

The People Behind CancerQuest

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CancerQuest is the result of the hard work of **many** people.

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Dr. Orloff earned his B.S. in Microbiology at the Pennsylvania State University in 1983 and his PhD in Microbiology and Immunology from Emory University in 1990. He has been a faculty member in the Biology Department since 1993 and the Department of Hematology and Medical Oncology since 2007. He has taught numerous undergraduate courses, including Introductory Biology, Cell Biology, Genetics and Cancer Biology.

His work on CancerQuest began in 1998 in response to his wife's experience with breast cancer. He directed the project until his retirement from Emory in 2023.

Support for CancerQuest

[Emory University](#) has provided both financial and technical support for CancerQuest in many ways since its inception in 1998.

In particular, the [Emory Center for Digital Scholarship](#) has provided both technical and financial support for the website for a number of years.

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Technical Team (Web Design, Graphics, Videography, Programming)

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Translations

CancerQuest content is currently available in English and Spanish. Revisions of the Simplified and Traditional Mandarin versions are underway. The translations have been made possible by the efforts of many students, faculty members and other volunteers.

Spanish Translation

The initial Spanish translation was made possible by the dedication and selfless efforts of Lily Liu and Dr. Sandra Berrios-Torres.

2014-present: Our relationship with [ITESM](#) has expanded and [Dr. Ashutosh Sharma](#) has helped spearhead the development of a cancer education and outreach program at the Querétaro campus. The student-led group (CancerComm) works to promote cancer awareness and support cancer patients in the area around the campus. They also continue to work with CancerQuest to translate content and generate original content in Spanish.

2012-2013: We were fortunate enough to garner the continued support for the project at [ITESM](#). Two faculty members coordinated the effort:

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2010-2011: CancerQuest underwent a major revision, and updates were performed by student volunteers from the [Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey \(ITESM\)](#). The translation/revision project was overseen by Elizabeth Valencia Reyes. We are indebted to Elizabeth for her time, effort and kindness in all aspects of the collaboration.

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The Simplified and Traditional Mandarin Chinese versions of CancerQuest are the result of a **HUGE amount of work** of by students, faculty and volunteers at Emory and at our partner institutions in Taiwan and China.

[Logo of the China Medical University in Taichung, Taiwan](#)

China Medical University Team (currently under re-development)

The Traditional Mandarin translation has been made possible by a collaboration with the [China Medical University](#) in Taichung, Taiwan. Initial work on the translation was performed at Emory by CMU student interns and the remainder has been done by Medical Technology students at CMU. The project has been overseen by Dr. Cheng-Wen Lin and Dr. Meng-Liang Lin. The daily translations are coordinated by student volunteers enrolled at the university.

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