

# Meet the Blood Cancers Team



■ **Robert H. Collins Jr., M.D., FACP**  
Program Director

Dr. Collins is a Professor of Internal Medicine and Director of both the Blood Cancers/Transplant and Cell Therapy Program and the Combined Adult/Pediatric Stem Cell

Transplant Program at UT Southwestern Medical Center. A recognized leader in the field of adoptive immunotherapy, Dr. Collins specializes in blood and marrow transplantation and treating hematologic malignancies, especially leukemia, lymphoma, and myelodysplasia.



■ **Larry D. Anderson Jr., M.D., Ph.D.**

Dr. Anderson is an Associate Professor in UT Southwestern's Department of Internal Medicine, Division of Hematology and Oncology, and directs the Plasma Cell Dyscrasias Program. He specializes in treating

plasma cell disorders such as multiple myeloma, Waldenström macroglobulinemia, amyloidosis, and other gammopathies using bone marrow transplantation, cellular immunotherapy, and clinical trials.



■ **Farrukh Awan, M.D.**

Dr. Awan is an Associate Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine at UT Southwestern and a member of the Division of Hematology and Oncology at UTSW's Harold C. Simmons Comprehensive Cancer

Center and William P. Clements Jr. University Hospital. He directs the Lymphoid Malignancies Program and specializes in stem cell transplantation, cellular therapies, and treatments for leukemia and lymphoma.



■ **John Sweetenham, M.D.**

Dr. Sweetenham is a Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine at UT Southwestern and the Associate Director for Clinical Affairs at UTSW's Harold C. Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center. He specializes in treating

lymphomas and other blood cancers and is internationally recognized for his clinical research on these diseases and stem cell transplantation.



■ **Stephen Chung, M.D.**

Dr. Chung is an Assistant Professor in both the Department of Internal Medicine and the Children's Research Institute at UT Southwestern.

He specializes in the care of patients with myelodysplastic syndromes (MDS) and acute myeloid leukemia (AML). His research focuses on studying the molecular alterations in the hematopoietic (blood-forming) stem cells that underlie the development of these diseases.



■ **Ankit Kansagra, M.D.**

Dr. Kansagra is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine and the Director of UTSW's Amyloidosis Program.

He specializes in stem cell transplants and CAR-T therapy and has particular expertise in caring for patients with plasma cell disorders, including multiple myeloma, amyloidosis, and Waldenström macroglobulinemia.

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## ■ Yazan Madanat, M.D.

Dr. Madanat is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine at UT Southwestern and a member of the Division of Hematology and Oncology at UTSW's Harold C. Simmons Comprehensive Cancer

Center and William P. Clements Jr. University Hospital. A clinical trialist, he directs the myelodysplastic syndrome clinic and specializes in treating myeloid malignancies, acute myeloid leukemia, myelodysplastic syndromes, and myeloproliferative/myelodysplastic overlap disorders.



## ■ Syed M. Rizvi, M.D.

Dr. Rizvi is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine.

A hematologist-oncologist, he specializes in lymphomas, rare and complex hematolymphoid malignancies, cellular therapy, and stem cell transplantation – particularly in evaluating and treating patients with lymphoma. He is also part of a dedicated, multidisciplinary skin lymphoma clinic in collaboration with the UTSW Dermatology Department, which evaluates and treats patients with all forms of skin lymphomas, including uncommon diseases such as mycosis fungoides.



## ■ Prapti Patel, M.D.

Dr. Patel is an Assistant Professor in UT Southwestern's Department of Internal Medicine. She specializes in stem cell transplantation to treat leukemia and myelodysplasia, as well as development of

experimental targeted therapies for these diseases. She directs the UT Southwestern Familial Hematologic Malignancies Clinic.



## ■ Madhuri Vusirikala, M.D.

Dr. Vusirikala is a Professor of Internal Medicine in the Division of Hematology and Oncology at UT Southwestern.

She specializes in managing a variety of blood cancers and, when appropriate, performing bone marrow transplants to treat them. Her research focus is allogeneic stem cell transplantation. She directs the Allogeneic Stem Cell Transplant Program, the Chronic Graft-Versus-Host Disease Program, and the long-term-follow-up program for transplant survivors.



## ■ Praveen Ramakrishnan, M.D.

Dr. Ramakrishnan is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine. He specializes in caring for patients with aggressive lymphomas and other complex hemato-lymphoid malignancies, and conducts

research focused on developing targeted and cellular therapies. In his clinical practice, patients are managed with state-of-the-art therapies with a specific focus on personalized innovative clinical trials. Along with colleagues in Neurosurgery and Radiation Oncology, he is leading an effort to build a regional program of excellence at UTSW dedicated to taking care of patients with CNS lymphomas. Dr. Ramakrishnan is a strong proponent of practicing medicine centered around patients and their families.