

## UChicago Medicine International Newsletter

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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Quality and Safety are central to everything we do at UChicago Medicine. We are pleased to share news that the UChicago Medicine has been named a “Top Teaching Hospital” for the third year in row by The Leapfrog Group. We were also recognized by Leapfrog as being one of 42 hospitals to earn 14 sequential straight A’s in patient safety.

In the meantime, UChicago Medicine has been designated as a Comprehensive Cancer Center by the National Cancer Institute, the most prestigious recognition possible for a cancer institution, since 1973. With more than 200 cancer specialists, innovative treatments and leading-edge research, we're attacking cancer from every angle. In the sixth volume of UChicago Medicine International Newsletter, featured are stories about advanced research and clinical care as well as heartwarming patient stories from our Comprehensive Cancer Center.



### FOREFRONT OF MEDICINE

#### [CAR T-cell update: therapy improves outcomes for patients with B-cell lymphoma](#)

An international phase-2 trial of a CAR T-cell therapy found that 52 percent of patients with relapsed or refractory diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (DLBCL) responded favorably. The first patient who received CAR T-cell therapy for stage 3 DLBCL at the University of Chicago is now 30 months post treatment and has had no sign of recurrence.

#### [New hope for lung cancer: A Q&A with thoracic surgeon Jessica Donington](#)

There are a lot of myths about who gets lung cancer and whether or not it can be cured. New UChicago Medicine thoracic surgery Chief Jessica Donington, MD, spoke with us about lung cancer misconceptions and what's on the horizon for lung cancer treatment.

#### [Love helps to overcome rare lymphoma, an aggressive blood cancer](#)

At age 21, Eddie Harley didn't expect to hear he had lymphoma. But intensive chemotherapy and the love of his family helped him achieve remission.



### [Perfecting MRI as a breast cancer screening tool](#)

The use of magnetic resonance imaging for breast cancer screening offers significant advantages for women at risk for breast cancer. UChicago Medicine imaging experts have developed faster and more useful ways to get MRI scans.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan.4 (Chicago)      Center for Pelvic Health Symposium: Improving Quality of Life for Patients with Pelvic Floor Disorders ([Link](#))
- Feb.7-9 (Chicago)      24th Annual Conference Rodney Appell Memorial Update in Gynecologic Urology ([Link](#))
- Apr.1-5 (Chicago)      24th Annual Conference: 2019 Radiology Review ([Link](#))
- Apr.12 (Chicago)      24th Annual University of Chicago Developmental Therapeutics Symposium 2019 ([Link](#))
- Apr.12-13 (Chicago)      16th Annual International Ultmann Chicago Lymphoma Symposium ([Link](#))
- Ongoing (E-Learning)      UChicago Medicine E-Learning Courses ([Link](#))

If you have any question in regard to patient care, events, or international collaboration options, please contact us via email or WeChat.

Finally, we wish you and your family health, happiness and prosperity in the year of the Pig.

Sincerely,

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