



## Allison Antoine

*Wisconsin Cancer Collaborative*

Allison Antoine (she/her) is the Outreach Program Manager for the Wisconsin Cancer Collaborative—Wisconsin’s comprehensive cancer control program and the Wisconsin Colorectal Cancer Control Program. She has worked with Wisconsin’s cancer control programs since 2015. Allison has been an active member of the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD) Cancer Council for nearly 10 years and has served in many executive roles within that group. Allison has enjoyed being an active member of the NLCRT State-Based Initiatives Task Group. She earned her Master of Public Health from the Medical College of Wisconsin and has been a Certified Health Education Specialist since 2011.



## Brett Bade, MD

*Mayo Clinic*

I am a pulmonologist at Mayo Clinic with clinical and research interests in lung cancer care. I’m particularly interested in lung cancer screening and cancer survivorship care. With these topics, we can greatly influence lung cancer survival and optimize quality of life (QoL) throughout the lung cancer treatment course. Though both screening and survivorship care can influence a patient’s survival and treatment experience, both topics are inconsistently implemented. My career priorities are to (1) identify barriers to lung cancer screening; (2) design, test, and implement measures to address identified barriers; (3) identify predictors of impaired QoL in lung cancer survivors, and (4) design, test, and implement measures to optimize QoL.



## Travis Baggett, MD, MPH

*Harvard University*

Travis P. Baggett, MD, MPH is a Physician-Investigator in the Division of General Internal Medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH), Associate Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School (HMS), Co-Director of the HMS Fellowship in General Medicine and Primary Care Research, MGH Research Scholar 2021-2026, and Director of Research at Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program (BHCHP), where he has practiced primary care for more than 17 years. He conducts community-based research focusing on the health and health care needs of people experiencing homelessness, with a longstanding emphasis on cancer prevention and screening in this population.



## Alan Balch, PhD

*Patient Advocate Foundation*

Dr. Balch has more than 22 years of executive leadership in the non-profit sector spanning multiple advocacy areas including access and affordability, health equity, prevention and early detection, and cancer research. He became the CEO of both PAF and NPAF in 2013 and has served as a member of both Boards of Directors since 2007. From 2006-2013, he served as Vice President of the Preventive Health Partnership — a national health promotion collaboration between the American Cancer Society, American Diabetes Association, and American Heart Association. Dr. Balch currently serves on dozens of selective boards, steering committees, and councils for an array of institutions. Most recently, Dr. Balch was selected as the Chair of the Global Patient Council for the American Patient Representatives Roundtable for the Professional Society for Health Economics and Outcomes Research (ISPOR) after serving as the Co-Chair of the North American Patient Representatives Roundtable.

Dr. Balch recently stepped into the role of Editor-in-Chief of Journal of Clinical Pathways. He has served on the editorial board and as a contributing editor for many years and on the advisory board for the Journal of Oncology Navigation and Survivorship. He is frequently invited to peer review article submissions to various publications including the Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved, Journal of Clinical Oncology, American Journal of Preventive Medicine, and the American Journal of Public Health.

He earned his PhD in 2003 from the University of California Santa Cruz, his master's degree in 1997 from the University of Texas San Antonio; and his bachelor's degree in 1994 from Trinity University in San Antonio.



## Priti Bandi, PhD

*American Cancer Society*

Priti Bandi is an Epidemiologist, and as a Scientific Director, leads the Cancer Risk Factors and Screening Research in the Surveillance, Prevention, & Health Services Research Department at the American Cancer Society. Bandi leads the team that updates and publishes the Cancer Prevention & Early Detection (CPED) Facts & Figures bi-annually and is a contributing author to other ACS surveillance publications. She studies patterns of major modifiable cancer risk factors and screenings, and how they relate to evolving patterns of cancer incidence and mortality, with a focus on social inequities in these outcomes.



## Sydney Barned, MD

*Anne Arundel Medical Center*

Sydney Barned, MD is an internal medicine physician and patient advocate living with stage IV non-small cell lung cancer. Originally from Jamaica, Dr. Barned trained and worked in the Jamaican hospital system, rotating through internal medicine and emergency medicine before continuing her medical career in the United States.

Diagnosed with lung cancer at age 33, she now brings the rare perspective of standing on both sides of the stethoscope, navigating complex care as both a clinician and a patient. Her lived experience has fueled a deep commitment to improving communication, reducing stigma, and centering quality of life in lung cancer care, particularly for underrepresented groups.

Dr. Barned is an IASLC STARS alumni and an active contributor to the broader lung cancer advocacy community, frequently speaking on topics such as patient-clinician partnership, language and stigma in lung cancer, and the realities of living long term with advanced disease.

Through her advocacy, clinical work, and storytelling, she aims to help clinicians translate scientific progress into care that patients can not only survive, but truly live and find joy in.



## Katie Bathje, MA

*University of Kentucky*

Katie Bathje is a Research Program Administrator at the University of Kentucky's Markey Cancer Center, currently providing support to lung cancer screening awareness and quality implementation initiatives. Katie has over 20 years' experience in cancer prevention and public health leadership, having previously served as Strategic Director of Comprehensive Cancer Control Initiatives at the American Cancer Society, and Director of the Kentucky Cancer Consortium. She holds an M.A. in Mental Health Counseling and a B.A. in Communications and Sociology, and lives in Wilmore, Kentucky with her husband and two daughters.



## Alberta Becenti, MPH

*Indian Health Service*

Alberta serves as the Public Health Advisor for the Health Promotion/Disease Prevention program for the IHS Headquarters in Rockville, Maryland. She works with 11 IHS Area HP/DP Coordinators to plan and implement activities focusing on obesity, cancer, and commercial tobacco prevention in the community, clinic, school, and worksite. Alberta earned her Master of Public Health from the University of Oklahoma.



## Laura Kate Bender

*American Lung Association*

Laura Kate Bender is the Vice President, Nationwide Advocacy and Public Policy at the American Lung Association. In her current role, Laura Kate oversees the organization's efforts to advocate for policies to improve lung health, keep our air clean, prevent tobacco use, end lung cancer and help families who face lung disease.

Previously, she served as Assistant Vice President, Nationwide Healthy Air at the American Lung Association, where she led the Healthy Air Campaign, directing outdoor air pollution and climate advocacy initiatives in Washington, DC; field work in multiple states; and coordination of a broad group of national public health and medical organizations. She has also served as the campaign's lead representative to Congress, advocating for limits on outdoor air pollution to protect public health. Prior to that, she worked in Virginia to implement the Healthy Air Campaign on the state level.

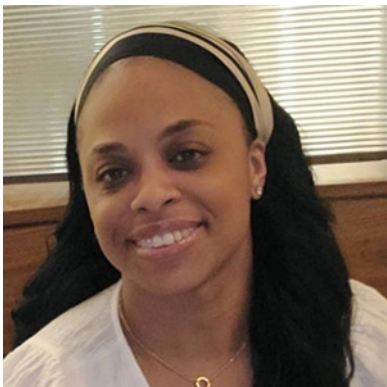
She also served on the board of the Virginia Asthma Coalition. Prior to joining the Lung Association, Laura Kate worked as an organizer on clean air issues for Environment America. Laura Kate studied political science and communications at American University in Washington, DC. She lives in Fairfax, Virginia with her husband and two children.



## Lawrence Benjamin, MD, PhD

*UCLA*

Lawrence Benjamin, MD PhD is an Assistant Professor in the Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care, & Sleep Medicine at University of California, Los Angeles David Geffen School of Medicine and Staff Physician in the Division of Pulmonary & Critical Care at the VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System. He received his undergraduate degree in neurobiology from Harvard University, his MD from Washington University in St. Louis, and his PhD in Health Policy & Management from the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health. He completed an Internal Medicine Residency at Massachusetts General Hospital and his Pulmonary & Critical Care Fellowship at UCLA, joining the faculty in 2022. He is a general pulmonologist who sees patients with a wide variety of pulmonary complaints ranging from chronic cough, shortness of breath, asthma, COPD, and lung cancer. He conducts health services research focused on improving access and implementation of lung cancer screening, and the organizational structures and implementation strategies that are associated with improved outcomes.



## Natalie Brown, MBA

*Patient Advocate*

Natalie Brown is a Stage 4 Lung Cancer advocate/survivor and a Double Lung Transplant recipient from Atlanta, GA. She was unfortunately diagnosed with Lung Cancer in the summer of 2020. She has no targetable mutations and has been on several types of treatments, including 5 different types of chemotherapy, immunotherapy, radiation and clinical trials. Natalie works with quite a few different organizations to make sure that she advocates for this terrible disease and share her story. She even had her own nonprofit a few years ago but now just wants to solely focus on working with others. In her spare time, she likes to travel and spend time with her family, friends and dog Hershey.



## Thomas A. Carr

*American Lung Association*

Thomas Carr has been the Director, Nationwide Policy at the American Lung Association since October 2010. In this role, he directs federal, state and local tobacco control policy efforts and assists with asthma and other indoor air quality policy efforts for the Lung Association. He is also the primary author/editor of the Lung Association's annual State of Tobacco Control report and State Legislated Actions on Tobacco Issues online database/website of state tobacco control laws. Mr. Carr is one of the country's most knowledgeable experts on state tobacco control laws and policies. He has a B.A. in political science from Gettysburg College.



## Lisa Carter-Bawa, PhD, MPH, APRN, ANP-C, FAAN, FSBM

*Center for Discovery & Innovation at Hackensack Meridian Health*

Lisa Carter-Bawa, PhD, MPH, APRN, ANP-C, FAAN, FSBM is a behavioral scientist and national leader in cancer prevention, early detection, and stigma-informed health communication. She serves as the founding Director of the Cancer Prevention Precision Control Institute at the Hackensack Meridian Center for Discovery & Innovation, where she leads a multidisciplinary program focused on translating data-driven discovery into equitable, community-anchored cancer prevention. She also leads the Community Engagement Program and is the Deputy Associate Director for Community Outreach & Engagement for the Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center at Georgetown University. Her academic appointments include Professor of Medical Sciences at the Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine and Professor of Oncology at the Georgetown University School of Medicine.

