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Plenary Lectures Announced for
the San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium®
Ingrid Mayer, MD and Nicholas Navin, PhD will present

SAN ANTONIO — Advances in neoadjuvant endocrine therapy and cancer cell evolution will be presented as the plenary lectures at the 2018 San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium® (SABCS®), Dec. 4-8.

Ingrid Mayer, MD, MCSI of Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center in Nashville, Tennessee will present “Neoadjuvant Endocrine Therapy: The Times They Are A-Changing.” Nicholas E. Navin, PhD of the UT MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, will present “Breast Tumor Evolution and Intratumor Heterogeneity — Insights from Single Cell Genomics.”

“We offer these plenary lectures and speakers to ensure our attendees each year have an opportunity to hear presentations on topics of pressing interest,” said SABCS Co-Director, Virginia Kaklamani, MD, professor of medicine, Division of Hematology/Oncology, UT Health San Antonio.

Mayer’s presentation will focus on the latest research surrounding endocrine therapy and effectiveness when compared with neoadjuvant chemotherapy. Her research focuses on targeted therapies in breast cancer; biomarker prediction of treatment response; and identifying and overcoming endocrine therapy resistance in certain cancers.

Navin’s presentation will focus on single-cell sequencing methods to help understand breast cancer evolution and how that understanding applies to early-stage and more invasive cancers. He will also speak of his work on the Human Breast Cell Atlas. Navin’s research focuses on the genomic evolution of cancer cells and developing new methods of sequencing.

About SABCS®
Since 1977 the San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium® (SABCS®) has been the leading scientific conference for basic scientists, physician-scientists, clinical investigators and breast care providers, and advocates seeking an exchange of new information in experimental biology, etiology, prevention, diagnosis, and therapy of premalignant breast disease and breast cancer. Founded, owned and operated by UT Health San Antonio, the symposium has grown to a five-day event attended by an international audience of academic investigators and private physicians from over 80 countries to attain information through abstract presentations, panel discussions, research findings and state-of-the-art educational sessions. UT Health San Antonio — Mays Cancer Center, with co-sponsors, Baylor College of Medicine — Dan L Duncan Comprehensive Cancer Center, and the American Association of Cancer Research, support SABCS®, which provides education and accessibility to the latest information regarding the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of premalignant breast cancer and breast disease.

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