



### **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual TeCH Multi-stakeholder Conference and Symposium One-Pager**

#### **TeCH Administrative Core**

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The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Texas Collaborative Center for Hepatocellular Cancer (TeCH) Multi-stakeholder Conference and Symposium took place on September 17, 2022 at Rice University's Baker Institute Commons Hall. The goal of the symposium was to bring together stakeholders across the healthcare continuum, policy making, insurance, and advocacy, and share the latest information on the burden and gaps in the science and practice of liver cancer. The keynote speaker for the symposium was John W. Ward, MD, the Director of the Coalition for Global Hepatitis Elimination, Director of the Task Force for Global Health, and Professor at Emory University Rollins School of Public Health. His presentation discussed the growing health problem of hepatitis C, global goals of eliminating hepatitis C along with the need for access to prevention care and treatment for Hepatitis C in order to achieved said goals.

The other speakers for the event included Hashem B. El-Serag, MD, MPH, Aaron P. Thrift, PhD, and Fasiha Kanwal, MD, MSHS from Baylor College of Medicine, Sumeet K. Asrani, MD, MSc, from Baylor, Scott and White in Dallas, TX, Brett Fortune, MD, MSc, from Montefiore Medical Center in Bronx, NY, Barbara J. Turner, MD, MA, MACP, from Keck School of Medicine of University of Southern California, Amit G. Singal, MD, and Nicole Rich, MD, MS from UT Southwestern in Dallas, TX, Ahmed O. Kaseb, MD from The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, TX, and Salil Deshpande, MD, MBA, from UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Texas.

Following the talks, the Multi-stakeholder panel meeting moderated by Drs. El-Serag and Kanwal and comprised of the speakers and selected leaders in the liver cancer/hepatitis realm. The key takeaway points from this panel discussion was the need to model other state hepatitis elimination plans, collaborate with the Texas Department State of Health Services, champion liver health campaign and create or join hepatitis or liver cancer coalitions. The group also decided to generate a white paper and an executive summary of the meeting's proceedings that can be used to galvanize local and national efforts to reduce the burden of liver cancer in Texas.