



Watson Award Announcement

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To the UT Southwestern Community:

I am very pleased to announce that Dr. Barbara Haley, a Professor of Internal Medicine who holds the Charles Cameron Sprague, M.D. Chair in Clinical Oncology, has been selected to receive the 2013 Patricia and William L. Watson, Jr., M.D. Award for Excellence in Clinical Medicine.

In making their generous gift to establish this annual award, Dr. and Mrs. Watson wished to create an opportunity for the UT Southwestern community to recognize a physician on the faculty who has had a profound impact on UT Southwestern students, trainees, faculty colleagues, and patients through excellence in clinical care.

Dr. Haley received her medical degree from UT Southwestern in 1976, was an intern and resident in Internal Medicine at Parkland, and then a Fellow in Hematology and Oncology. She completed her training in 1981 and went into private practice, but was recruited to join the UT Southwestern faculty in 1999, to help develop the outpatient clinic in Hematology/Oncology. A breast cancer specialist, she has dedicated herself to her patients, to understanding more about the disease, and to advancing treatment options. She has been a leader in clinical trials seeking more effective treatments for breast cancer, including chemotherapy, hormonal therapy, and biologic agents, and she has also been focused on ways to minimize the side effects for patients receiving powerful treatments for breast cancer.

She is consistently characterized as a physician who is committed to understanding the full range of a patient's needs and to delivering comprehensive care and treatment that considers the whole patient. Typical patient comments about her are, "She is always caring, professional, and concerned about my total well-being. I have and will always have the utmost confidence in Dr. Haley." "Dr. Haley is an excellent, warm, compassionate, and professional doctor. She's the BEST!"

The Watson Award will be presented to Dr. Haley next fall, in conjunction with the Watson Visiting Lecture, which is given by a national health care leader. The date of the award event and the name of the Lecturer will be announced later this summer.

For now, please join me in congratulating Dr. Haley on her selection as the 2013 Watson Award recipient – and for the standards of clinical excellence that she has set and upheld for herself as an exemplary UT Southwestern physician.

In addition, I want to recognize Dr. Willis Maddrey for chairing the Watson Award Selection Committee and the faculty who served as committee members. Speaking for myself and on their behalf, I also want to thank everyone who submitted nominations. We deeply appreciated your thoughtful efforts, and we were pleased and impressed to have so many deserving candidates identified by colleagues throughout the Medical Center.

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