Hello I'm doctor Roy Herbst, chief of Medical Oncology associate director for translational research here at the Yale Cancer Center. My specialty is thoracic malignancies, meaning I take care of lung cancer and I see people with all different types of lung cancer. I've been doing that for over 25 years. As a fellow I looked around and saw that lung cancer had very few advances in quite a few years. So at that point it seemed like a great opportunity to help patients do research.
and bring those new therapies to patients.

So I began a career in lung cancer, first in Boston, then for 13 years in Texas at the MD Anderson Cancer Center, where I led the Lung Cancer Group, and now I've been here at Yale for about 10 years. Working to lead the Department but focusing my clinical work on lung cancer, well encourage patients to come here for an opinion or to get treated, or both, and certainly what we need is we need to have all your records before you come, meaning your past medical history and a
prior diagnosis or treatment you’ve had for.

Lung cancer, including all the X Rays and the pathology, and more recently I’ve been very involved in immunotherapy. Here at Yale. We have a wonderful team trying to use immunotherapy to treat lung cancer, either alone or in combination. Looking at biomarkers, trying to understand how can we make it even better. I’m very proud that our program was one of the first to use immunotherapy in lung cancer, and we’re remaining on the cutting edge.
with new therapies and new clinical trials.
And it's just a pleasure to work here.
We have a spore.
A specialized program of research excellence in lung cancer where we have multiple investigators working together to find new therapies and new targets for this disease.
I have a wonderful job and so many things that make me excited.
I'm really proud of the way we take care of patients.
That’s the most important thing our patients come first and we give them the most compassionate
and innovative care possible.

But then I really enjoy leading the team and bringing a group together to motivate everyone to do better, to find better things in the lab. To find better drugs, better clinical trials so that we can help patients in the best possible way.

Well, I came to Yale 10 years ago because it was returning home. I had been an undergraduate here in the early 80s and actually I did my lab research just a hallway away from where my office is now. So it really took my career full
circle and coming back here now
is the Chief of Oncology with the resources and the ability and the experience to bring new things from the lab to the clinic.
Build teams, recruit faculty. It’s just been an amazing experience when I came here. The Smile hospital had just opened weeks before. Now we’re celebrating 10 years. We have a robust faculty. We have centers at 15 plus places around the state.
We're doing clinical trials at all of those centers, and we're raising the bar against cancer. And that's the exciting thing. And that's why I love being here in New Haven. I live in New Haven and I'm a member of the Community and it's just great to be here at Yale taking care of patients with cancer.