Since 2000, The University of Alabama at Birmingham Center for Palliative and Supportive Care has confronted serious illness with compassion. The results have been extraordinary. Our comprehensive team helps patients and families achieve the best quality of life possible. We anticipate, prevent, and treat pain and other symptoms. We train physicians, nurses, and other caregivers who will provide care in the future and in other places. We discover new and better ways to support patients and families and to improve their quality of life.

Now in 2016, we aspire to lead the nation in this revolutionary care model, through research, outreach, and education. Recognizing our proven track record of innovation and an undeniable wealth of experience, we have raised the bar higher still by creating a prestigious home for research and education programs that advance new insights in response to patients’ and families’ needs: The Southeast Institute for Innovation in Palliative and Supportive Care.

We are also delighted to announce our Director Rodney O. Tucker, MD, MMM, FAAHPM, as the inaugural holder of the Christine S. Ritchie, MD, Endowed Chair in Palliative Care Leadership, the first endowed chair to be established in Palliative Care at UAB. To learn more about the Institute or the UAB Center for Palliative and Supportive Care, visit our web site at www.uab.edu/medicine/palliativecare.