# Researchers: Drug combo holds promise against breast cancer

A new, two-drug combination used by Oakland University re-searchers shows promise as a che-motherspeutic agent to manage breast cancer.

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Rochester-area residents belped outlined the potential for the combined use of veteran drug Cisplatin and promising new-comer Taxol, a pacific yew plant extract, in a paper published Aug. 15 in the prestigious journal "Biochemical Biophysical Research Communications."

The 0U research team includes three OU students working with senting breast and the professors. Their paper was entitled "Taxol and Cisplatin Proliferation of T47D Human Breast Cancer Cella."

Researchers are examining the mechanisms that control hormone-dependent obreast cancer and are using cultured human breast cancer cella 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 chemotherspeutic 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, undergradu-ates Michael Burkley of Grayling and Kaushik Nag of Rochester, and chemistry professor R. Craig Taylor of Oxford.

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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 apecial projects on steroid bornone 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 Biochemistry and Biotechnology. Moudgil notes that breast carrier 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 MEITZEL Mrs. Neitzel, 79, of Farmington died Aug. 14. Born in Detroit, Mrs. Neitzel

Born in Detroit, Mrs. Neitzel was a homemaker. Survivors include her husband, Burdette; son, Charles; a daugh-ter, Barbara VanVieck. Services were at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livo-nia. Burial was in Glen Edon

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

#### AUGUST MOTALARYI IR.

Mr. Kotajavi, 85, of Munising died Aug. 24 in Superior Health Haven in Munising. Born in Laurium, Mich., Mr. Kotajavi was a mechanic in the automotive industry.

Survivors include his daugh ters, Virginia Wilson and Rita Haznari; brothers, Edwin and Emil salesta. Irona Alita and

Emil; sisters, Irene Aitta and Alma Kesti; four grandchildren

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

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

#### HORMAN F. RINGE

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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, Clad
yi; sons, Laurence and Stephen;
daughter, Marion; four grandchildren.

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Services were at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. James C. Braid of Millford United Methodist Church officiating. Memorials may be made to A.L.S. (Lou Gehrig's disease).

#### JAMES B. 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 & AM, Scottish Rite in Detroit, Michigan State Alumni Association East Lansing and Birmingham Sonior Men's Club.

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

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friend, Ada Goers, many nicces 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, Birming-ham.

## ANTON (TONY) HIMMELSPACH

Mr. Himmelspach, 76, of Wixom, formerly of Farmington, died Aug. 28. Born in Detroit, Mr. Himmel-

Bora in Detroit, Mr. Himmel-spach was the former manager of Himmelspach 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 Mlasko; sisters, Thereas Smith, Lee Warner and Mary Wickham; 11 grandchildren. Services were at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Tony Himmelspach officiating, Burial was in Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Southeast Michigan.

#### LILLIAN J. FOSTER

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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
he Revolutionary War. She was a
member of Sarah Cochran Daughters of the American Revolution.
Survivors include her daughter,
Dorothly Tilney, two grandchild.
An memorial service was held in
St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran
Church in Northville with the
Rev. Lawrence A. Kinne officiating Burish was in Rural Hill
Cemetery, Northville.
Memorials may be made to St.
Paul's Evangelical Lutheran
Church, Northville.

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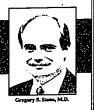
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