

Cedars-Sinai Names 'Phase ONE Foundation' Chair

Internationally renowned cancer researcher Dr. Steven Piantadosi was named the inaugural "Phase ONE Foundation" endowed chair at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center on February 6.

The Phase ONE Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting Phase I clinical research and treatment programs for patients with cancer, and the gift will fund Piantadosi's directorship, as well as cancer research at Cedars-Sinai.

Piantadosi was named director of Cedars-Sinai's Samuel Oschin Comprehensive Cancer Institute in 2007. His role is to lead the medical center's programs in cancer research, treatment and education, as well as lead new initiatives that unite Cedars-Sinai's physicians and researchers from different specialties for innovative clinical and scientific collaborations. The Phase ONE Foundation Endowed Chair will fund the efforts.

Prior to joining Cedars-Sinai,

Piantadosi was professor of oncology at The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, and director of biostatistics at the Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins. He was also professor of biostatistics and professor of epidemiology at the university's Bloomberg School of Public Health. A prolific researcher, he is the author of the textbook "Clinical Trials: A Methodologic Perspective", which is widely considered a classic text for designing cancer clinical trials. He has also published more than 230 peer-reviewed scientific articles.

The Samuel Oschin Comprehensive Cancer Institute at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center focuses on combining high-quality patient-centered care with pioneering cancer research. The institute recently opened a Gamma Knife Center, which offers a non-invasive alternative for many brain cancer patients for whom traditional brain

surgery is not an option. Among the centers that are part of the Samuel Oschin Comprehensive Cancer Institute are the Cedars-Sinai Outpatient Cancer Center, Women's Cancer Research Institute, Saul & Joyce Brandman Breast Center and Louis Warschaw Prostate Cancer Center. For more information, visit the website at www.cedars-sinai.edu.



Dr. Steven Piantadosi