Dr. Carter-Bawa's research portfolio centers on lung cancer screening, digital health communication, and stigma reduction across the cancer continuum. She is Principal Investigator of multiple NIH, industry, and foundation-funded studies, including the INSPIRE Lung Study, which leverages social media to reach lung screening-eligible individuals upstream, prior to their engagement with the health system. She has developed tailored digital tools to support lung screening decisions as well as AI-enabled strategies to detect and mitigate stigmatizing language in clinical and public communications.

A fellow of the American Academy of Nursing and the Society of Behavioral Medicine, and an Associate Editor at *Annals of Behavioral Medicine*, Dr. Carter-Bawa has authored influential scholarship on stigma, inequities in lung cancer screening, and patient-centered implementation strategies. Across her work, she aims to advance a national shift toward compassion-centered cancer care and to close persistent gaps in who benefits from evidence-based prevention and early detection.



## Cori Chandler, MPA

*Sr. State & Local Campaigns Manager  
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network*

Cori Chandler is a Sr. State & Local Campaigns Manager for the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN). She attended the University of Rhode Island and completed a policy fellowship while earning her Master of Public Administration. Prior to this role, she served as the Rhode Island Government Relations Director for ACS CAN. When not advocating for cancer patients, she enjoys spending time with her husband and two adorable children.



## Neel Chudgar, MD

*Montefiore Einstein Cancer Center*

Neel P. Chudgar, MD, is Associate Director of Clinical and Translational Research, Thoracic Surgery, and an Attending Physician at the Montefiore Medical Center. He is also an Assistant Professor of Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Dr. Chudgar received his Bachelor of Arts from Boston University and earned his Doctor of Medicine from Renaissance School of Medicine at Stony Brook University. His postdoctoral training began with a General Surgery residency at New York-Presbyterian Hospital, Weill Cornell Medical Center. During his surgical training, he also completed a research fellowship at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. He received his training in Cardiothoracic Surgery at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and New York-Presbyterian, Weill Cornell.

Dr. Chudgar has a particular interest in the treatment of lung and esophageal cancers, as well as malignancies of the mediastinum and chest wall. He is involved in the investigation of incidental lung nodules to ensure potential lung cancers are not lost to follow-up. Dr. Chudgar additionally plays an active role in Montefiore-Einstein's lung cancer screening program and is an advocate for earlier stage detection.



## Frank Detterbeck, MD, FACS, FCCP

*Yale University*

Dr. Detterbeck is a Professor of Thoracic Surgery, and served as Chief of Thoracic Surgery and Director of the Thoracic Oncology Program at the Yale Cancer Center until recently. He has been active in thoracic oncology and thoracic surgery for over 30 years, and has been active in most of the professional organizations in thoracic oncology and thoracic surgery. He has edited 11 textbooks on lung cancer, mediastinal malignancies and thoracic surgery, and has written more than 400 peer reviewed and invited journal articles and 70 book chapters.



## Dusty Donaldson

*LiveLung*

Dusty Donaldson is Founder and Executive Director of LiveLung, a 501c3 nonprofit serving the lung cancer community through a network of in-person and virtual educational survivorship groups, and other programs.

A 20-year lung cancer survivor, Dusty recently completed the “Journey Across America: Miles of Progress; Miles to Go,” which was a 12,000-mile road trip to celebrate the progress in lung cancer during the past two decades.

Published in October 2025, Dusty and her daughter Kimberly Lester co-authored the second edition of the book “The ABCs of Lung Cancer for Patients and Advocates,” which features dozens of patient stories and expert interviews.

Dusty is President of the Lung Cancer Action Network (LungCAN), a collaborative association of lung cancer advocacy organizations and patient groups.

Dusty is a Certified Patient Navigator through the American Cancer Society’s Leadership in Oncology Navigation (LION) program. She serves on the National Lung Cancer Roundtable’s Survivorship & Stigma & Nihilism Task Groups. Prior to her diagnosis of early-stage lung cancer in 2005, Dusty was a journalist and public relations professional, with undergraduate and graduate degrees in journalism.



## Debra Dyer, MD, FACR

*National Jewish Health, American College of Radiology*

Dr. Dyer is a fellowship trained cardiothoracic radiologist and Professor of Diagnostic Radiology at National Jewish Health, a chronic respiratory disease hospital in Denver Colorado. Throughout her career, Dr. Dyer has been committed to Quality Improvement in Diagnostic Radiology. She has implemented numerous Quality Improvement initiatives including programs in radiation dose reduction, the appropriate utilization of imaging and lung nodule management. She was instrumental in the creation of the National Jewish Health Lung Nodule Registry for incidental lung nodules, the first of its kind in the United States. With a special interest in Lung Cancer Screening CT, Dr. Dyer serves as the Medical Director of the Lung Cancer Screening Program at National Jewish Health. She is the Immediate Past Chair of the American College of Radiology Lung Cancer Screening Steering Committee. Dr. Dyer serves as a current Co-Chair of the Colorado Lung Cancer Task Force of the Colorado Cancer Coalition. She is the current Vice Chair of the Early Detection of Lung Cancer Implementation Task Group of the National Lung Cancer Round Table. Dr. Dyer has participated in numerous research studies and published several peer-reviewed articles on lung cancer screening and lung nodule management.



## Cherie Erkmen, MD, FACS

*Temple Health*

Dr. Cherie P. Erkmen is a Professor of Thoracic Surgery at Temple University Health Systems and Professor at the Center for Asian Health at the Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University. Her clinical expertise is in management of thoracic malignancies and lung disease using robotic and minimally invasive techniques. She has a particular interest in lung cancer, mediastinal tumors, thoracic outlet syndrome and surgical treatment of gastroparesis.

Her research focuses on health care delivery systems and disparities in health care. In addition to multiple publications and presentations, she is the Principal Investigator of the prestigious American Cancer Society – Pfizer Grant studying dissemination of lung cancer screening among African Americans, Merck Health Disparities Grant, LUNgevity grant to increase underrepresented medical students' experiences in research and Co-Investigator on multiple federally funded grants including Temple's U54 study of lung cancer study in low-income African Americans.

She is the Founding Program Director of Temple's ACGME Thoracic Surgery Residency which is in its 10th year of training distinguished cardiothoracic surgeons across the country. Dr. Erkmen is devoted to education and serves as the Chair of the Thoracic Surgery In-Service Exam, Associate Board Examiner for the American Board of Surgery and the American Board of Thoracic Surgery. She is also the Co-Host of a Podcast called, *Same Surgeon Different Light* that highlights backstories of the diverse complement of cardiothoracic surgeons across the world. Her greatest achievement is as a mentor and advisor to hundreds of trainees in medicine, surgery and thoracic surgery.



## Omar Escontrías, DrPH, MPH

*National Health Council*

Dr. Omar A. Escontrías' expertise is centered in the areas of community and patient engagement, coalition building, health policy, and evidence-based research. Over the span of his 20-year career, Dr. Escontrías has worked with local and state governments, as well as nonprofit organizations in the areas of public policy, disease prevention, and health promotion to improve the health and lives of patients and communities. By the time he joined the National Health Council (NHC) in April 2022 as its Senior Vice President of Equity, Research and Programs, he had already spent 15 years building a career on fighting systemic health care inequities in historically underrepresented communities. Dr. Escontrías is a proud first-generation immigrant and is honored to be contributing to the NHC's patient-centered advocacy, health equity, and policy engagement efforts. Dr. Escontrías earned a Bachelor of Science in molecular and cellular biology, a Master of Public Health in epidemiology, and a Doctor of Public Health in health policy and management, all from the University of Arizona.



## Heather Bittner Fagan, MD, MPH, FAAFP

*ChristianaCare*

Heather Bittner Fagan, M.D., MPH, FAAFP has been a practicing family physician in Claymont, Delaware, a medically underserved area, for over 20 years and has made regional and national contributions to research on cancer screening in primary care and underserved populations. Dr. Fagan is a teacher and senior scientist in Primary Care Research, Medical Director of Clinical Prevention in Family & Community Medicine at Christiana Care, and a full professor at Thomas Jefferson University. She is chair of the Delaware Health Care Consortium's Early Detection and Prevention Committee, an invited member of the National Lung Cancer Roundtable, past recipient of the American Cancer Society's Cancer Control Career Development Award, and a former co-director for the Community Engagement and Outreach component of the ACCEL program, Delaware's NIGMS-funded Center for Translational Research. She is site lead for an NCI-funded intervention to improve lung cancer screening. Dr. Fagan has been an invited speaker on her work in lung cancer screening in many forums including the National Center for Quality Assurance (NCQA), the National Academy of Science, Engineering and Medicine as well as a consultant for the American Cancer Society's guidelines on lung cancer screening.

Dr. Fagan earned her medical degree from MCP Hahnemann University and completed her residency at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in 2002. She completed her primary care research fellowship at Jefferson Medical College in 2003. In 2007, she completed a distance fellowship for the Grant-Generating Project of the American Academy of Family Physicians Foundation. Dr. Fagan completed a master's degree in public health at Jefferson Medical College in 2011.

Dr. Fagan has published in *Cancer*, *Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers and Prevention*, *Medical Care*, *Journal of the American Board of Family Medicine*, *Journal of Obesity*, and other journals. Dr. Fagan has had funding for her work from the National Cancer Institute, the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute as well as state and foundation grants.



