
OHSU PARTNERS Craig Nichols, MD, who served as the initial medical director of the LCRCC, has recruited many highly respected individuals to help provide the services needed.

Kevin Billingsley, MD, is a surgical oncologist trained at Stanford University, Johns Hopkins University, Memorial Sloan-Kettering, and OHSU. He is the Cancer Committee chairman at OHSU and works closely with us in the Lower Columbia region.

In addition to his special interest in complex hepatobiliary (liver) cancer and sarcomas, Dr. Billingsley seems energized about facilitating the integration of services between our Lower Columbia communities and OHSU. His clearly stated vision is “to provide high-tech, complex University care with the comfort and convenience of your own community.”

Charles Blanke, MD, is a nationally known and respected medical oncologist with special expertise in gastrointestinal (GI) tumors. For the past several years, Dr. Blanke has served as moderator of a weekly GI tumor forum.

LCRCC SPECIALISTS Zafer Yildirim, MD, is the newest addition to the cancer program. After 14 years in academic centers, Dr. Yildirim moved to Longview to further develop the provision of medical oncology services at the LCRCC.

In addition to many other honors, Dr. Yildirim was the recipient of the American Society of Clinical Investigators Award as a young investigator into the treatment of malignant disease. He is a key individual in advancing the capabilities of our local infusion services, as well as contributing expertise in the provision of the complex research protocols coordinated through OHSU.

THE GI TEAM One of the experts in gastrointestinal diseases providing services for many years, Gordon Matlock, MD, is a board-certified gastroenterologist who has diagnosed more than 1,000 cases of cancer of the intestinal tract since joining...—Continued on page 4
Mission statement
Our mission is to provide comprehensive, efficiently integrated, yet compassionate care through collaborative efforts aligned to place first the needs of the cancer patient and family.

Working together to provide quality care with compassion

OHSU-affiliated physicians

Kevin Billingsley, MD, is associate professor of surgery and chief of surgical oncology at the OHSU School of Medicine, and a member of the OHSU Cancer Institute.

Charles Blanke, MD, is leader of the Solid Tumors Program, OHSU Cancer Institute, and associate professor of medicine (hematology/medical oncology), OHSU School of Medicine.

Douglas Faigel, MD, specializes in endoscopic ultrasound, gastrointestinal oncology, helicobacter pylori, and Barrett’s esophagus. He received his medical degree and completed a fellowship in gastroenterology at the University of Pennsylvania, and completed his residency at the University of California at San Francisco.

Craig Nichols, MD, specializes in testicular cancer, Hodgkin’s disease, and non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma. He earned his medical degree from OHSU, and currently serves as the associate director of the Oregon Cancer Center.

LCRCC-affiliated physicians

Dane Moseson, MD, current board president of Longview Surgical Group, is certified by the American Board of Surgery in general surgery. He is the medical director of the Lower Columbia Regional Cancer Center and the Columbia Regional Breast Center.

Donald Kirkpatrick, MD, is a gastroenterologist in private practice in Longview. He is board-certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine.

Gordon Matlock, MD, is a gastroenterologist in private practice in Longview. He is board-certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine.

Anthony J. Simons, MD, a surgeon at Longview Surgical Group, is board-certified by the American Board of Surgery and by the American Board of Colon and Rectal Surgery.

Zafer Yildirim, MD, PhD, is the medical oncologist for the Lower Columbia Regional Cancer Center. He is board-certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine in hematology/oncology and internal medicine.