

Dr. Charles Wood



Dr. Charles Wood is Cancer Crusader Professor of the Department of Interdisciplinary Oncology at the LSUHSC, and Associate Director of Basic Research at the LSU Cancer Center. His significant academic and administrative experience includes serving as the director of a research center, as the principal investigator (PI) and Co-PI of several active multi-center and multi-national collaborative projects, serving as PI of two Fogarty International training programs on HIV, and a virology T32 training program. He joined LSUHSC from the University of Nebraska, where he held the University Professorship, and was founding director of the Nebraska Center for Virology in 2000, a COBRE supported center that spans the entire University of Nebraska system forming the first research network throughout the state. While with Abbott Laboratories in the early 1980s, he was a member of the team that developed

the world's first Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) antibody test and was the first to clone an HIV recombinant protein to be used in western blot for HIV confirmatory assay.

Dr. Wood leads research collaborations and exchanges between different partners in Africa and the LSUSHC. Dr. Wood began his research on HIV/AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa more than 28 years ago in Zambia. These research programs have been expanded to Tanzania with support from the National Institute of Health. He currently directs an active NIH-funded research team studying HIV and Kaposi sarcoma, and KS associated human herpesvirus. He is deeply committed to the training and development of the next generation of undergraduate and graduate students, and researchers. He also served as Director of two NIH Fogarty International Training and Research Programs, with a focus on HIV research and training of the next generation of graduate students and post-graduate researchers in Zambia, and more recently in Tanzania. He has published over 240 manuscripts, and served on numerous grant review panels.

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