## Joelle Fathi, DNP, RN, ARNP, ANP-BC, CTTS, FAANP, FAAN

*GO2 for Lung Cancer*

Joelle Thirsk Fathi, DNP, RN, ARNP, CTTS, FAANP, FAAN, is the Chief Healthcare Delivery Officer at GO2 for Lung Cancer. She leads the Excellence in Healthcare Delivery program, advancing quality care across the lung cancer continuum and supporting the development of care navigators. With over 25 years of experience as a nurse practitioner, Dr. Fathi has specialized in primary care/internal medicine, early lung cancer detection, thoracic surgery, and lung cancer care, directing programs in lung cancer screening, incidental pulmonary nodules, telehealth, and tobacco cessation.

As a Certified Tobacco Treatment Specialist, she continues to assist patients in quitting smoking, actively advocates for tobacco control policies, and contributes to national cessation treatment guidelines through the American Thoracic Society and the American College of Chest Physicians. She is the immediate past Chair of the IASLC Tobacco Control and Smoking Cessation Committee and current Chair of the ACS National Lung Cancer Roundtable's Tobacco Treatment Across the Care Continuum Task Group.

Dr. Fathi is an Associate Clinical Professor at the University of Washington School of Nursing, where she served as the program director of the Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Program and continues to serve as an active teaching faculty member. She previously served as Director of Nursing Practice and Health Policy at the Washington State Nurses Association. Dr. Fathi remains actively engaged in clinical practice, providing primary care to a diverse refugee and immigrant population in Seattle, Washington.



## Jill Feldman

*EGFR Resisters*

Jill Feldman is a lung cancer patient and advocate. When Jill was 13 years old, she lost her dad and two grandparents to lung cancer and then her mom and close aunt died of lung cancer when she was in her 20's. She became a volunteer, an advocate and past president of LUNGevery Foundation before the unthinkable happened. In 2009, at 39 years old with four small children, Jill herself was diagnosed with EGFR positive lung cancer.

Jill continues to be involved with LUNGevery. She is also Deputy Chair of IASLC's patient advisory board and a member of The Chicago Institute of Translational Medicine's patient advisory board. Jill is committed to understanding and promoting patient-centered research as a member of the programmatic panel for the Department of Defense Lung Cancer Research Program, as a planning committee member on IASLC's North America Conference on Lung cancer and as a member of the ECOG-ACRIN Research Group's patient advocate committee and thoracic committee.

Jill has presented patient perspectives at conferences, including the World Conference on Lung Cancer hosted by IASLC and the virtual ASCO Education Program. She is a co-author of the ASTRO Guidelines for SBRT in early stage lung cancer that was published in an ASCO special article in the Journal of Clinical Oncology. 2017, Jill co-founded the EGFR Resisters, a grassroots, patient-driven community committed to accelerating research that will prolong and better the lives of people diagnosed with EGFRm lung cancer. Jill also continues to share her story in the media and at various events and participates in countless advocacy opportunities to shine a light on lung cancer and end the stigma associated with it.



## Andrea Ferris, MBA

*LUNGevity*

Andrea is President and CEO of LUNGevity Foundation. She became involved with lung cancer advocacy following her mother's death from the disease in 2008. Determined to drive more money into lung cancer research, Andrea left the successful software company that she helped launch, to found Protect Your Lungs, an organization focused 100% on funding early detection research. In 2010, Andrea merged Protect Your Lungs with LUNGevity, a Chicago based organization, to form the nation's leading lung cancer focused non-profit.

Andrea's strong business background combined with her connections to the worlds of research and advocacy have enabled her to build one of the preeminent patient advocacy organizations in the lung cancer space. LUNGevity funds translational research into both early detection and more effective treatments of lung cancer as well as a highly coveted Career Development Awards program. LUNGevity also fills unmet needs for people diagnosed with lung cancer by providing education, support and survivorship programs. Recognizing the need to build awareness and understanding about lung cancer, LUNGevity has built the largest grassroots network of events and advocates across the country.



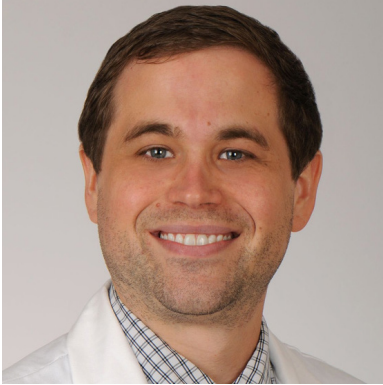
## Vickie Fowler, MD, FAFAP

*WakeMed Health and Hospitals*

Dr. Vickie Fowler is Board Certified Family Medicine physician and a Fellow with the American Academy of Family Physicians. She is a graduate of Duke University School of Medicine and completed her Family Medicine residency at UNC Chapel Hill. She spent the first half of her career in rural western NC in private practice providing full scope family medicine with obstetrics in her hometown of Ashe County. In 2013, she returned to the Triangle and has held positions at UNC Chapel Hill Department of Family Medicine, Duke Primary Care, and currently works at WakeMed Primary Care in Raleigh, NC.

She is an active member of the AAFP and the NCAFP and serves on the North Carolina Academy of Family Physicians Foundation Board. Dr. Fowler's diverse interests include provider wellbeing, support for marginalized populations, and rural health care, but she focuses much of her time, both with her patients and beyond the exam room, on cancer prevention, screening and advocacy. She was appointed to the NC Advisory Committee on Cancer Coordination and Control in 2017 where she served for six years as Co-Chair of the Early Detection and Prevention Subcommittee and two years as ACCCC Chair.

With a love of educating others on cancer prevention and screening, she was named an inaugural Southeastern Regional Clinical Champion for the American Cancer Society in 2023 and currently serves as an ACS Clinical Champion as well as Chair of the ACS NLCRT Provider Engagement & Outreach Task Group. Dr. Fowler lives in Raleigh, NC, with her husband Dr. Conrad Flick (also a family physician) and they have five children.



## Adam Fox, MD

*Medical University of South Carolina*

Dr. Adam Fox is a pulmonologist and health services researcher at the Medical University of South Carolina who has a clinical and research focus in thoracic oncology. His research focuses on biomarker testing and improving diagnosis and treatment for patients with lung cancer.



## Teresa Giamboy, DNP, MBA, CRNP, NEA-BC

*Jefferson Health*

Dr. Teresa Giamboy, DNP, MBA, MSN, CRNP, NEA-BC is the Vice President of the Cancer Service Line at Jefferson Health's Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center. In this role, Teresa is responsible for providing strategic vision and leadership for the organization's oncology services, focusing on operational oversight, quality improvement, and financial growth.

Teresa is a thoracic surgery nurse practitioner within the Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center for the last decade. Having clinical expertise in thoracic and esophageal oncology, she developed and serves as the Enterprise Director of the centralized Lung Cancer Screening Program across Jefferson Health. Teresa continues to care for patients with thoracic cancers and now has the opportunity to apply her clinical knowledge and expertise to establish operational and clinical standardization for all cancer patients across SKCCC.

Teresa received her Masters of Business Administration (MBA) from West Chester University in 2022, Doctorate in Nursing Practice (DNP) from Walden University in 2017, her Masters of Science in Nursing (MSN) from Walden University in 2015, a Bachelors of Science in Nursing (BSN) from Thomas Jefferson University in 2012, and her Nursing Diploma (RN) from Roxborough School of Nursing in 2011. She is a double board-certified nurse practitioner, with acute care and primary care certifications. Having worked in administrative leadership for the past 6 years, Teresa has also obtained her Nurse Executive, Advanced certification and is currently pursuing American College of Healthcare Executive Fellowship (FACHE) certification, demonstrating her commitment to lifelong learning, ethical leadership, and excellence in healthcare management.



## Michael Gieske, MD

*St. Elizabeth Healthcare*

Dr. Michael Gieske graduated from University of Louisville Medical College in 1984, then completed his Family Medicine Residency at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Edgewood, Kentucky in 1987. In 2022, he left his Family Medicine practice of 36 years to fully commit his efforts as St. Elizabeth Medical Center Director of Lung Cancer Screening, and related policy, advocacy, and research. He has worked with his team at St. Elizabeth Healthcare to build one of the most successful lung cancer screening programs in the country. He is dedicated to raising awareness of lung cancer and lung cancer screening, bringing hope to individuals with lung cancer and at risk for lung cancer.



## Jhanelle Gray, MD

*Moffitt Cancer Center*

Dr. Gray obtained her Medical Degree from Cornell University Medical College and completed her internship and residency in Internal Medicine at The New York Presbyterian Hospital – Cornell. Following residency training, she completed her Hematology/Medical Oncology Fellowship at Moffitt Cancer Center. Dr. Gray is currently the Department Chair, Program Leader, and a Senior Member for Thoracic Oncology at Moffitt Cancer Center (MCC), Leader of the Cancer Center Support Grant Molecular Medicine Program and Professor in the Department of Oncologic Sciences at the University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine.

A renowned thoracic medical oncologist and clinical investigator, Dr. Gray actively leads numerous clinical research trials that investigate novel immunotherapeutic and targeted therapy drug combinations for lung cancer which have greatly influenced standard of care treatment. Her research has generated over 140 publications in scholarly, peer-reviewed journals, including original research and review articles.

As a leader in NCI cooperative group trials, Dr. Gray is actively involved as a member of the MCC Scientific Leadership Council and Clinical Research Action Committee. Globally, she is the current Chair of the Southwest Oncology Group (SWOG) Lung Committee and a member to the Board of Directors for the American Society for Clinical Oncology (ASCO). She previously served as Chair of the ASCO 2022 Annual Meeting Education Program Committee, was a member of the ASCO Meeting Scientific Program Committee and was a former member of the IASLC Board of Directors.



