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Christiana Care Health System Hosts Inaugural Lung Cancer Symposium

WHAT: Inaugural Lung Cancer Symposium

WHEN: Monday, April 16 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

WHERE: Christiana Hospital's John H. Ammon Medical Education Center at 4755 Ogletown-Stanton Rd., Newark, Del.

WHO:

- Eric Kmiec, Ph.D., director of the Gene Editing Institute at Christiana Care's Helen F. Graham Cancer Center & Research Institute.
- Scott Siegel, Ph.D., MHCDS, director of Population Health Psychology at Christiana Care's Value Institute.
- Bo Lu, M.D., radiation oncologist at Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University.
- Daniel Rodriguez, Ph.D., professor of Public Health at LaSalle University.
- Albert A. Rizzo, M.D., FACP, FACCP, chief of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine at Christiana Care and key medical advisor to the American Lung Association.
- Gregory A. Masters, M.D., lung cancer specialist with the U.S. National Cancer Institute Community Oncology Research Program at Christiana Care's Helen F. Graham Cancer Center & Research Institute and associate professor of Medicine at Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University.
- Heather Bittner Fagan, M.D., MPH, FAAFP, associate vice chair of Research in Family & Community Medicine at Christiana Care.

WHY: The Inaugural Lung Cancer Symposium will bring together healthcare professionals and interested community members to exchange information about the dangers of lung cancer and share novel approaches targeted to reducing death and morbidity among patients who suffer from this disease. In addition, Dr. Kmiec will discuss Christiana Care's novel clinical research trial in which CRISPR gene editing technology is used to treat lung cancer.

According to the most recent statistics from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, nearly 216,000 people are diagnosed with lung cancer and the disease kills about 155,000 people each year. Journalists who would like to attend to this panel discussion can contact Christiana

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About Christiana Care Health System

Christiana Care Health System is one of the country's largest health care systems, ranking as the 22nd leading hospital in the nation and 11th on the East Coast in terms of admissions. The health system includes The Medical Group of Christiana Care, a network of primary care physicians, medical and surgical specialists as well as home health care, preventive medicine, rehabilitation services and patient/family advisors for core health care services. A not-for-profit teaching hospital affiliated with Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University, Christiana Care is recognized as a regional center for excellence in cardiology, cancer and women's health services. Christiana Care has an extensive range of outpatient services and works closely with its medical staff to achieve better health, better access to care and lower cost. Christiana Care is home to Delaware's only Level I trauma center, the highest capability center and the only one of its kind between Philadelphia and Baltimore. Christiana Care features a Level III neonatal intensive care unit, the only delivering hospital in Delaware that offers this highest level of care to the most critically ill newborns. Christiana Care includes two hospitals with 1,100 patient beds.

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