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JONATHAN D. LICHT, MD, has served since late 2015, as the director of the University of Florida Health Cancer Center, holding the Marshall E. Rinker, Sr. Foundation and David B. and Leighan R. Rinker Chair. Previously, Dr. Licht was professor and chief of hematology/oncology at Northwestern University and earlier in his career was professor and chief of hematology/oncology at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine. A graduate of Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, Dr. Licht completed his internal medicine residency and medical oncology fellowship at Harvard Medical School and the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

Dr. Licht's laboratory has studied aberrant gene regulation as a cause of blood cancers and is developing treatment strategies to reverse abnormal, cancer-causing gene functions. In addition to serving the principal investigator of 2 NCl-funded R01 grants, Dr. Licht is funded by the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation and two State of Florida Bankhead Colley grants. For over a decade he led a Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Specialized Center of Research grant project. Dr. Licht serves as co-director of the Chicago Area Physical Sciences-Oncology Center and as PI of one of its projects. He has trained dozens of graduate students and postdoctoral fellows who have gone onto positions in academia and industry and has recruited and mentored numerous clinical and basic research faculty members.

Dr. Licht's cancer career spans nearly three decades and his research program is distinguished by almost 30 years of continuous NIH and national foundation funding. He serves as chief scientific officer of the Samuel Waxman Cancer Research Foundation, is an associate editor of Oncogene and has served on the editorial boards of Cancer Cell, Blood, Leukemia, Clinical Cancer Research and Cancer Research. Dr. Licht sits on the Medical/Scientific Board of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, is the chair of the Taskforce on Hematological Malignancies of the American Association for Cancer Research and is chair of the Mechanisms of Cancer Therapeutics-I Study Section of the NIH. He has published nearly 200 original articles, reviews and book chapters, and his work has been cited more than 15,000 times.