

UT Southwestern Medical Center

John Mansour, M.D., to Receive 2017 Watson Award

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To the UT Southwestern Community:

It gives me great pleasure to announce that Dr. John Mansour, Associate Professor of Surgery, has been selected to receive the 2017 Patricia and William L. Watson Jr., M.D. Award for Excellence in Clinical Medicine.

The Watson Award was established in 2009 through a generous gift from Dr. and Mrs. Watson for the campus community to recognize annually a UT Southwestern faculty physician who exemplifies excellence in patient care and is a leader in advancing clinical innovations.

Dr. Mansour is a highly respected surgical oncologist, widely admired for his surgical expertise and for his engagement with his patients and commitment to their well-being. He is also considered an outstanding colleague and an exceptional educator – of patients, as well as of medical students and trainees. According to one nominator, “one of the best measures of excellence in clinical care is to be the ‘go-to physician,’ something that John fits.” He is known as a surgeon whom junior faculty can call on for advice, and his department regularly receives testimonials from patients and families regarding his care, skill, and compassion.

Dr. Mansour received his undergraduate degree from the University of Notre Dame and then his M.D. from Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine in 1999. He did his surgical residency at the University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics, and following in the footsteps of his father, who is also a surgical oncologist, completed his fellowship in surgical oncology at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in 2007.

Always seeking to improve patient care, Dr. Mansour serves on multiple association task forces and committees, including a national Society of Surgical Oncology team that measures quality of care for patients with hepatobiliary cancers.

In addition to his clinical work, Dr. Mansour’s research and published studies focus on the genetic analysis of tumors and blood, with the goal of improving the ability to predict a tumor’s behavior and aggressiveness, as well as how well patients are likely to tolerate a major surgical procedure.

The Watson Award recipient is chosen by a selection committee from among nominations submitted by faculty and staff. I want to thank Dr. Willis Maddrey for once again chairing the Watson Award Selection Committee, faculty who served as committee members, and all who submitted nominations.

The Watson Award will be presented to Dr. Mansour this fall, in conjunction with the Watson Lecture, which is given by a national health care leader. The date of the award/lecture event and the name of the 2017 Watson Lecturer will be announced in the coming months.

For now, please join me in congratulating Dr. Mansour for being selected to receive the 2017 Watson Award.

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