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**Debbie's Dream Foundation to host  
FREE Dallas Stomach Cancer Education Symposium &  
Webinar Featuring Distinguished Line-Up of Medical Professionals**

*Patients, families and caregivers will have a FREE opportunity to learn about gastric cancer  
from top oncology and healthcare experts*

**Dallas, Texas – (October 24, 2017)** – Debbie's Dream Foundation: Curing Stomach Cancer (DDF) will hold its Dallas Stomach Cancer Education Symposium and Webinar featuring a panel of leading oncologists and healthcare experts on Saturday, November 4, 2017. The symposium, supported in part by Title Sponsor, Lilly Oncology, will be live translated to Spanish and is designed for patients, families, caregivers, and healthcare professionals. Attendees in person and on the live webcast will hear about best practices and the most current cutting-edge gastric cancer treatments including surgical treatment options, non-surgical treatment options, radiation oncology, clinical trials, nutrition, immunotherapy, targeted therapies, and more.

The panel of distinguished medical professionals includes:

- Dr. Jaffer Ajani, Professor of Cancer Medicine at MD Anderson Cancer Center
- Dr. Muslim Atiq, Gastroenterologist at Sanford Health, Sioux Falls, ID
- Dr. Scott Celinski, Surgical Oncologist at Baylor University Hospital
- Dr. Michael Choti, Professor of Surgery at University of Texas Southwestern
- Shelli Hardy, Clinical Dietician at University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
- Dr. Syed Mohammad Ali Kazmi, Assistant Professor at University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
- Dr. Jeffrey Meyer, Associate Professor at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine
- Dr. Matthew Porembka, Surgical Oncologist at University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
- Dr. Aravind Sanjeevaiah, Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine at University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

“The Dallas Stomach Cancer Education Symposium is an excellent opportunity for patients and caregivers to hear multidisciplinary experts speak on topics that are important for patients across the continuum of care,” said Dr. Jaffer Ajani. “This format helps educate the audience to be more informed consumers of healthcare as well as advocates for their own care,” said Dr. Michael Choti. Both doctors serve on DDF’s Scientific and Medical Advisory Board and have led the initiative to bring this event to Dallas and its surrounding communities.

Lectures will be available on the Debbie’s Dream Foundation website at <http://www.DebbiesDream.org/portal/lecture-library>. For more information or to register for the event, visit <http://www.debbiesdream.org/portal/dallas-symposium>.

**About Debbie’s Dream Foundation: Curing Stomach Cancer**

Debbie’s Dream Foundation: Curing Stomach Cancer (DDF) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization  
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dedicated to raising awareness about stomach cancer, advancing funding for research, and providing education and support internationally to patients, families, and caregivers. Debbie's Dream Foundation seeks as its ultimate goal to make the cure for stomach cancer a reality.

DDF was founded in 2009 by Debbie Zelman after she was diagnosed with stage IV incurable gastric cancer in 2008 and given only weeks to live. DDF now has a Scientific and Medical Advisory Board of world renowned doctors and chapters throughout the United States and in Canada and Germany. Considered a "Super Survivor," Debbie is still receiving chemotherapy almost 9 ½ years later and is thrilled to be able to watch her three children grow up. To learn more about DDF, please visit us at [www.DebbiesDream.org](http://www.DebbiesDream.org).



**Photo One:** Past DDF Symposium Participants

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