

# Giving Back to Patients



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Dr. Chainarong Limvarapuss, known as Dr. Lim in his Vacaville and Vallejo offices, believes oncology is one of the most rewarding medical fields.

“I meet people at their best, worst, happiest and most terrified,” Lim said. “My team and I have the privilege of walking with them on that journey and providing comfort.”

Lim, who works locally at the Cancer Treatment Center of Vacaville, believes everyone should feel a personal connection to cancer because it comes from food, environment and within our own bodies – cancer knows no gender, economic or ethnic boundaries.

“Oncology allows me to be on the front line of fighting cancer by treating people, helping the community and furthering the field with clinical trials,” Lim said.

In addition to his work in the medical field, Lim will also serve as honorary chair of the American Cancer

Society of Solano County’s third annual fundraising gala, *Take Me Out to the Ball*.

Lim accepted the role as honorary chair because he believes the American Cancer Society of Solano County is vital to teaching people with cancer, their loved ones and caregivers how to cope and survive. From access to financial resources and emotional support to a network of volunteers who provide transportation for patients to medical appointments, Lim has seen the many types of support the group provides.

As a global grassroots force of more than three million volunteers, the American Cancer Society fights for every birthday threatened by every cancer in every community. The organization helps people during and after a cancer diagnosis, invests in groundbreaking research and rallies lawmakers and communities worldwide to join the fight. The group is the nation’s largest non-governmental investor in cancer research, contributing about \$3.4 billion. As a result, more than 11 million people in America who have had cancer and countless more who have avoided it will be celebrating birthdays this year.

“When one of my patients needs assistance, I know the American Cancer Society will either have a direct way to support them or will know someone who can,” Lim said.

Lim is also a financial contributor to the American Cancer Society of Solano County and a gala sponsor. He donates because he recognizes that his patients are the reason he can afford to give back. He also wants to honor the people who assist his patients each day with medical care: nurses, medical assistants, billers, administrators, hospital staff, hospice care workers, home nurses, social workers, local physicians and more.

“I could not do my work without the loyal support of a fantastic team,” Lim said. “Countless people in my office, the local hospitals and the community work every day to care for people with cancer with dignity, determination and love.”

The American Cancer Society of Solano County’s sports-themed gala will take place October 15 at C.C.

Yin Ranch in Vacaville and will include dinner and live and silent auctions. Tickets are \$125. For tickets, contact [abby.neil@cancer.org](mailto:abby.neil@cancer.org). ■

