

# Caring for Carcinoid Foundation

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## New Scientific Advisors

The Caring for Carcinoid Foundation is delighted to announce that two esteemed scientists have joined our Board of Scientific Advisors.

We are in the process of expanding our Board of Scientific Advisors for three reasons:

- To deepen our understanding of the genetics and molecular pathways of carcinoid
- To expand our links to leading scientists at the highest-ranked universities and institutes
- To challenge our thinking and ensure that we are pursuing the fastest path to curing carcinoid

Our Board of Scientific Advisors comprises highly distinguished medical leaders who share a commitment to discovering a cure for carcinoid. These scientists provide critical guidance to the Caring for Carcinoid Foundation and help us achieve our [Research Road Map](#). All members of the Board of Scientific Advisors are:

- Pioneers in medical research
- Published authors in the top peer-reviewed medical journals
- Leaders of collaborative research projects at the highest-ranked universities and institutes

The Caring for Carcinoid Foundation is honored to announce that Dr. Anil Rustgi and Dr. Andrew Leiter have joined our Board of Scientific Advisors. We are grateful for their dedication to helping us discover a cure for carcinoid.

## Anil Rustgi, M.D.

### Titles

- T. Grier Miller Professor of Medicine and Genetics, University of Pennsylvania
- Chief, Gastroenterology Division, University of Pennsylvania
- Director, Center for Molecular Studies in Digestive and Liver Disease, University of Pennsylvania
- Co-Director, Tumor Biology Program, Abramson Cancer Center

### Education

- B.S. - Yale University, *summa cum laude*
- M.D. - Duke University Medical School
- Internship - Beth Israel Hospital, Harvard Medical School
- Residency - Beth Israel Hospital, Harvard Medical School
- Fellowship - Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard Medical School

## Accomplishments

A brief overview of Dr. Rustgi's accomplishments, according to the University of Pennsylvania:

"Digestive research has been an important focus historically at the University of Pennsylvania. ... Since its formation in 1926, prominent Chiefs have led the GI Division. ... Dr. Rustgi [Chief since 1998] has expanded the GI division in all arenas of research, teaching and education, and clinical care, and brought it to national preeminence.

The GI Division's research programs are nationally renowned, and multidisciplinary and multidepartmental in focus. Based upon a rich history of research in GI motility and physiology under Drs. Brooks and Cohen, the molecular medicine era was initiated by Dr. Traber and further expanded upon by Dr. Rustgi, especially in developmental biology, cancer biology, cell cycle regulation, immunobiology and organ specific biology (e.g., liver, IBD). In addition, Dr. Rustgi has brought in the era of translational research and epidemiology research to the GI Division."

[View Dr. Rustgi's bio and lab](#)

## Andrew Leiter, M.D., Ph.D.

### Titles

- Professor of Medicine, Tufts University
- Director, Molecular Biology Core, GRASP Digestive Disease Center
- Associate Director, GRASP Digestive Disease Center

### Education

- B.A. - University of Pennsylvania, *Phi Beta Kappa* and *cum laude*
- M.D. - Case Western Reserve University
- Ph.D. - Case Western Reserve University
- Internship - Boston University Medical Center
- Residency - Boston University Medical Center
- Fellowship - New England Medical Center

## Accomplishments

A brief overview of Dr. Leiter's accomplishments, according to Tufts University:

"Dr. Leiter is an internationally recognized authority on how gastrointestinal endocrine cells differentiate. Dr. Leiter's research is supported by several grants from the National Institutes of Health and focuses on how activation of specific genes in the GI tract is important for cell fate determination. Dr. Leiter's group studies the mechanisms of how gene transcription is regulated in the gastrointestinal tract, the origin and differentiation of GI endocrine cells. Dr. Leiter has been invited to present his work at numerous national and international meetings and is regarded as one of the leading scientists in his field."

[View Dr. Leiter's bio and lab](#)

## **Donations**

Thank you for all the generous support from our donors and Friends of the Foundation!

In 2006, we will award new research grants to leading carcinoid scientists. 100% of all donations will fund these research grants. Quite simply--the more money we raise, the more research grants we will award. We depend on your generosity to achieve our mission of discovering a cure for carcinoid.

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