

Researchers: Drug combo holds promise against breast cancer

A new, two-drug combination used by Oakland University researchers shows promise as a chemotherapeutic agent to manage breast cancer.

Rochester-area residents helped outline the potential for the combined use of veteran drug Cisplatin and promising new-cancer Taxol, in a paper published Aug. 15 in the prestigious journal "Biochemical Biophysical Research Communications."

The OU research team includes three OU students working with senior professors. Their paper was entitled "Taxol and Cisplatin Proliferation of T47D Human Breast Cancer Cells."

Researchers are examining the mechanisms that control hormone-dependent breast cancer and are using cultured human breast cancer cells in their lab experiments.

They have combined the two anti-tumor drugs Cisplatin and Taxol for the first time and found that they are potentially useful chemotherapeutic agents for the management of breast cancer. The drugs disrupt cell division and thus inhibit the spread of cancer cells.

Authors of the paper include graduate student Sandhya Kodali of Rochester Hills, undergraduates Michael Burdette of Grayling and Kausik Nag of Rochester, and chemistry professor R. Craig Taylor of Oxford.

The work is being performed in the lab of Virinder K. Moudgil, professor and chairman of the Department of Biological Sciences. Moudgil directs this and other special projects on steroid hormone action under a five-year grant from the National Institutes of Health and through funding from the Research Excellence Fund of the OU Institute for Biotechnology and Biotechnology.

Moudgil notes that breast cancer is the most common cancer among women and that nearly 5,000 women died from the disease last year. Basic research in genetics and biochemistry of breast cancer is a promising means of understanding and attacking the disease, Moudgil says. The biologist is a resident of Rochester Hills.

DOROTHY HELEN NEITZEL
Mrs. Neitzel, 79, of Farmington died Aug. 14.

Born in Detroit, Mrs. Neitzel was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Burdette; son, Charles; a daughter, Barbara VanVick.

Services were at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

Arrangements were made by the Harry J. Will Trust Funeral Home, Livonia.

AUGUST KOTAJARVI JR.
Mr. Kotajarvi, 85, of Munising died Aug. 24 in Superior Health Haven in Munising.

Born in Laurium, Mich., Mr. Kotajarvi was a mechanic in the automotive industry.

Survivors include his daughter, Virginia Wilson and Rita Hazard; brothers, Edwin and Emil; sisters, Irene Alita and Alma Kest; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were Aug. 29 at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home with the Rev. Roland Troike of

Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Southfield officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

NORMAN F. RINGE
Mr. Ringe, 83, of Farmington died Aug. 27.

Born in Detroit, Mr. Ringe worked 45 years for Michigan Bell Telephone, 25 years as a supervisor. He enjoyed woodworking and bowling. He was a member of Michigan Bell Pioneers Club.

Survivors include his wife, Gladys; sons, Laurence and Stephen; daughter, Marion; four grandchildren.

Services were at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. John Maki of Salem United Church of Christ officiating. Burial was in Acacia Park Cemetery, Birmingham.

Memorials may be made to A.L.S. (Lou Gehrig's disease).

JAMES E. BAYNES
Mr. Baynes, 94, of Farmington Hills died Aug. 27 in Providence Hospital, Southfield.

Born in Buffalo, N.Y., Mr. Baynes worked for the Michigan

State Highway Department. He was a retired chief engineer for Oakland County Road Commission. After 17 years in that position, he was a registered land surveyor and registered professional civil engineer.

Mr. Baynes was past master of the Birmingham Lodge 44 F & A.M. Scottish Rite in Detroit. Michigan State Alumni Association East Lansing and Birmingham Senior Men's Club.

Survivors include his sister, Agnes Larson; brother, Carl; friend, Ada Goers; many nieces and nephews.

Services were Aug. 30 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. John Maki of Salem United Church of Christ officiating. Burial was in Acacia Park Cemetery, Birmingham.

ANTON (TONY) HIMMELSPACH
Mr. Himmelspace, 76, of Wixom, formerly of Farmington, died Aug. 28.

Born in Detroit, Mr. Himmelspace was the former manager of Himmelspace Restaurant/Dairy of Farmington until 1968. He was a 1937 graduate of Farmington High School.

Survivors include his sons, Jo-

seph, Anthony, Edward and Christopher; daughter, Susan Mlakso; sisters, Theresa Smith, Lee Warner and Mary Wickham; 11 grandchildren.

Services were at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Tony Himmelspace officiating. Burial was in Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Southeast Michigan.

LILLIAN J. FOSTER
Mrs. Foster, 94, of Farmington Hills died Aug. 27. She was a longtime resident of Baptist Manor in Farmington Hills.

Mrs. Foster was born in Ohio to Henry F. and Lillie C. Brigham. Her parents trace their families to the Revolutionary War. She was a member of Sarah Cochran Daughters of the American Revolution.

Survivors include her daughter, Dorothy Tilney; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A memorial service was held in St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Northville with the Rev. Lawrence A. Kline officiating. Burial was in Rural Hill Cemetery, Northville.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Northville.

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