

**PALTmed Texas Geriatrics Annual Conference 2026: *Houston: We Have Geriatrics!*  
Session Objectives and Speaker Bio(s)**

**Speaker(s): Everardo Cobos, MD, FACP**

**Title: *CHIP: Clonal Hematopoiesis of Indeterminate Potential:*  
Is "Indeterminate" Still Defensible? A Closer Look at This Biomarker**

Date: Saturday, August 1, 2026

Time: 4:45 pm to 5:45 pm

**Objectives:**

1. Attendees will be able to define what CHIP, CCUS, and other acronyms mean in Oncology.
2. Attendees will be able to critique the circumstances under which CHIP is likely to occur and why.
3. Attendees will be able to distinguish the clinical manifestations of CHIP.

**Everardo Cobos, MD, FACP**

Dr. Everardo Cobos, MD, FACP is a distinguished Professor and Chair of Medicine and Oncology at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV) School of Medicine, where he also serves as the Cancer Center Service Line Director. Prior to joining UTRGV, Dr. Cobos held several esteemed positions, including Health Sciences Professor and Vice Chair of Medicine at UCLA School of Medicine, Chair of the Department of Medicine at Kern Health System, and Tenured Professor and Director of the Hematology-Oncology-Stem Cell Transplantation Division at Texas Tech School of Medicine in Lubbock. As a highly respected oncologist and hematologist, Dr. Cobos is recognized for his leadership, expertise in translational research, and dedication to advancing academic medicine. With decades of experience and a substantial publication record, he has made a significant contribution to his field. Dr. Cobos was recently appointed Dean to the School of Medicine at UTRGV in February 2026