



OSF HealthCare Cancer Institute welcomes oncology research leader

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(Sept. 8, 2025 | PEORIA, Illinois) – Jun Zhang, MD, PhD, has accepted the position of vice president, Oncology Research for OSF HealthCare Cancer Institute.

Dr. Zhang will oversee all oncology clinical research and supporting infrastructure at the OSF Cancer Institute, ensuring adherence to standard operating procedures, good clinical practice, financial stewardship and regulatory compliance. Additionally, Dr. Zhang will continue the development of the OSF Breakthrough Treatment Center (clinical trial program).

A nationally recognized leader in the research and treatment of lung cancer, Dr. Zhang has extensive expertise in bench-to-bedside translation and the development of investigator-initiated clinical trials. He has authored over 100 publications, including articles in journals such as Clinical Cancer Research, Journal of Thoracic Oncology, JAMA Oncology, and New England Journal of Medicine. Dr. Zhang is a member of many prestigious organizations, including American Association for Cancer Research, American Society of Clinical Oncology, European Society for Medical Oncology, International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer and Sigma Xi.

Most recently, Dr. Zhang served as director of Medical Oncology Clinical Research services at the University of Kansas Medical Center. He was also associate director of the early phase program medical oncology program and co-director of the lung cancer program. Dr. Zhang achieved the rank of professor on the Clinical Scholar Track at Kansas University School of Medicine, reflecting his experience and academic excellence in both clinical medical oncology and biological laboratory research.

Dr. Zhang earned his doctorate in Clinical Medicine from Hunan Medical University and his PhD in Cellular Biology and Anatomy from Louisiana State University Health Science Center. He then completed his PhD post-doctoral fellowships at Dana Farber Cancer Institute at Harvard University and University of California San Francisco. Additionally, Dr. Zhang completed his clinical medical oncology fellowship at Emory University.

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OSF HealthCare is an integrated health system founded by The Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis. Headquartered in Peoria, Illinois, OSF HealthCare has 17 hospitals – 11 acute care, five critical access, one continuing care – with 2,305 licensed beds throughout Illinois and Michigan. OSF employs more than 26,000 Mission Partners across 160+ locations and includes OSF OnCall, the digital health operating entity which offers a hospital-at-home. Advances in health care transformation take place through OSF Innovation and OSF Children's Hospital of Illinois, the third largest pediatric hospital in Illinois, cares for our smallest patients. In addition, OSF has two colleges of nursing; operates OSF Home Care Services, an extensive network of home health and hospice services; owns Pointcore, Inc., comprised of health care-related businesses; OSF HealthCare Foundation, the philanthropic arm for the organization; and OSF Ventures, which provides investment capital for promising health care innovation startups. OSF HealthCare has been recognized by Fortune as one of the most innovative companies in the country. More at osfhealthcare.org.