

FEBRUARY 2011

## President's Corner



*Looking  
forward to an  
exciting year!*

Ray Page, D.O., Ph.D.  
President  
Medical Oncologist

An expansion of The Center for Cancer & Blood Disorders into Arlington and recognition for one of our most inspirational cancer patients tops our news this month.

Cancer patients in Arlington are receiving care closer to home thanks to our new office inside USMD Hospital, on Interstate 20. One of our founding physicians Dr. Gregory Friess, a medical oncologist with more than three decades of experience, is leading our efforts at the new location. [\(read more\)](#)

Additionally, I'm pleased to announce that Terry Purdom, a cancer patient at The Center in Fort Worth,

## Hope Shared

Editor, Terry Purdom

### *Larry's Story of Hope*

I have been fortunate all of my life to have a loving family, a steady job that I enjoy and good health. I believe that everything happens for a reason. I was surprised a couple of years ago when it became difficult for me to swallow. Eating dinner suddenly became a challenge. After visiting a couple of other locations, I ended up at [The Center for Cancer & Blood Disorders](#).

[Dr. Henry Xiong](#) gave me the news. I was diagnosed with esophageal cancer and was given six months to live - that was more than a year ago. My family helped me stay positive, my doctor and my faith helped me stay alive.

What was most important to me was my ability to keep working while receiving treatment. Going to work as often as I could took my mind off cancer, besides I've got a lot of projects that I want to see through to completion. I work for the federal government so some things take time.

Dr. Xiong did an excellent job of taking my lifestyle into consideration. When we first tried [chemotherapy](#) I got sick and told him I couldn't do it anymore. Radiation and then a modified chemotherapy regimen helped me return to my job and most importantly my family. I don't want my children and grandchildren to remember me as a sick old man. It's important to me that I'm able to stay active for as long as possible.

I still have a long road ahead of me, but I believe my faith in God, my family and the care I receive at The Center have all helped me defy the initial prognosis I was given.

has been honored as a Health Care Hero by the *Fort Worth Business Press*. He will be honored at a luncheon later this month.

Terry is being recognized for his work in sharing his inspirational message of hope with cancer patients and survivors in Fort Worth, north Texas and beyond. Terry, congratulations on the much deserved recognition!

We look forward to continually expanding our services in 2011, and to continuing to provide the finest cancer treatment in north Texas. We know choosing a cancer specialist is a difficult decision. It is our honor and privilege to provide cancer treatment, but we believe it is just as important to offer spiritual and emotional support to our patients and their loved ones. We are focused on healing lives and advancing care.

I don't know the reason behind my cancer diagnosis but I do know that my Hope is Elevated every day.

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***We want to hear from you!***

*Email The Center at [sassante@txcc.com](mailto:sassante@txcc.com) so that we may share your story of hope.*

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## Dr. Artim Joins The Center



Richard Artim, M.D., has proudly served his country and cancer patients for more than three decades. His military background began with an undergraduate degree earned at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado. After graduating from the University of Colorado School of Medicine, in Denver, Colorado, Dr. Artim completed an internship and residency at David Grant USAF Medical Center at Travis Air Force Base in California, followed by a fellowship in hematology/oncology at Fitzsimmons Army Medical Center in Aurora, Colorado. ([read more](#))

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