## Grant Greenberg, MD, MA, MHSA, FAFPP

*Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine*

Dr. Greenberg is a nationally recognized family physician, educator, and health-system leader with more than two decades of experience advancing primary care delivery, quality improvement, and academic medicine. A founding member of the American Cancer Society's National Lung Cancer Roundtable, he has contributed to national strategy and implementation efforts since its inception. In January 2026, he will assume the role of Professor and Chair of Family and Community Medicine at the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine in Roanoke, Virginia. From 2016–2025, Dr. Greenberg served as Chief Medical Executive for the Primary Care Service Line and Chair of the Department of Family Medicine at Lehigh Valley Health Network in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Greenberg previously spent more than 15 years on faculty at the University of Michigan, where he led major initiatives in quality, population health, and clinical informatics—serving as Associate Chair for Information Management and Quality for the Department of Family Medicine and as a medical director within the University of Michigan Medical Group. His scholarly work encompasses telehealth innovation, lung cancer screening implementation, preventive care, and clinician well-being, with publications in *Cancer*, *Chest*, *American Family Physician*, the *Journal of the American Board of Family Medicine*, and other leading journals.



## Erin Hester, PhD

*University of Kentucky*

Erin B. Hester, Ph.D., is an assistant professor in the Department of Integrated Strategic Communication at the University of Kentucky. Her research focuses on using message-based strategic communication and community campaigns to promote attitude and behavior change for social good. With over a decade of experience in public health and community engagement, Dr. Hester is dedicated to helping professionals use compelling storytelling, visual design, and tailored messaging strategies to enhance their impact. She is also known for being an overtired mom to a rambunctious four-year-old, and someone who can spot a typo from across the room but can never find her phone.



## Kristin Higgins, MD, FASTRO

*City of Hope Cancer Center Atlanta*

Kristin Higgins, MD, is chief clinical officer for City of Hope® Cancer Center Atlanta, where she oversees clinical care and hospital operations. Dr. Higgins — who was inspired to pursue medicine by her mother’s career as a nurse — also holds the position of professor of radiation oncology, with a particular focus on lung cancer.

Prior to joining City of Hope, Dr. Higgins spent 15 years at Emory University, where she built an international reputation as a lung cancer expert, developing numerous clinical trials focused on combination radiotherapy treatments for patients with non-small cell and small cell lung cancer. Her many research leadership positions include serving as principal investigator of NRG/Alliance LU005, an international, phase 3 clinical trial investigating the use of immunotherapy alongside standard chemoradiation for lung cancer patients. After earning her medical degree at Tulane University School of Medicine in New Orleans, Dr. Higgins completed an internship in internal medicine and a residency in radiation oncology, both at Duke University Medical Center in North Carolina, which named her chief resident. She then moved to Atlanta, where she spent 15 years at Emory University, earning an international reputation for her expertise in lung cancer.

Dr. Higgins is a member of multiple boards and committees in the lung cancer advocacy community, including the National Lung Cancer Roundtable Survivorship Task Group and the NRG Oncology Lung Cancer Core Committee, and the board of directors for NRG Oncology and RTOG Foundation. She has also co-chaired the World Conference on Lung Cancer and is the author of more than 150 peer-reviewed publications. Her work has been recognized by numerous awards, including the ASCO Bradley Stuart Beller Foundation Merit Award, the Radiological Society of America’s Roentgen Resident/Fellow Research Award and Emory’s Clinic Gold Provider.



## Bradley Icard, DO

*FirstHealth/Pinehurst Medical Clinic*

I am board certified in internal medicine, pulmonary medicine, and critical care medicine, and I serve as a strong advocate for lung cancer screening and awareness in our community. My professional interests focus on lung cancer staging and early-stage diagnostics, particularly through robotic-assisted navigational bronchoscopy. Alongside my team, I manage our lung cancer screening program and I serve as the Society of Advanced Bronchoscopy (SAB) Chair of the Advocacy Committee as well as the Board of Directors for the Lung Cancer Initiative. I was honored to be named Consultant of the Year for my health system in 2022 and the Lung Cancer Initiative’s Healthcare Professional of the Year in 2024. I currently serve as the Medical Director of Lung Screening for FirstHealth of the Carolinas and pulmonologist at Pinehurst Medical Clinic.



## **Bruce E. Johnson, MD, FASCO**

*Dana-Farber Cancer Institute*

Dr. Johnson is a Professor of Medicine Emeritus at Harvard Medical School (HMS) and Institute Physician Emeritus at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. He served as one of the Co-Leaders of the Lung Cancer Program of the Dana Farber/Harvard Cancer Center for 25 years, was the Chief Clinical Research Officer of the Dana Farber Cancer institute (DFCI) from 2013 to 2021 and then a Senior Consultant to the President of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

Dr. Johnson served on the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) Board of Directors from 2008 to 2011, received their Cancer Foundation's Translational Research Professorship in 2008, and was selected as an ASCO Fellow in 2012. Dr. Johnson was elected ASCO President for the 2017-2018 term. Dr. Johnson received the Scientific Award of the International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer, the major international lung cancer society, for the discovery of the association between mutations of the epidermal growth factor receptor and sensitivity to the epidermal growth factor receptor tyrosine kinase inhibitors.

He was a recipient of the 2010 Team Science Award of the American Association for Cancer Research for the discovery of sensitizing EGFR mutations. Dr. Johnson was a recipient of the Federal Laboratory Consortium for Technology Transfer (FLC) for Excellence in Technology Transfer for the Lung Cancer Cell Line Bank established at the NCI which is licensed for work in laboratories throughout the world and the pharmaceutical industry for the development of novel therapeutic agents including NCI-H3255, the cell line with an L858R sensitizing mutation of the epidermal growth factor receptor. He has been selected as Fellow of the American Society of Clinical Oncology, elected as a Member of the Association of American Physicians, and Selected as Giant of Cancer Care.



## Hasmeena Kathuria, MD, ATSF

*University of Wisconsin*

Dr. Hasmeena Kathuria is the Jan and Kathryn Ver Hagen Professor of Translational Research in Medicine and Director of the University of Wisconsin Center for Tobacco Research and Intervention (UW-CTRI). She is a pulmonologist, an implementation science researcher, and a leading expert in tobacco dependence treatment. Dr. Kathuria serves as Multiple Principal Investigator on a multi-center PCORI study comparing the clinical effectiveness of three smoking cessation interventions among adults who smoke and want to quit. She is Vice Chair of the Tobacco Treatment Task Group for the National Lung Cancer Roundtable (NLCRT) and Chair of the American Thoracic Society (ATS) Tobacco Task Force.

Dr. Kathuria is Section Editor for the Tobacco Treatment section of UpToDate and serves on the Editorial Board of CHEST for the Thoracic Oncology Prevention Section and has made significant contributions to developing evidence-based guidelines for tobacco treatment.



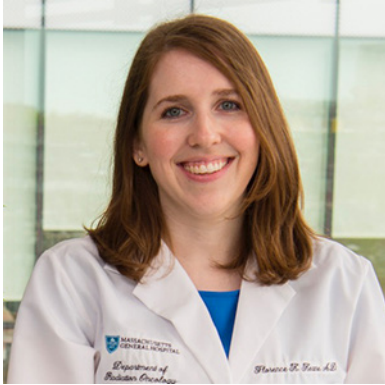
## Ella A. Kazerooni, MD, MS, FACR, FACC, FSABI

*ACS NLCRT*

Ella A. Kazerooni, MD, MS, FACR, FSABI, is a Professor of Radiology & Internal Medicine, Associate Chair for Clinical Affairs & Director of Cardiothoracic Radiology at the University of Michigan / Michigan Medicine. With a Master's degree in Clinical Research Design & Statistical Analysis, her research focuses on the development/ and evaluation of advanced imaging technologies applied to the heart and lungs, including lung cancer screening, coronary artery and aortic disease, pulmonary embolism, and diffuse lung disease. Her work in clinical and translational research earned her the University of Michigan Medical School's prestigious Clinical and Health Services Researcher of the year award. She has given over 400 lectures, nearly 300 peer-reviewed manuscripts, 30 book chapters and 4 books.

She began the Radiology Service Excellence Program at U of M, with the department achieving the highest patient satisfaction scores in the health system. She is a frequently invited speaker on the topics of patient centered care & service excellence, lung cancer screening and lung disease, and is passionate about mentoring and coaching faculty and trainees as clinicians & scientists and as leaders. A past president of the ARRS, AUR, Society of Thoracic Radiology and the Radiology Alliance for Health Services Research, she is also an immediate past Trustee of the American Board of Radiology and has also served on the ACR Board of Chancellors.

Dr. Kazerooni is the vice Chair of the NCCN Lung Cancer Screening panel, and chairs the ACR Committee on Lung Cancer Screening including the Lung-RADS committee, worked towards the ACR Designated Lung Cancer Screening program under the CT accreditation program, and co-chairs the ACR's Lung Cancer Screening Registry (LCSR). These efforts are focused on bringing quality lung cancer screening to high-risk individuals and reduce the mortality from the #1 cancer killer. Most recently, she was named the inaugural chair of the American Cancer Society's National Lung Cancer Roundtable.



## Florence (Katie) Keane, MD

*Massachusetts General Hospital*

Dr. Keane is an attending Radiation Oncologist at Massachusetts General Hospital and an Assistant Professor of Radiation Oncology at Harvard Medical School. She received her MD with honors from Yale University School of Medicine, winning the American Cancer Society Prize for an outstanding thesis in the area of Oncology. After completing her intern year in Internal Medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital, she then completed her residency training at the Harvard Radiation Oncology Program. She specializes in the treatment of thoracic tumors, including lung cancer, esophageal cancer and rare thoracic tumors such as thymoma, thymic carcinoma and mesothelioma.

