



Association of American Cancer Institutes In Memoriam: Dr. Ed Chu

With heavy hearts, the Association of American Cancer Institutes (AACI) Board of Directors shares news of the passing of colleague and friend, **Ed Chu, MD, MMS**. Dr. Chu was elected to the AACI Board of Directors in 2023 and was deeply committed to AACI's mission and purpose. He served on the AACI board with exceptional dedication, insight, and integrity.

Born on December 19, 1958, in Detroit, Michigan, Dr. Chu dedicated his life to advancing cancer medicine and mentoring medical professionals. Raised in Barrington and Providence, Rhode Island, he earned his Bachelor of Science degree at Brown University and his MD from Brown's School of Medicine. He had a distinguished career as a physician-scientist, holding tenured positions and leadership roles at Yale School of Medicine and Yale Cancer Center, and University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, where he was chief of hematology-oncology and deputy director of the UPMC Hillman Cancer Center. He was committed to providing compassionate care to patients and advancing research to improve treatments for colorectal and GI cancers.

Dr. Chu joined Montefiore Einstein Comprehensive Cancer Center in the fall of 2020. During his tenure, he transformed the cancer center into a fully integrated, unified cancer enterprise, resulting in its first comprehensive designation from the National Cancer Institute. In addition to his role as director of Montefiore Einstein Comprehensive Cancer Center, Dr. Chu was vice president of cancer medicine and the Carol and Roger Einiger Professor of Cancer Medicine, and he acted as interim chair of the department of oncology until 2024.

Beyond Dr. Chu's professional leadership, he will be remembered for his warmth and compassion. He served as a trusted advisor for numerous students, fellows, faculty colleagues, and leaders of NCI-Designated Cancer Centers, who all benefited from his mentorship. AACI sends its heartfelt condolences to his wife, Dr. Laurie Harrold, and his children Ashley and Josh Chu, along with his colleagues at Montefiore Einstein Comprehensive Cancer Center.