

***Biography for Dr. Ruben Mesa***  
***Executive Director, Mays Cancer Center at UT Health San Antonio MD Anderson***  
***Before the House Energy & Commerce Subcommittee on Health***  
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Dr. Ruben Mesa is the Executive Director of the Mays Cancer Center at UT Health San Antonio MD Anderson—an NCI-designated cancer center in San Antonio, Texas. Dr. Mesa is a hematologist oncologist and a leading research expert on a group of bone marrow disorders, called myeloproliferative neoplasms or MPNs, that often lead to leukemia.

Over his career, Dr. Mesa has been the principal investigator or co-principal investigator of more than 100 clinical trials, including research that has led to four FDA-approved cancer therapies since 2011. Dr. Mesa is also a vocal advocate of improving diversity in clinical trials and has shaped successful approaches to increasing diversity in trials offered at Mays Cancer Center.

Dr. Mesa serves on the National Board of Directors for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, whose mission is to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin’s disease, and myeloma and improve the quality of life of patients and their families. Dr. Mesa has also served in leadership roles within the American Society of Hematology (ASH), the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR), and the Association of American Cancer Institutions (AACI), and he was recently named to the NCI’s Clinical Trials and Translational Research Advisory Committee (CTAC).