She is active in research, with a particular focus on the use of immunotherapy and targeted therapies with radiotherapy. She is an Associate Editor for The International Journal of Radiation Oncology, Biology and Physics and an Associate Editor for The Journal of Thoracic Oncology - Clinical and Research Reports. She is active in resident and medical student education, serving as the Chair of the Program Evaluation Committee for the Harvard Radiation Oncology Program and leading the Medical Student Clerkship in Radiation Oncology at Harvard Medical School.



## Jennifer Redmond Knight, DrPH

*University of Kentucky*

Dr. Jennifer Redmond Knight is a part-time Associate Professor at the University of Kentucky College of Public Health and a member of the University of Kentucky Markey Cancer Center Cancer Control Program. In this role, she provides leadership related to quality implementation of lung cancer screening efforts (KY LEADS Collaborative™ and the QUILS™ Group), the Kentucky Cancer Consortium, workforce development efforts in the College of Public Health and evaluation for colorectal health systems grant. She has extensive experience in cancer prevention and control; coalition and partnership sustainability; policy, systems, and environmental changes; meeting facilitation, leadership, strategic planning, program development, evaluation, epidemiology, productivity, and focus and has recently become a certified CliftonStrengths® coach. Dr. Knight has her BA in Communications from Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Arkansas, MPH in Epidemiology from the University of Kentucky College of Public Health, Lexington, Kentucky, and DrPH in Health Services Management from the University of Kentucky College of Public Health.



## Yamile Leon, MSN, RN, OCN, ONN-CG, ONN-CG (T)

*Nursing Supervisor – Navigation*

Yamile Leon MSN, RN, OCN, ONN-CG, ONN-CG (T) is a Nursing Supervisor with the Navigation Dept at University of Miami (UM) Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center. Mrs. Leon lives in Miami, FL and has over 20 years of experience in oncology nursing and 15 years' experience as an oncology nurse navigator.

Her nursing career began in 2004 as a staff nurse at South Miami Hospital working on an oncology/medical-surgical floor. In 2010, she transitioned to the Center for Women and Infants at South Miami Hospital as an Oncology Patient Care Navigator. She worked there for five years, and, during that time, she also started navigating patients in Baptist Health's Lung Screening Program. In November 2015, Yamile accepted a position as the thoracic nurse navigator at the Miami Cancer Institute and was promoted to supervisor of the Patient Navigation Department in 2020. In May 2022, Mrs. Leon was the Director of Education at the Academy of Oncology Nurse & Patient Navigators (AONN+). She accepted her current role at UM in February 2024.

Mrs. Leon graduated in 2004 from Florida International University with her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing (BSN) and in 2016 graduated from Chamberlain College of Nursing with her Master's Degree in Nursing (MSN) Nurse Executive.



## Brandon Leonard, MA

*LUNGevity*

Brandon Leonard is Vice President of Government Affairs for LUNGevity Foundation. In this role, he leads LUNGevity's legislative policy activities, including outreach to Congress and state legislatures, analyzing bills, and developing policy statements and letters. He also coordinates the Early Lung Cancer Policy Coalition and represents LUNGevity on numerous other coalitions. Brandon co-manages the LUNGevity Action Network, a platform to engage the lung cancer community with educational events, articles, and advocacy opportunities.

Before joining LUNGevity, Brandon served as Associate Director of Congressional Relations at the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR), where he led legislative activities and organized advocacy events to engage the cancer and broader medical research communities. Previously, Brandon held the position of Vice President of Strategic Initiatives at Men's Health Network, leading the organization's policy and advocacy work. After receiving a Governor's Fellowship in 2004, he served in the office of the Governor of Virginia working to advance the Commonwealth's community integration policies for people with disabilities. He also served as a program officer at the Foundation for Sustainable Development. Brandon earned his MA in international development from the George Washington University and a BA in foreign affairs and Spanish from the University of Virginia.



## Christine Lovly, MD, PhD

*Vanderbilt University Medical Center*

Dr. Lovly is a physician scientist, splitting her time between clinical care and laboratory research. Her laboratory research is directed at understanding and developing improved therapeutic strategies for specific clinically relevant molecular subsets of lung cancer. Dr. Lovly has received grant funding from NIH/NCI, the Conquer Cancer Foundation, the American Cancer Society, the Damon Runyon Foundation, the LUNgevity Foundation, the V Foundation, the American Association for Cancer Research, and Lung Cancer Foundation of America / International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer. Her team's work has been published in high impact journals, including *Cancer Discovery*, *Nature Medicine*, *Nature Communications*, *Journal of Clinical Oncology*, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, and others.

Dr. Lovly is an elected member of the American Society for Clinical Investigation (class of 2017) and a member of the Editorial Board for *Cancer Discovery*, *Clinical Cancer Research*, and *JCO Precision Oncology*. She serves on the Scientific Leadership Boards for the LUNgevity Foundation, the GO2 Foundation for Lung Cancer Research, and the Lung Cancer Research Foundation. Dr. Lovly serves on the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) guidelines panel for Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer. She plays several roles within AACR, including being a member of the Science Policy and Government Affairs committee, Chair of the Tobacco Products and Cancer Subcommittee, and an elected member of the AACR Board of Directors.

In 2021, Dr. Lovly was awarded the ECOG-ACRIN Cancer Research Group Young Investigator Award. In 2022, she was awarded the GO2 Foundation Asclepius Award honoring research pioneers in the fight to end lung cancer. In 2025, she received the William J. Darby Award "for translational research that has changed the practice of medicine worldwide". In 2025, she also received the LUNgevity Foundation "Face of Hope" award.

In addition to cancer research, Dr. Lovly's other passion is volunteering at her local city animal shelter, working with and supporting homeless dogs.



## John Matthews, MBA, MS

*Ride Hard Breathe Easy*

John Matthews is the founder of Ride Hard Breathe Easy; a nonprofit organization committed to supporting lung cancer patients and advancing awareness and care.

Motivated by the loss of his mother to lung cancer, John turned his grief into action by launching a cross-country bike ride that has since grown into a national movement. Ride Hard Breathe Easy now partners with seven cancer centers, has supported more than 3,000 patients, and raised over \$1.1M for lung cancer care initiatives.

In addition to his advocacy work, John teaches public speaking and speechwriting at Temple University, helping students use their voice to make a difference. He also was instrumental in establishing the ALCSI Chapter at Temple University. John lives just outside of Philadelphia with his wife, Beth, and has a son, John, who he deeply admires.

John brings a unique perspective to the cancer research conversation—blending lived experience, community mobilization, and a deep commitment to improving outcomes for those facing lung cancer.



## Peter Mazzone, MD, MPH, FCCP

*Cleveland Clinic*

Peter Mazzone is a pulmonologist at the Cleveland Clinic. He currently leads the Section of Thoracic Oncology for the Pulmonary Department of the Cleveland Clinic, and the Lung Cancer Screening and Early Cancer Detection Programs for the Cleveland Clinic. He has served as the Chairman of the Thoracic Oncology Network of the American College of Chest Physicians, and Chairman of the Planning Committee of the Thoracic Oncology Assembly of the American Thoracic Society. He is a member of the Steering Committee for the American Cancer Society Lung Cancer Roundtable and a member of the American Lung Association Lung Cancer Expert Medical Advisory Panel. Projects that he has led for these Societies have resulted in policy statements about the components of a high-quality lung cancer screening program, the clinical utility of molecular biomarkers for early lung cancer detection, and quality indicators for the diagnosis and staging of lung cancer.

Dr. Mazzone is the lead author on lung cancer screening guidelines and has been an author of lung nodule evaluation guidelines. He is the Editor in Chief of the journal *CHEST* and the *CHEST* Journal Portfolio. He has performed discovery and clinical validation level research related to the development of breath, blood, and urine-based biomarkers for the early detection of cancer and has hosted collaborative meetings related to the progress of early cancer detection technologies.



## Katie McMahon, MPH

*ACS Cancer Action Network*

Katie McMahon is the Principal, Policy Development – Prevention for the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN). ACS CAN, the nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy affiliate of the American Cancer Society. By engaging advocates across the country to make their voices heard, ACS CAN advocates for legislative and regulatory solutions that will end cancer as we know it, for everyone.

Katie provides in-depth analysis for legislative and regulatory priorities at all levels of government and develops public policy positions for cancer prevention, including screening and early detection, tobacco control, diet and physical activity, and vaccination. Katie previously worked at ACS CAN as a Senior Policy Analyst.

Prior to re-joining ACS CAN, Katie was at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). In her role, Katie provided public policy expertise to senior staff on prevention initiatives and provided support for several strategic action plans on health disparities and tobacco control. Prior to ACS CAN and HHS, Katie worked at the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids on comprehensive tobacco control public policies.

Katie received her undergraduate and Master of Public Health degree from the George Washington University.



## Claudia Miller, BSN, RN, OCN, ONN-CG

*Nurse Navigator*

Claudia Miller, BSN, RN, OCN, ONN-CG, is a thoracic oncology nurse navigator at Hollings Cancer Center in Charleston, SC, and has specialized in lung cancer care for over 2 decades. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing, graduating Magna Cum Laude from the Medical University of South Carolina, and previously received a Bachelor of Science in Sociology before working as a Certified Social Worker with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control.

Claudia is an active member of AONN, ONS, and the American Cancer Society, and served as faculty for the ACS/National Lung Cancer Roundtable Lung Cancer Biomarker Testing ECHO program, supporting multidisciplinary teams in addressing biomarker testing barriers. She has presented nationally on the navigator's role in biomarker testing and has been featured in state and national podcasts highlighting lung cancer navigation. A past president of the Lowcountry ONS Chapter, she remains engaged in community advocacy through Dragon Boat Charleston, Hollings Cancer Center Lowvelo, ALA Lung Force, and the annual GO2 Shine a Light on Lung Cancer event. Claudia is also a contributing author to the forthcoming *Oncology Nurse Navigation: Delivering Patient-Centered Care Across the Continuum, Third Edition*.



