

Join Us for a Celebration of the Japan-Texas Medical Center Connection

Honoring the Legacy of Dr. Noriaki “Nori” Aoki: Fifteen Years of Binational Research, Education, and Service

Associate Professor, The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth) School of Biomedical Informatics (SBMI)

First Schull Institute Scholar

Founder, Center for Health Service, Outcomes Research, and Development - Japan (CHORD-J)

An Invitation from the Dr. Noriaki Aoki Benefit Host Committee

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Dr. Noriaki Aoki passed away earlier this year at the age of 47. Dr. Aoki—or, Nori, as he was affectionately known—was a faculty member of The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth) School of Biomedical Informatics (SBMI) for more than 11 years. A board-certified physician in internal and acute medicine in Japan, he completed his post-doctoral research in decision science and medical informatics at the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston; subsequently, he received an MS in informatics from SBMI in 2001, and joined its faculty one year later. Dr. Aoki was the first Schull Institute Scholar.

Dr. Aoki was a true leader in clinical informatics and decision support system research for emergency medicine. He established the Center for Health Outcomes Research and Development in Japan (CHORD-J) and served as an adjunct faculty member at several Japanese universities. Dr. Aoki’s seminal efforts resulted in major changes in prefecture-level community healthcare planning and emergency and trauma care in Japan. He was responsible for designing, developing, and operating a prefecture-wide emergency care information system, called e-MATCH, through which performance measures are continuously assessed in order to improve patient safety and quality of care in the ER.

The Dr. Noriaki Aoki Fund at SBMI will benefit outstanding graduate students by addressing a broad spectrum of needs, including scholarships, travel costs associated with conferences, practica in the U.S. and abroad, and national and international research projects—as well as other expenses associated with a student’s comprehensive educational experience.

BBQ Benefit to Establish *The Dr. Noriaki Aoki Fund* at SBMI

Date	Monday, April 7, 2014
Time	6-8:00 pm
Binational Program	6:45 pm
Sake Toasts	7:30pm
Silent Auction	6-7:30pm

Location	The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston 7000 Fannin at Pressler, 14 th Floor, Houston, TX 77030
Parking	The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, 7000 Fannin at Pressler
Food	Demeris Catering (BBQ and other delights)*
Cash Bar	

*Note that vegetarians will be able to choose from an ample selection of side dishes, including crudités, hummus, pita bread, and desserts!

RSVP by 3/31/14 Judy E. Young, SBMI Director of Development,
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Acknowledging that not all of Nori's friends and colleagues will be in Houston for this event, we'd like to ask that you participate in our fundraising initiative (sans BBQ) by sending your most generous contribution for **The Dr. Noriaki Aoki Fund** to: Judy E. Young, Director of Development, UTHealth School of Biomedical Informatics, 7000 Fannin Street, Suite 600, Houston, TX 77030; checks should be made out to UTHealth, with *Dr. Noriaki Aoki Fund* noted in the memo section. Judy can be contacted via e-mail at: judy.e.young@uth.tmc.edu; if you wish to make a larger pledge with multiple payments or if you'd like to make a contribution via credit card, call Judy at 713-500-3901 or 281-217-9904 (cell). It is our plan to formally announce the fund and honor Nori at SBMI's May 8th commencement ceremony; at that time, we'll update Mrs. Aoki on our success.