

War on Melanoma

> OHSU Panel discussion- The latest strategies in working to prevent, detect and treat melanoma

Join a dinner discussion about Oregon's War on Melanoma. Learn about the implementation of GEP testing at OHSU to aid in guiding individualized patient care.



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6:30PM - Dinner



**OHSU Knight Cancer
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Chair of the Department of Dermatology at OHSU. Director of the Melanoma Research Program at the OHSU Knight Cancer Institute. Her clinical interests include skin cancers, especially melanoma, and pigmentary disorders that result from abnormalities of melanocytes. Dr. Leachman's research interest is in the prevention, early detection and chemoprevention of melanoma, particularly in genetically predisposed melanoma families. Leachman is passionate about fighting the "War on Melanoma" and has led the effort in building one of the largest national melanoma patient registries in Oregon. Leachman and team developed a mobile phone app, MoleMapper, collaborated with the AIM at Melanoma Foundation to help spearhead the world's first collaborative Melanoma Tissue Bank Consortium, and launched the Start Seeing Melanoma™ public health outreach campaign to increase melanoma awareness and early detection education to Oregonians. Prior to joining OHSU in 2013, Dr. Leachman was at the University of Utah, where she was director of the Melanoma and Cutaneous Oncology Program in the Huntsman Cancer Institute, a professor in the Department of Dermatology, and member of the Imaging, Diagnostics, and Therapeutics Program and the Cancer Control and Population Sciences Program.

John Vetto M.D. FASC, FASA

Dr. Vetto received his M.D. degree from the Oregon Health & Sciences University (OHSU) in Portland, Oregon, graduating magna cum laude (with high honors) and earning membership in the medical honor society Alpha Omega Alpha. He completed his general surgery training at the Brigham and Womens Hospital (Harvard Medical School) in Boston and at the UCLA Medical Center. He performed two fellowships in surgical oncology (cancer surgery) at the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Maryland, and at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York. Dr. Vetto then returned to OHSU where he is a now Professor of Surgery in the Division of Surgical Oncology and Director of the Department of Surgery Cutaneous Oncology Program. He holds a joint appointment in the OHSU Department of Dermatology. He was one of the founding members of the OHSU Breast Program. He sees patients with melanoma, breast cancer, and soft tissue sarcoma (soft tissue and muscle cancers). His research areas are in tumor immunology and cancer education. His clinical and research work in these areas has led to the publication of over 290 original scientific papers, abstracts, editorials and book chapters, more than 140 regional, national, and international invited lectureships, and to extensive regional and national research grant funding. He is an active caregiver on the OHSU multidisciplinary breast cancer and sarcoma patient care teams, and he heads the melanoma care team. Dr. Vetto belongs to 22 professional organizations, including the American Surgical Association. He has been a national reviewer for National Cancer Institute tumor immunology and cancer education grants, and has served as a reviewer for 24 surgery and oncology journals. He is currently the Deputy Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Cancer Education, published by Springer. Dr. Vetto has received multiple OHSU and national awards for education and teaching, including the 2016 Distinguished Faculty Member Award for the OHSU Department of Surgery. He has co-authored the cancer questions for the 5 most recent edition of SESAP, the American College of Surgeons' practice examination for general surgeons.

Alexander Witkowski M.D Ph.D.

Director, OHSU Skin Cancer Imaging Center

Dr. Alexander Witkowski is a medical dermatologist specializing in the early detection of skin cancers (particularly melanoma), eczema, seborrheic dermatitis and acne.

Dr. Witkowski completed his medical training and residency in Europe as well as his Ph.D. in Modena (Italy), focused on implementing virtual biopsies with reflectance confocal microscopy and its application to diagnosing melanoma subtypes at the patient bedside.

He is an international instructor in this topic and successfully introduced this specialized medical technology in Poland. He now joins OHSU as the co-director of the Skin Cancer Imaging Center to help spread this technology for the benefit of Oregonians and beyond.