## Drew Moghanaki, MD, MPH, FASTRO

*UCLA Department of Radiation Oncology*

Dr. Drew Moghanaki is Professor, Chief of Thoracic Oncology, and the Stanley Iezman and Nancy Stark Endowed Chair in Thoracic Radiation Oncology Research at the UCLA Department of Radiation Oncology. He is also a staff physician and co-director of the Lung Precision Oncology Program at the VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System, where he leads over \$60 million in lung cancer early detection and clinical trial initiatives. He previously led the largest lung cancer screening program in the Veterans Health Administration through a \$10 million public-private partnership titled the VA Partnership to Increase Access to Lung Screening (VA-PALS). The success of VA-PALS led to a \$100 million Congressional appropriation that established the VA National Center for Lung Cancer Screening and Lung Precision Oncology Program. He is co-chair of the Phase III randomized clinical trial evaluating stereotactic radiation therapy as an upfront treatment option for operable stage I lung cancer titled “VALOR”.

Dr. Moghanaki is a steering committee member for the American Cancer Society National Lung Cancer Roundtable and serves on the scientific advisory boards of the LUNGeity Foundation, GO2 Foundation for Lung Cancer, and Lung Cancer Foundation of America.



## Timothy Mullett, MD, MBA, FACS

*University of Kentucky*

Timothy Wm. Mullett, MD, MBA, FACS, is a professor of surgery in the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery at the University of Kentucky (UK). He received his medical degree and surgical training at the University of Florida, and has served on faculty at UK for the past 29 years. Although he has experience in cardiac surgery and transplantation, Dr. Mullett’s clinical practice and research focuses on the overwhelming burden of lung cancer in Kentucky. He is a member of the UK Markey Cancer Center – Kentucky’s only National Cancer Institute Comprehensive Cancer Center – and is chair of UK’s Cancer Committee. He served as CoC state chair for six years and in October of 2020, Dr. Mullett was installed as Chair of the Commission on Cancer until 2024.

Currently, Dr. Mullett is the medical director of the Markey Cancer Center Affiliate Network, a program that provides high-quality cancer care closer to home at collaborating centers through specialty services, education and outreach programs. He also serves as medical director of the Markey Cancer Center Research Network, a collaborative network of sites that conducts a portfolio of high priority trials including therapeutic oncology trials and interventional and non-interventional studies appropriate for community centers.



## Jessica Olson, PhD, MPH

*Medical College of Wisconsin*

Jessica Olson, PhD, MPH, is an Associate Professor at the Medical College of Wisconsin and a long-standing member of the American Cancer Society's National Lung Cancer Roundtable (NLCRT). She currently serves as co-chair of the State-Based Initiatives Task Group, where she helps individuals working at the state and regional levels apply nationwide best practices tailored to the needs of the communities they serve. During her time as co-chair of the State-Based Initiatives Task Group, Dr. Olson co-led the development of the State-Based Initiatives Planning Tool. This coalition-building guide helps states assess readiness, identify gaps, and launch cross-sector strategies to form statewide lung cancer coalitions.

Her work spans implementation science approaches, workforce development, health disparities, and the translation of evidence into practice through multi-sector partnerships. Dr. Olson collaborates closely with clinical, community, and policy-based partners to design interventions that reduce lung cancer mortality, improve screening quality, and expand support for populations experiencing disparities in screening and early diagnosis. She has also collaborated with NLCRT partners, filmmakers, and national advocacy groups to co-create multimedia educational tools that elevate patient voices and increase public engagement in lung health.

Across all projects, Dr. Olson is committed to building sustainable state-level infrastructure, strengthening local and national partnerships, and advancing equitable, evidence-based systems that ensure individuals at the highest risk benefit from life-saving lung cancer screening.



## Ray U. Osarogiagbon, MBBS, FACP

*Baptist Memorial Health Care*

Dr. Osarogiagbon is Chief Scientist at the Baptist Memorial Healthcare Corporation, Director of the Multidisciplinary Thoracic Oncology Program and the Thoracic Oncology Research (ThOR) Group at the Baptist Cancer Center, in Memphis, Tennessee. He is a Research Professor at Vanderbilt University, and a member of the Vanderbilt Ingram Cancer Center.



## Mary Pasquinelli, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC

*University of Illinois Chicago*

Dr. Mary Pasquinelli is a doctorate-prepared nurse practitioner and Director of the Lung Screening Program at the University of Illinois Chicago (UIC/UI Health), where she also co-leads the pulmonary nodule clinic. Her work focuses on reducing disparities in lung cancer screening, advancing risk prediction models – including the integration of Sybil AI – and implementing comprehensive, patient-centered screening protocols.

Her research centers on lung screening and pulmonary nodule risk stratification, improving screening adherence, and integrating precision and AI-enabled approaches into clinical care. As a principal investigator and co-investigator on multiple grants, she has contributed to strategies that strengthen patient-provider communication, expand screening participation, and promote equitable early detection.

Through multidisciplinary collaboration and innovation, Dr. Pasquinelli is committed to optimizing workflows, enhancing early-stage lung cancer detection, and ensuring equitable access to life-saving interventions.



## Laura F. Petrillo, MD

*Massachusetts General Hospital*

Laura Petrillo is a palliative care physician-investigator in the Division of Palliative Care and Geriatrics at Massachusetts General Hospital and an Assistant Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School. Her research focuses on improving supportive care for advanced cancer survivors in the precision medicine era. Dr. Petrillo is the Co-Chair of the National Lung Cancer Roundtable Survivorship Task Group, the Chair of the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine Research Committee, and the Co-Chair of the Harvard Center for Palliative Care Research Committee.



## Elridge Proctor, MPA

*GO2 for Lung Cancer*

Elridge is the Senior Director, Government Affairs at the GO2 for Lung Cancer. She has extensive experience within non-profit, patient advocacy and health policy. She previously worked on Capitol Hill, handling a portfolio of women and children's health issues for a Member of the U.S. House of Representatives. She has also worked on a number of political campaigns and local volunteer boards, including gubernatorial appointment by Maryland's Governor, Martin O'Malley; with two consecutive terms served, as a member of the Trial Courts, Judicial Nominating Commission for District Fifteen-Charles County, Maryland. Prior to joining GO2 for Lung Cancer, Elridge was the Vice President of Public Policy at the Tourette Association of America. Elridge holds a Master of Arts Degree in Public Administration, Government Management and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science. A mom of two to James III and Jessica and an Army wife to Col. James Proctor Jr.



## Ashley Prosper, MD

*UCLA*

Ashley Elizabeth Prosper, MD is a cardiothoracic radiologist at the University of California, Los Angeles where she serves as chief of Cardiothoracic Imaging and co-directs the UCLA Lung Cancer Screening Program. She completed a diagnostic radiology residency, enrolled nuclear medicine fellowship and cardiothoracic imaging and intervention fellowship at the University of Southern California and is a Diplomate of both the American Boards of Radiology and Nuclear Medicine. Her research is focused on the early detection of lung cancer, particularly on the use of imaging and liquid biomarkers for the improved detection and prognostication of lung cancer. Dr. Prosper is an active member of the American College of Radiology's LungRADS steering committee and co-leads the University of California Lung Cancer Consortium's Early Detection Task Force.



## M. Patricia Rivera, MD, ATSF, FCCP

*University of Rochester*

Dr. Rivera is a Professor of Medicine and Oncology and the C. Jane Davis & C. Robert Davis Distinguished Professor in Pulmonary Medicine, Chief of the Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, and an Associate Director at Wilmot Cancer Center in the University of Rochester Medical Center, Rochester, New York.

Her clinical expertise includes screening, diagnosing, and staging lung cancer, as well as managing treatment complications. Through NCI-funded research, she studies the delivery, quality, and outcomes of lung cancer screening and examines interventions to increase screening rates.

Throughout her career, Dr. Rivera has held numerous leadership positions in professional societies, including President of the American Thoracic Society from 2023 to 2024. Dr. Rivera is passionate about research, teaching, mentoring, and developing the next generation of leaders in pulmonary and critical care medicine.



## Upal Basu Roy, PhD, MPH

*LUNGevity*

Dr. Upal Basu Roy is Executive Director of Research at LUNGevity Foundation, the pre-eminent lung cancer patient advocacy group in the United States. In this capacity, he oversees the research strategy of LUNGevity Foundation, including the Translational Science Research Program and the Patient-Focused Research Center (Patient FoRCe). Within the Translational Science Research Program, he guides the award administration and peer review of lung cancer research grants, as well as the monitoring and evaluation of research projects that focus on improving outcomes via early detection and improved treatment options. Within Patient FoRCe that he helped found, he designs and implements research studies that seek to understand the lung cancer patient experience and identify unmet needs in education and access to care.

As a patient research advocate, Upal works with national organizations such as the National Cancer Institute, other patient advocacy groups, and pharma partners on initiatives to increase access to high-quality lung cancer screening, biomarker-driven care, and clinical trials. Upal currently serves as a patient advocate on the Thoracic Malignancy Steering Committee of the NCI.



