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Portland oncologist named OMA's Doctor-Citizen of the Year

Portland – (Monday, April 25) Charles R. Thomas, Jr., MD, is the Oregon Medical Association's Doctor-Citizen of the Year.

The annual award acknowledges a physician who has made outstanding contributions to the community and the practice of medicine, as well as to health policy in Oregon.

Dr. Thomas is trained in both medical oncology and radiation oncology, and joined the OHSU faculty in 2005 as professor and chairman of the Department of Radiation Medicine. Under his leadership, OHSU has created strong ties to small community clinics in all corners of the state, helping cancer patients in rural areas receive high-quality care. He also is an outstanding mentor to students and fellow faculty members, and is committed to advancing minority students' educational opportunities.

"Dr. Thomas walked into a radiation oncology private practice at OHSU and turned it into a premier academic department" with an international reputation, says colleague Timur Mitin, MD, PhD, assistant professor of radiation medicine OHSU. "His daily motto is 'We are here to serve the people, whatever it takes'," Dr. Mitin says.

Dr. Thomas received his medical degree from the University of Illinois, School of Medicine. His two residencies were at Rush University for medical oncology and at the University of Washington for radiation oncology. He is double board certified. He is a member of several professional organizations and has authored over 230 papers, numerous chapters and textbooks.

The OMA is an organization of over 8,000 physicians, physician assistants, medical and PA students organized to serve and support physicians in their efforts to improve the health of Oregonians. Additional information can be found at www.theOMA.org.

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