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ONCOLOGIST CONTRERAS OPPOSES EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH: **Oasis of Hope Hospital Uses Adult Stem Cells to Treat Cancer**

WHAT: President Barack Obama will lift restrictions on embryonic stem cell research on Monday and sign a pledge to take politics out of science, the White House says, a clear repudiation of the approach taken by his predecessor, President George W. Bush.

WHO: **Dr. Francisco Contreras** serves as director, president and chairman of Oasis of Hope Hospital. A distinguished oncologist and surgeon, Contreras is renowned for combining conventional and alternative medical treatments with emotional and spiritual support.

“It is important to note that scientists have yet to find any practical use for embryonic stem cells,” says Contreras, who opposes embryonic stem cell research on religious grounds. “In contrast, adult stem cells have produced treatment for 58 disorders, from Parkinson’s disease to Alzheimer’s.”

At Oasis of Hope Hospital, patients have received the benefit of adult stem cell therapy for several years, and scientists there are continually finding new applications for it, including cancer treatment.

WHEN: By appointment

DETAILS: Oasis of Hope Hospital is one of the world's leading institutions in the research and treatment of cancer with integrative therapies, combining the best of conventional and alternative approaches. The hospital, founded by the late Dr. Ernesto Contreras Sr. in 1963 in Playas de Tijuana, Mexico, has treated more than 100,000 patients – 60 percent with cancer – from 55 countries.

NOTE: For more information or to schedule an interview with Dr. Francisco Contreras, contact Steve Yount of A. Larry Ross Communications at 972.267.1111 or steve@alarryross.com.