## Sinchita Roy-Chowdhuri, MD, PhD

*MD Anderson Cancer Center*

Dr. Sinchita Roy-Chowdhuri is a Professor at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center (MDACC), board-certified in Cytopathology and Molecular Genetic Pathology. She served as the Principal Investigator for the NCI-MATCH Adult and Pediatric clinical trials, the Director for Clinical Trials Operation and the Solid Tumor Medical Director of the Molecular Diagnostic Laboratory at MDACC. She is currently the Solid Tumor Medical Director for the ECOG-ACRIN Central Biorepository and Pathology Facility at MDACC. Her academic interests include molecular diagnostics in small specimens, biomarker testing, especially in non-small cell lung cancer, and the application of new emerging technology in cytopathology.

Dr. Roy-Chowdhuri is actively involved in several professional societies, serving on the *American Society of Cytopathology (ASC) Executive Board*, as well as various committees on the *Association for Molecular Pathology (AMP)*, *College of American Pathologists (CAP)*, *United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology (USCAP)*, and the *American Cancer Society's National Lung Cancer Roundtable (NLCRT)*. She is also serving as co-chair for the *CAP/IASLC/AMP* guideline for lung cancer molecular testing.

Dr. Roy-Chowdhuri has presented several educational courses at national and international meetings and published over 175 peer-reviewed articles in the field of cytopathology and molecular pathology. She has authored several book chapters, served as a section Editor for the WHO Blue book for Lung Cytopathology, and is co-Editor of the book *Molecular Diagnostics in Cytopathology: A Practical handbook for the Practicing Pathologist*. She serves as Associate Editor for *Cancer Cytopathology* and the *Archives of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine*.

Dr. Roy-Chowdhuri co-founded a pathology educational mobile app, *CytoAtlas*, and can be frequently seen participating in pathology education on social media. She serves as a mentor to pathology trainees and can be followed on her Facebook page, @SinchitaRoyMDPhD and on X @Sinchita\_Roy.



## Lecia Sequist, MD, MPH

*Massachusetts General Hospital*

Dr. Sequist attended Cornell University and Harvard Medical School, then completed her clinical training at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, and Massachusetts General Hospital. During training she also earned a Master of Public Health degree from the Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health. She joined the faculty at the MGH Cancer Center in 2005 and is currently the Landry Family Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School and the Director of the Cancer Early Detection and Diagnostics Program at Mass General Brigham Cancer Institute. Dr. Sequist's research interests center around lung cancer screening and risk assessment, and novel tools to help with early detection. In her free time, she likes to spend time with her husband, two sons and two dogs, read, and study the Hawaiian language.



## Alex Sheen

*because I said I would*

Alex Sheen is the Founder of *because I said I would*, a social movement and nonprofit dedicated to bettering humanity through promises made and kept. Sparked by the loss of his father, Alex and his organization send "promise cards" to anyone anywhere in the world at no cost. Alex is someone who truly honors commitment. He once walked over 240 miles across the entire state of Ohio in 10 days to fulfill a promise. In just two years, *because I said I would* has sent over 9.81 million promise cards to over 153 different countries. The promises written on these cards have made headlines around the world. His charitable projects and awareness campaigns have been featured on ABC World News with Diane Sawyer, CNN, The Today Show, NPR, The Los Angeles Times and many other programs.



## Gerard Silvestri, MD, MS, Master FCCP

*Medical University of South Carolina*

Dr. Silvestri is the Hillenbrand Distinguished University Professor of Thoracic Oncology at the Medical University of South Carolina. He completed his training in Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine and received an additional degree in health services research, both at Dartmouth. He is widely regarded as an international expert in lung cancer. His research includes screening for lung cancer, lung nodule evaluation, diagnosis and staging of lung cancer, development of biomarkers for disease risk and treatment, and disparities in delivering lung cancer care to underserved communities. Dr. Silvestri is a writer and editor of the American College of Chest Physicians lung cancer guidelines. He has authored more than 300 scientific articles, book chapters and editorials. He has served on multiple editorial boards and currently serves on the editorial board of the journal *Chest*. Dr. Silvestri is past president of the American College of Chest Physicians (CHEST), a society serving 20,000 chest physicians worldwide.

He currently serves on the steering committee of the American Cancer Society's National Lung Cancer Roundtable. Dr. Silvestri was the recipient of the 2020 lifetime achievement award in Lung Cancer from the American Thoracic Society. In 2022, Dr. Silvestri was named a Master Fellow of the American College of Chest Physicians, a distinction awarded to only 40 members in the nearly 90 years of that organization's existence.



## Matthew Smeltzer, PhD

*University of Memphis*

Matthew P. Smeltzer, PhD, is Associate Professor of Epidemiology and H & J Hardin Endowed Professor of Public Health at the University of Memphis where he teaches advanced epidemiologic methods and mentors doctoral students. His research topics include clinical outcomes, early detection, staging, and health disparities in lung cancer and sickle cell disease. He focuses on the application of epidemiologic methods for observational data analysis, quality of care delivery, and implementation science. Dr. Smeltzer is Chair of the International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer (IASLC) Communications Committee, Chair of the Methodology Committee for the IASLC Staging and Prognostic Factors Group, and he serves on the Board of Directors for the Rescue Lung Society.



## Robert Smith, PhD, FSBI

*American Cancer Society*

Robert A. Smith, PhD, FSBI, is a cancer epidemiologist and Senior Vice-President, Cancer Screening at the National Office of the American Cancer Society (ACS) in Atlanta, Georgia. He also is Adjunct Professor of Epidemiology at the Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University School of Medicine, and an Honorary Professor, Centre for Cancer Prevention, Wolfson Institute of Preventative Medicine at Queen Mary University of London. His primary research interests are cancer epidemiology, evaluation of cancer prevention and early detection programs, quality assurance in the delivery of health services, and cancer rehabilitation and survivorship. He received his PhD from the State University of New York at Stony Brook in 1983. Prior to joining the staff at the ACS, he held positions with the Boston University School of Public Health, and the Centers for Disease Control.

At the ACS, he leads the development of cancer screening guidelines, and special research and policy projects focused on cancer prevention and control. He is the author of over 300 peer-reviewed scientific articles, reports, and book chapters, and a frequent lecturer on cancer screening issues. He serves on many international and national government and professional advisory committees and working groups, and in 2017 was a member of the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) Handbooks Working Group for volume 17 on Colorectal Cancer Screening. Dr. Smith was one of the founding members of the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable, and has served as its Co-Director for 20 years. He also is a founding member of the National Lung Cancer Roundtable and the Principle Investigator of the first 3-year supporting grant. Among his honors, Dr. Smith is an Honorary Fellow of the Society of Breast Imaging; in 2004 he received the Cancer Prevention Laurel for Outstanding National Leadership from the Prevent Cancer Foundation; and in 2011 he received the Medal of Honor from the International Agency for Research on Cancer.



## Colleen Spees, PhD, Med, BS

*Ohio State University*

Dr. Colleen Spees is a Professor in the Division of Medical Dietetics at The Ohio State University College of Medicine, with additional academic appointments in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) and the College of Education and Human Ecology (EHE).

Her research centers on developing, implementing, and testing tailored biobehavioral Food is Medicine interventions to prevent, manage, and treat diet-sensitive chronic diseases, including cancer. By addressing food availability, access, quality, and use, Dr. Spees works to improve access to culturally appropriate, health-promoting, and functional foods that support optimal nutritional status and long-term health outcomes.

Dr. Spees is recognized as a Fellow of both the American Heart Association and the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. Her expertise extends to national guideline development and scientific contributions. She has authored and contributed to American Heart Association's Scientific Statements and Advisories, the American Cancer Society's evidence-based diet and physical activity guidelines for both cancer prevention and survivorship, ASPEN's clinical guidelines on malnutrition, and the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics' position papers on nutritional genomics and food insecurity. Through her leadership, scholarship, and advocacy, Dr. Spees advances the integration of nutrition science into clinical practice, helping shape policies and interventions that improve health across diverse oncology populations.



## Nicole Stout, DPT, CLT-LANA, FAPTA

*American Cancer Society*

Dr. Nicole L. Stout is the Senior Director of Survivorship and Wellness at the American Cancer Society where she leads a national portfolio of strategic initiatives in lifestyle medicine and caregiver support across pediatric, adolescent, and adult oncology. She has an international reputation in the field of cancer rehabilitation and survivorship care. Dr. Stout has led national and international strategic initiatives advancing survivorship research, practice and policy solutions. She has an extensive peer-review publication track record and has lectured worldwide on cancer rehabilitation, and the supportive care needs of individuals with cancer. She also is an adjunct research faculty member of the West Virginia University Cancer Institute, where she supports clinical implementation research.



## Jamie Studts, PhD

*University of Colorado*

Dr. Jamie L. Studts is a Professor of Medical Oncology at the University of Colorado School of Medicine and Scientific Director of Behavioral Oncology. Dr. Studts serves as the Co-Leader for the Cancer Prevention and Control program and Co-Director of the Population Health Shared Resource at the University of Colorado Cancer Center. Dr. Studts is a clinical health psychologist, and his interests address behavioral aspects of lung cancer. His research develops and tests interventions to facilitate equitable and high-quality lung cancer screening and evaluate novel approaches to improving quality of life and well-being among lung cancer survivors. His research has been funded by NCI, NIDCR, NIDA, NIEHS, PCORI, CDC, the Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation, the Kentucky Lung Cancer Research Program, and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

Dr. Studts is the Principal Investigator of the Kentucky LEADS Collaborative, and he previously served on the Institute of Medicine National Cancer Policy Forum addressing Implementation of Lung Cancer Screening. He is a Fellow of the Society of Behavioral Medicine, a member of the Scientific Leadership Board for GO2 for Lung Cancer, and the National Comprehensive Cancer Network's Lung Cancer Screening Guideline Panel. Dr. Studts serves as a member of the Steering Committee for the American Cancer Society's National Lung Cancer Roundtable, Co-Chairs the Stigma and Nihilism Task Group, and Chairs the Campaign to End Lung Cancer Stigma. In 2019 he received the Centerstone Healthcare Advocacy award for his efforts to reduce the burden of lung cancer in Kentucky. Dr. Studts was also awarded the Elliot J. Coups Improving Health through Behavioral Medicine Award in 2025 from the Society of Behavioral Medicine.



