



## UAB Researchers Find Key Colorectal Cancer Biomarkers

RESEARCHERS in the UAB Department of Pathology have discovered a set of four biomarkers that will help predict which patients are more likely to develop aggressive colorectal cancer. The findings, presented at the American Association of Cancer Research annual meeting, also shed light on the genetics that cause African Americans to have worse colorectal cancer-treatment outcomes than Caucasians.

## New Roles for Cancer Center Leaders

THE UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center has announced two leadership transitions among its senior cabinet and research programs:

James Bonner, M.D., has been named senior advisor to the director. He holds the Merle M. Salter Endowed Chair in Radiation Oncology and has chaired the Department of Radiation Oncology since joining the UAB faculty in 1998. Dr. Bonner also has served as co-leader of the Cancer Center's Experimental Therapeutics Program for the past decade.

Andres Forero, M.D., will now co-lead the Experimental Therapeutics Program with Christopher Klug, Ph.D. Dr. Forero also has directed the Cancer Center's Clinical Protocol and Data Management Shared Facility since 2000.

"The Cancer Center is fortunate to have the leadership and expertise of both Dr. Bonner and Dr. Forero," says Edward Partridge, M.D., Cancer Center director. "I look forward to working with both of them as we accomplish great things for the Cancer Center."

