

Drs. Farley Yang
and Luci Chen



The ABCs of Drs. Mom and Dad

Drs. Farley Yang and Luci Chen are not your average couple.

By day, they are among the most well-respected radiation oncologists in Arizona, helping to launch ABCS, partnering with AZCCC and now working on-campus at Scottsdale Healthcare's Virginia G. Piper Cancer Center.

Their work has helped to grow ABCS from one to three locations in less than five years. And, with their expertise, they are helping to spread the use of state-of-the-art technologies to patients in need. They've also led critical research into head, neck, prostate, lung and gynecological cancers and are boosting expansion of Arizona Center for Cancer Care throughout the state to provide quality care for cancers beyond the breast.

At Home

But by night, they are a happily married couple raising two brilliant Scottsdale kids—with a twist.

"Did you know that eight basic foods account for 90 percent of all food-allergic reactions?" says Dr. Yang. "They are milk, eggs, peanuts, tree nuts, fish, shellfish, soy and wheat."

Why would a radiation oncologist know such a random fact?

"Our kids happen to have all of those allergies, with the exception of soy," says Dr. Yang. "And like so many parents, it took us several trips to our own doctors to figure it out."

As doctors dealing with cancer diagnoses on a regular basis, both Chen and Yang understood the importance of second (and third) opinions when looking for answers to their children's health needs.

Determined to help her kids excel, Dr. Chen cooks 99 percent of their meals at home while still managing the active and growing medical practices with her husband.

"It doesn't take being a doctor to be Dr. Mom—or Dad," says Dr. Chen. "But the kids do love the lab coats and scrubs."