



CHICAGO CONQUERS CANCER

Maha Hussain Translates Innovative Research into Unsurpassed Cancer Care for Chicagoans

What type of cancer do you specialize in?

I am a medical oncologist with a focus in prostate and bladder cancers. My research centers on novel therapeutic interventions, and the design and conduct of clinical trials including federally-sponsored, multicenter, investigator-initiated clinical trials.

What do you love most about practicing in Chicago?

I love the sophistication of the city paired with the unassuming friendliness of the people. The combination makes it an exceptional place to live and practice.

What are your favorite spots in Chicago?

From touring companies to original local productions, Chicago's theatre experience is truly extraordinary. I love the shows and very much appreciate the architecture! Millennium Park has a unique beauty and spirit – there is nothing better than a concert and Chicago's amazing skyline on a beautiful night. The food scene is also amazing, and I am working through the 7,300 restaurants!

How do the people of Chicago inspire your work?

Chicago is a big city with tremendous opportunities for innovative collaboration. From a physician's perspective, the city's brain trust, culture of philanthropy, and its diverse outlooks and experiences

enable us to make a meaningful difference. Our physicians, scientists, and care providers are committed to translating innovative research into unsurpassed cancer care. These accolades reflect their determination and expertise.

What has been the biggest success in your career?

In my lifetime, there has been tremendous progress in prostate cancer. That progress is the result of partnerships between basic scientists and clinical investigators, and the increased investment in research across the spectrum. I have been honored to receive a number of awards throughout my career including, most recently, being elected to the Board of Directors of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO). But the biggest success is being able to impact the care of patients. As a physician, I value the opportunity to care for Lurie Cancer Center's patients at Northwestern Medicine throughout the course of the disease, and to contribute to the development of impactful therapies that I hope can help patients no matter where they are.

Tell us about your featured patient.

Mr. Lewis approaches every aspect of his treatment with energy and determination. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to care for him.

In 1964, seven oncologists created the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO), now a global network of over 40,000 cancer professionals. The Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO represents their commitment to fuel profound breakthroughs and share cutting-edge knowledge with patients and physicians to light the way forward for every cancer conqueror.



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