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**University of Hawai'i Cancer Center Partners with the  
Queen's Medical Center to Host Cancer Symposium**

*Event to highlight reducing cancer risks related to tobacco use and obesity*

**HONOLULU** - The University of Hawaii Cancer Center is partnering with The Queen's Medical Center to host the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Translational Cancer Medicine Symposium: *How Do We Reduce Cancer Risks? Altering Pathways to Obesity and Tobacco Use*. The event will be held at the Queen's Conference Center from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Friday, July 27, 2012.

"There is an urgent need to accelerate discoveries in cancer interventions and treatments," said University of Hawaii Cancer Center Director Michele Carbone, M.D., PhD. "This symposium provides an invaluable opportunity for researchers to share their study findings, exchange ideas, and develop new collaborations."

Waun Ki Hong, M.D., a Weinman Distinguished Cancer Researcher and the Division Head at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, will be the keynote speaker. He will be joined by other distinguished cancer researchers who will be discussing their achievements in the areas of tobacco usage and obesity.

The Weinman Foundation Innovators in Cancer Research Fund was established by Barry and Virginia Weinman to promote translational cancer research and collaboration between the University of Hawaii Cancer Center and members of the Hawaii Cancer Consortium.

The cost to attend is \$40.00 for payments received prior to July 13, 2012. Registration costs will increase to \$55.00 for registrations submitted after July 13, 2012. To register please contact The Queen's Medical Center Office of Continuing Medical Education at (808) 691-7009 or visit [www.uhcancercenter.org](http://www.uhcancercenter.org) for more information.

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*The University of Hawaii Cancer Center is one of 66 research institutions designated by the National Cancer Institute. Affiliated with the University of Hawaii at Manoa, the Center is dedicated to eliminating cancer through research, education, and improved patient care. Construction is under way on a new state-of-the-art research center, opening in 2013 to better serve the people of Hawaii and the Pacific. Learn more about the Center's work at [www.uhcancercenter.org](http://www.uhcancercenter.org).*

*The Queen's Medical Center is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit corporation, acute care medical facility accredited by The Joint Commission. The facility houses 505 acute beds and 28 sub-acute beds and is widely known for its programs in cancer, cardiovascular disease, neuroscience, orthopaedics, surgery, emergency medicine and trauma, and behavioral medicine. Queen's is home to a number of residency programs offered in conjunction with the John A. Burns School of Medicine at the University of Hawaii. Queen's has achieved Magnet® status – the highest institutional honor for hospital excellence – from the American Nurses Credentialing Center. Magnet recognition is held by less than five percent of hospitals in the United States. Queen's is the first hospital in Hawai'i to achieve Magnet status.*