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therapeutic, and palliative interventions, including the use of image-guided procedures, endoscopy, minimally invasive surgery, and robotic surgery.

Lung Cancer Early-Detection and Prevention Clinic

One of the targeted goals for SCCA is Prevention. The Seattle Cancer Care Alliance/UW Medicine Lung Cancer Early– Detection and Prevention Clinic (LCEDPC) consists of subspecialty providers trained in pulmonary medicine, thoracic surgery, thoracic radiology, and medical oncology. This clinic sees patients at-risk for or concerned about lung cancer, those with suspected or confirmed lung cancer, and patients with lung nodules and/or thoracic adenopathy. The team provides the full spectrum of image-guided, bronchoscopic, and surgical diagnostic procedures, lung cancer screening and nodule surveillance, and smoking cessation interventions.

Just prior to these clinic appointments, the team of pulmonologists, thoracic surgeons, radiologists, and oncologists review all the cases of the day and formulate a multidisciplinary plan. Individuals and patients seen at the LCEDPC are eligible to enroll in an observational lung biorepository that collects



plasma and tissue specimens as well as annotated clinical data.

SCCA's infographic educating why older smokers should consider an annual screening exam for lung cancer.

New Faculty

Dr. Gary M. Fudem joins the Department as Professor and Associate Director of the the Burn Center, located at Harborview Medical Center (HMC). He is also an attending plastic surgeon at VA Puget Sound Health Care System. He is a professor of surgery with a specialty in plastic surgery and burns. Special interests and expertise include reconstruction after burns and skin cancer.



Prior to coming here, Dr. Fudem worked for 26 years as an attending surgeon at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center. There he served several roles over the years including director of the burn unit, co-director of the Cleft Lip and Palate Center and plastic surgery consultant to the breast cancer and skin cancer services. He also worked on the active staff of Martha's Vineyard Community Hospital where he had a very large skin cancer practice.

Dr. Fudem received his bachelor's degree in Latin American studies from Stanford University and his medical degree from Case Western Reserve University. He completed a year of microsurgery and transplantation research at University of California-Irvine working on an NIH grant. His animal research done in 1985 is presently the only study showing bone growth of somatic tissue allografts.

Dr. Fudem went through general surgery training at the University Hospitals of Cleveland and plastic surgery training at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center.

Dr. Fudem is very interested in medical ethics and has been on multiple ethics panels, participated in medical student ethics courses and has volunteered on several hospital, regional and national ethics committees.

Over the past 30 years, he has volunteered on more than 50 overseas missions to teach and collaborate with local physicians in less developed countries.

He is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and is board certified in plastic surgery with a certificate of added qualification in hand surgery. After 9/11, he was elected "Local Hero of Chilmark" by the US Postal Service, has received "The Felix Cataldo Humanitarian in Medicine Award" at the University of Massachusetts and the "Good Samaritan of the Year Award" by Good Samaritan International based in Seattle, Washington. He has been named one of US News and World Report's "Top Doctors" and voted as one of the "Best Doctors in America" by physician peers.