

The 22nd Annual Allen and Lee-Hwa Chao Lectureship in Cancer Research in Honor of H.H. Chao



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Karen E. Knudsen, MBA, PhD, is the chief executive officer of the American Cancer Society (ACS) and its advocacy affiliate, the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN). Prior to joining ACS, Dr. Knudsen served as executive vice president of Oncology Services and enterprise director for Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson Health, one of only 71 National Cancer Institute-designated cancer centers recognized for their research and impact on cancer outcomes. While at Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson Health, Dr. Knudsen experienced firsthand how ACS improves the lives of cancer patients and their families through discovery, advocacy, and patient support.

As a National Cancer Institute-funded researcher, Dr. Knudsen understands the critical role government plays in saving lives from cancer. She also served as president for the Association of American Cancer Institutes (AACI), which is an important voice in advocating for funding for cancer research and access to care, including patient access to research innovations. Dr. Knudsen currently holds leadership roles with some of the most important cancer entities in the nation. She serves on the board of advisors for the National Cancer Institute and on 12 external advisory boards for NCI designated cancer centers. She is an active member of several committees with the American Society for Clinical Oncology (ASCO), in addition to serving on other academic and for-profit advisory boards. She previously served as president of the Association of American Cancer Institutes (AACI), representing the 102 leading cancer centers in North America, and on the board of directors of the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR).

Community Lecture

"Leveraging discovery, advocacy, and patient support to improve lives"

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

6 p.m. PST

Arnold & Mabel Beckman Center of the
National Academies of Sciences & Engineering
University of California, Irvine
100 Academy Way, Irvine, CA 92617
RSVP by February 28, 2022 at [https://chaolecture2022-
community.eventbrite.com](https://chaolecture2022-community.eventbrite.com)

Scientific Lecture

"Novel strategies for targeting advanced prostate cancer"

Thursday, March 10, 2022

10 a.m. PST

Thorp Conference Center
Sue & Bill Gross Hall: A CIRM Institute 4th Floor
845 Health Sciences Road, Irvine, CA 92697
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scientific.eventbrite.com](https://chaolecture2022-scientific.eventbrite.com)

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