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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Professor Emeritus-Hourly, Medicine - Gastroenterology & Hepatology
- Member, SPARK at Stanford
- Faculty Fellow, Sarafan ChEM-H
- Member, Stanford Cancer Institute

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Co-Course Director - Human Health & Disease, Stanford University, (2004-2020)
- Member, Stanford School of Medicine Awards Committee, Stanford University, (2001-2024)
- Associate Editor, The American Journal of Medicine, (2000-2004)
- Special Sections Editor, Gastroenterology (journal), (2011-2016)
- Co-Director, Stanford Gastroenterology Training Program, Stanford University, (2012-2020)
- Associate Director, Stanford Digestive Disease Center, Stanford University, (2001-2012)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Oscar Salvatierra Award for Exceptional Service to Stanford Medical Students (teaching), Stanford School of Medicine (2021)
- Division Teaching Award, Stanford University (2001, 2004, 2007, 2008, 2012)
- AOA inductee, Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society (1979)
- Lester R. Tuchman Award for clinical excellence (graduating class award), Mount Sinai Hospital (1980)
- American Gastroenterology Association Fellow, American Gastroenterology Association (2009)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Post-Doctoral Fellowship, UCSF, Department of Biochemistry & Biophysics , Cell Biology/Biochemistry (1989)
- Clinical Fellowship, UCSF, Department of Medicine , Gastroenterology and Hepatology (1985)
- Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Columbia Presbyterian Hospital , Nephrology (1984)

- Residency, Columbia Presbyterian Hospital , Internal Medicine (1983)
- MD, Mt. Sinai Sch. of Med. , Medicine (1980)
- BA, UC Berkeley , Physiology (1976)

PATENTS

- Lowe, Anson W., Dong, Aiwen. "United States Patent 9,415,088 Use of AGR3 for Treating Cancer", The Board of Trustees of the Leland Stanford Junior University, Aug 16, 2016

Research & Scholarship

CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

The laboratory is focused on human cancers that are dependent on EGFR cell signaling. In particular, we recently established that the AGR2 protein serves an essential role in EGFR presentation to the cell surface, and represents a novel mechanism of regulating cell signaling. We have long history in pancreatic biology and disease. Recent work elucidated the role of EGFR cell signaling during tissue regeneration in response to pancreatitis. Our overall hypothesis is that EGFR signaling serves a vital role in tissue regeneration, and that chronic injury and persistent wound healing lead to the development of preneoplastic lesions and eventually cancer. We hypothesize that this pathway is active in a large number of human cancers. If true, new opportunities for the treatment of preneoplastic and neoplastic diseases are provided, which represents a major focus of the laboratory. Active projects are focused on cancer pathogenesis, tissue regeneration, development of diagnostic assays, and drug development.

CLINICAL TRIALS

- Novel Serum Markers for Monitoring Response to Anti-Cancer Therapy, Recruiting

Teaching

GRADUATE AND FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM AFFILIATIONS

- Cancer Biology (Phd Program)

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Anterior Gradient 2 (AGR2) Induced Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor (EGFR) Signaling Is Essential for Murine Pancreatitis-Associated Tissue Regeneration.** *PLoS one*
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- **The adenocarcinoma-associated antigen, AGR2, promotes tumor growth, cell migration, and cellular transformation** *CANCER RESEARCH*
Wang, Z., Hao, Y., Lowe, A. W.
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- **Gene Expression Patterns in Pancreatic Tumors, Cells and Tissues** *PLOS ONE*
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- **Endoscopic Index of Disease Severity in Crohn's and Ulcerative Colitis** *GASTROENTEROLOGY*
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- **Detection of pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma in mice by ultrasound imaging of thymocyte differentiation antigen 1.** *Gastroenterology*
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PRESENTATIONS

- Barrett's Esophagus Biology & Treatment - Stanford Medical Grand Rounds (10/2010)
- Tadpoles, Salamanders, and Human Adenocarcinomas - GI Grand Rounds (10/2011)
- Symposium in honor of Dr. Qais Al-Awqati - College of Physician's & Surgeons (3/7/2012)
- AGR2 and Pancreatic Cancer - Univ. of California, San Francisco (2/2013)
- Research Conference - Stanford Division of Gastroenterology & Hepatology (3/2014)
- Regulating EGFR Signaling Within the Secretory Pathway - Department of Molecular Pharmacology, Albert Einstein College of Medicine (4/2015)