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Cedars-Sinai Cancer Director Named Fellow of Prestigious Science Association



LOS ANGELES (Nov. 26, 2019) — Dan Theodorescu, MD, PhD, director of [Cedars-Sinai Cancer](#), has been named a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. The honor is bestowed on association members by their peers.

[Theodorescu](#), an internationally recognized translational cancer researcher and leading expert in bladder cancer, and other new fellows were selected for their efforts in advancing science breakthroughs and innovation.

Theodorescu was elected to the Section on Medical Sciences.

“I am humbled and honored by this election to join such a distinguished membership of outstanding scientists,” said Theodorescu, Phase ONE Foundation Distinguished Chair in Oncology and professor of Surgery, Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at [Cedars-Sinai](#).

The prestigious association is the world’s largest general scientific society and publishes the journal *Science* and several other *Science*-related publications. The association was founded in 1848 and includes more than 250 affiliated societies and academies of science, serving 10 million people.

To be considered for the rank of fellow, a member must be nominated by the steering group of the association’s 24 sections, by any three fellows who are current members or by the association’s chief executive officer.

Theodorescu is known for his work on the molecular mechanisms underlying bladder cancer; his lab was the first group to contribute to genome sequencing of that disease. He also invented the CO-Expression Extrapolation, or “COXEN,” tool, which personalizes cancer therapy by identifying which new drugs likely will be effective in patients based on genomic characteristics of their tumors.

Theodorescu has published more than 300 articles in journals such as *Nature*, *Science*, *Cancer Cell* and the *Journal of Clinical Investigation*. He is the founding co-editor-in-chief of *Bladder Cancer*, the first journal of its kind, and serves as journal reviewer for several prestigious publications, including *Nature*.

Fellows will be recognized for their contributions to science and technology at the Fellows Forum on Feb. 15, 2020, at the association's annual meeting in Seattle, Washington.

Read more about Theodorescu on the Cedars-Sinai blog: [Faces of Cedars-Sinai: Cancer Expert Dan Theodorescu](#)

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