manager, Internal Medicine, 713-792-8031, or Nyma Shah, director, Research Development, 713-745-0876.

Division of Internal Medicine
Robert Gagel, M.D., Division Head
The mission of the Division of Internal Medicine is to provide a broad spectrum of research-driven internal medicine care for patients with cancer, including aspects of prevention, treatment and survivorship. The vision of the Division of Internal Medicine is to continually expand our lead as a research-driven internal medicine division in a comprehensive cancer center.
Ronald A. DePinho, M.D.

Ronald A. DePinho, M.D., is President of The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. His research program has focused on the molecular underpinnings of cancer, aging and degenerative disorders and the translation of such knowledge into clinical advances. Dr. DePinho’s independent scientific career began at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, where he was the Feinberg Senior Scholar in Cancer Research. He then joined the Department of Medical Oncology at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Department of Medicine and Genetics at the Harvard Medical School. At Harvard, he was the founding Director of the Belfer Institute for Applied Cancer Science at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and a Professor of Medicine and Genetics at Harvard Medical School. Dr. DePinho is a former member of the Board of Directors of the American Association for Cancer Research, and has served on numerous advisory boards in the public and private sectors including co-chair of advisory boards for the NCI Mouse Models of Human Cancer Consortium and for the Human Cancer Genome Atlas Project. Dr. DePinho studied biology at Fordham University, where he graduated class salutatorian, and received his M.D. degree with distinction in microbiology and immunology from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. For his fundamental contributions to cancer and aging, he has received numerous honors and awards including the March of Dimes Basil O’Connor Award, James S. McDonnell Scholar Award, the Cancer Research Institute Scholar Award, the Melini Award for Biomedical Excellence, the Irma T. Hirsch Award, the Kirsch Foundation Investigator Award, and the Richard and Claire Morse Scholar Award. He is the 2002 recipient of the American Society for Clinical Investigation Award, the 2003 AACR Clowes Award, the 2007 Helsinki Medal, the 2007 Harvey Lectureship and the 2008 Albert Szent-Gyorgyi Prize. He is a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences. In 2010, Dr. DePinho was elected to membership in the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He is a founder of Aveo Pharmaceuticals and a number of biopharmaceutical companies focused on cancer therapy and diagnostics.

Cyrus Scholar Awards Competition

The Michael and Mariet Cyrus Research Fund, established in 2005, promotes the development of basic and clinical research skills in internal medicine.

Thanks to the generosity of the Cyrus family, two awards will be given: a Cyrus Scholar Award for Outstanding Basic Research, and a James S. and Suzanne Cyrus Scholar Award for Outstanding Clinical Research. Each of the 2012 award winners will receive $15,000 ($5,000 each for three years).

Division of Internal Medicine
2013 Research Retreat Program

Duncan Building (CPB), Floor 8, Conference Center
Thursday, June 6, 2013
3:00-5:00 p.m.  Poster Session

Friday, June 7, 2013
1:00 p.m.  On-site registration - Online registration is recommended
1:15  Robert Gagel, M.D.  Professor and Head, Division of Internal Medicine
Introduction of Kelsey Foundation and Mavis P. Kelsey Lecturer
1:30  Mavis P. Kelsey Lecture
Ronald DePinho, M.D.
President, MD Anderson Cancer Center
2:15  The Future of Internal Medicine in the Cancer Center – Understanding the Molecular and Biological Basis of Toxicity
Robert Gagel, M.D.
2:35  Refreshments
2:50  Introduction of Cyrus Family
Cyrus Scholar Competitive Presentations
Moderators: Holly Holmes, M.D., Chair, Research Committee
Samuel Shelburne, M.D., Ph.D., Deputy Chair, Research Committee
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Richard Champlin, M.D.  Andrew Futreal, Ph.D.
Jorge Cortes, M.D.  Cheryl Walker, Ph.D.
Ronald DePinho, M.D.  Xifeng Wu, M.D., Ph.D.
Linda Eting, Dr.Ph.
2:55  Cyrus Scholar Award Competition for Outstanding Basic/Translational Research
3:40  Break
3:50  James S. and Suzanne Cyrus Scholar Competition for Outstanding Clinical Research
4:35  Cyrus Scholar Awards and Best Poster Awards
4:45 p.m.  Adjourn

The Mavis P. Kelsey Lecture at MD Anderson Cancer Center
Established April 2009

Dr. Mavis P. Kelsey earned her M.D. from the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB), and completed internal medicine and surgery residencies at Bellevue Hospital in New York. After a tour as an instructor in pathology at UTMB, an internal medicine position at the Scott and White Clinic in Temple, Texas, a fellowship at the Mayo Clinic, and service with the U.S. military in World War II, Dr. Kelsey took a staff position at the Mayo Clinic.

In January 1949, he moved to Houston to enter private practice and to build a medical clinic. That year, he co-founded the Kelsey-Seybold Clinic, which now employs more than 300 physicians and provides care to more than 400,000 patients at 18 clinics in Houston.

During World War II, Dr. Kelsey and R. Leo Clark, M.D., worked together in the Aeromedical Laboratory in Dayton, Ohio. When Dr. Clark became director of MD Anderson Hospital in 1946, he invited Dr. Kelsey to join him. From 1949-1965, Dr. Kelsey worked part-time in medicine at MD Anderson with a focus on thyroid disease.

Dr. Clark asked Dr. Kelsey to do three things for his new hospital:
• Develop a clinical isotope program, since Dr. Kelsey was the first Houston physician to hold a license from the Atomic Energy Commission to administer radioisotopes to humans
• Edit the hospital’s Cancer Bulletin
• Develop an Endocrine Clinic and see patients in the department of Internal Medicine

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