## Carey Thomson, MD, MPH, ATSF, FCCP

*Mt. Auburn Hospital/Beth Israel Lahey Health*

Dr. Carey Thomson is the Charles S. Davidson Associate Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School and the Chair of the Department of Medicine at Mount Auburn Hospital/Beth Israel Lahey Health. Dr. Thomson has extensive training and experience in implementation science, quality improvement, and population health. She has a well-established track record of collaborating on work at the national and regional levels to advance early detection of lung cancer. Dr. Thomson founded and directs the Multidisciplinary Thoracic Oncology and Lung Cancer Screening (LCS) Program at Mount Auburn Hospital/Beth Israel Lahey Health. She is the Chair of the National Lung Cancer Roundtable Lung Cancer Early Detection Task Group, is a member of the ACR Lung Cancer Screening 2.0 Committee and several of its subcommittees, and sits on numerous scientific panels and committees at other national organizations. She has developed multiple implementation tools for early detection in collaboration with the ACS NLCRT and the ATS/ALA, including a business modeling tool, LUNGPLAN, the Best Practice Guide for Building Early Detection Programs, and Co-Chaired the ATS/ALA Implementation Guide for Lung Cancer Screening. She leads national efforts to incorporate Artificial Intelligence technology, and the electronic health record into care pathways for early detection of lung cancer.



## Haley Tupper, MD, MS, MPH

*UCLA*

Haley Tupper, MD, MS, MPH is a resident general surgery physician at UCLA who intends to pursue a fellowship in thoracic surgery. She is passionate about improving equitable access to care, particularly for early-detection of lung cancer and downstream multidisciplinary care. Her work seeks to understand how existing health systems create inequitable outcomes, and her current research focuses on inter-organizational fragmentation and health information system interoperability. In addition to this work, she has researched a variety of thoracic oncology topics within Kaiser, UCLA, and the VA. She has also worked internationally with Armenia's Ministry of Health and Cambodia's hospital system. She is equally passionate about targeted advocacy to achieve equitable outcomes and was recently awarded the Resident Health Equity Leadership award by the California Medical Association.



## Jeffrey B. Velotta, MD, FACS

*Kaiser Permanente Oakland Medical Center*

Dr. Velotta went to medical school at George Washington University. He then completed his general surgery residency at UCLA Medical Center. During this time, Dr. Velotta also completed his postdoctoral research in the Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery at Stanford University School of Medicine. Following this, he completed his training in Cardiothoracic Surgery at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School. Dr. Velotta's clinical and research interests involve innovative techniques and regionalization pathways for all thoracic cancers and improving lung cancer screening in at-risk populations.



## Robert Volk, PhD

*MD Anderson Cancer Center*

Robert Volk is Hubert L. and Olive Stringer Distinguished Professor in Cancer Research at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, where he also serves as Deputy Chair in the Department of Health Services Research. A decision scientist, his research focuses on shared decision making and the development, evaluation, and dissemination of decision support tools that span the cancer care continuum. Dr. Volk heads the Decision Support Lab at MD Anderson and directs the multi-institution Texas Decision Science Core funded by the National Cancer Institute and Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas. His lab has produced decision aids for the American Cancer Society, Department of Veterans Affairs, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, and patient advocacy groups, and received numerous awards for film and video production in the area of health care. He also co-leads with Dr. Dawn Stacey the Steering Committee for the International Patient Decision Aid Standards (IPDAS) Collaboration.



## Frank Weinberg, MD, PhD

*University of Illinois*

Frank Weinberg, MD, PhD, is an Assistant Professor of Medicine and Lead of the Thoracic Oncology Program at the University of Illinois Cancer Center. A physician-scientist specializing in lung cancer, Dr. Weinberg's work focuses on expanding equitable access to clinical trials and understanding the immunometabolic pathways that shape cancer development, particularly in underrepresented populations. He leads or serves as principal investigator on more than a dozen national and industry-sponsored clinical trials in NSCLC and SCLC and co-investigates Sybil, an AI-based risk prediction model for lung cancer.

Dr. Weinberg directs multiple institutional initiatives, including UI Health's lung cancer biorepository and the Thoracic Oncology Program's clinical trial enrollment analysis, which has produced some of the highest trial participation rates among minority patients nationally. His research and leadership aim to dismantle structural barriers, strengthen patient-provider communication, and accelerate the delivery of innovative therapies for diverse communities.



## Richard Wender, MD

*Penn Medicine*

Richard Wender, MD is the Robert G. Dunlop Professor and Chair of the Department of Family Medicine and Community Health in the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Wender has dedicated his career to leading medical and public health efforts that strive to improve the quality of primary care, implement population health, and address social determinants of health in the continuous pursuit of equity for all people. Since being appointed as Chair in 2020, the Department of Family Medicine and Community Health has been increasing influential in addressing the needs of the communities served by Penn. The Department has recruited 24 new faculty members, expanded the residency program from 27 to 36, reinvigorated a robust health services research program, led Penn's community-based COVID vaccination efforts, and built sustained relationships with multiple community partners. He has been instrumental in starting Penn's first fellowship in Addiction Medicine and a new Addiction Medicine consult service. The Department has raised millions of dollars through grants and philanthropy to support the body of work dedicated to reducing health disparities. Dr. Wender also serves as the Executive Director of Penn's Center for Public Health.

Dr. Wender spent the first 33 years of his career in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at Thomas Jefferson University, including 12 years as the Alumni Professor and Chair of the Department, helping establish that Department as one of the national leaders in family medicine and geriatric education and care.

An expert in cancer screening and prevention, Dr. Wender became the first primary care physician to serve on the National Board of the American Cancer Society, and in 2006 became the first primary care physician elected to serve as National President of the American Cancer Society. From 2013 to 2020, Dr. Wender served as the first Chief Cancer Control Officer of the American Cancer Society. He helped to build a cancer control team that built the first ever National Lung Cancer, National HPV Vaccination Roundtables, and National Patient Navigation catalyzing public health efforts in these areas. From 2013 to 2023, Dr. Wender served as the Chair of the National Colorectal Roundtable and became the national champion and strategic leader of their 80% by 2018 campaign which resulted in 9.3 million more people being up to date with colorectal cancer screening. 80% by 2018 is recognized as one of the most enduring and successful public health campaigns in our nation's history. He is a co-author of numerous publications related to cancer screening and prevention and the co-author of major cancer screening guidelines for every currently recommended screening target. All his work is anchored in being a family physician. He has been providing primary care in Philadelphia for the past 44 years and continues to provide comprehensive primary care at Penn today.



## Stacy Wentworth, MD

*Duke University*

Dr. Wentworth is a clinical associate at Duke University School of Medicine. She has practiced radiation oncology for 20 years. From 2018-2023, she was the Medical Director of Cancer Survivorship at Atrium Wake Forest Baptist Health where she established the first multi-disciplinary survivorship clinic for lung cancer patients.

Dr. Wentworth's weekly newsletter, Cancer Culture, explores our beliefs about cancer and is available at [cancerculture.substack.com](https://cancerculture.substack.com).



## MacKenzie White, MPH

*End Lung Cancer Now*

MacKenzie White, MPH serves as the Executive Director of End Lung Cancer Now (ELCN), an initiative of the IU Simon Comprehensive Cancer Center. With a strong background in non-profit leadership and public health, MacKenzie leads the strategic implementation of the initiative's mission and works across multi-institutional boundaries to champion lung cancer prevention, early detection, and advocacy efforts. Under her leadership, the initiative has expanded its outreach efforts, formed key partnerships, and significantly grown its philanthropic portfolio. ELCN has most recently partnered with IU Health to significantly scale lung cancer screening programs within the health system, including the establishment of Indiana's first and only mobile lung screening program.

MacKenzie developed her passion for healthcare education and awareness initiatives during her time as program manager at the IU School of Medicine, Division of Continuing Medical Education. She received her bachelor's degree from IUPUI and recently completed her master's degree in public health, with a concentration in Health Policy and Management. She is inspired daily by her family and all of those who have been impacted by lung cancer.



## Renda Wiener, MD, MPH

*VA Boston Healthcare System*

Dr. Renda Wiener is a pulmonologist, health services researcher, and implementation scientist at the Center for Health Optimization & Implementation Research at the VA Boston Healthcare System, a Professor of Medicine at Boston University Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine, and the Deputy Chief Consultant of VA's National Center for Lung Cancer Screening. A main focus of her research is to develop, implement, and evaluate strategies to optimize quality, patient-centeredness, and equity of lung cancer screening, and she has participated in several guidelines and policy statements in these areas. Dr. Wiener serves as the Vice Chair of the ACS National Lung Cancer Round Table Shared Decision-Making Task Group.

Dr. Wiener has developed interventions in which Veteran certified peer specialists and clinical lung cancer screening coordinators employ navigation to engage patients in lung cancer screening. She currently is co-leading a multi-site pragmatic randomized trial (the PASI trial) to implement prediction modeling into routine clinical care to optimize patient selection and shared decision-making about lung cancer screening, and increase uptake of lung cancer screening among high-benefit people.



## Kelly Willingham

*Oklahoma Hospital Association*

Kelly Willingham is the Director of Health Improvement Initiatives at the Oklahoma Hospital Association, where she helps lead statewide efforts to strengthen health outcomes across Oklahoma. In this role, she oversees initiatives focused on chronic disease prevention, clinical tobacco treatment, and expanding preventive lung cancer programs. A graduate of Oklahoma State University with a B.S. in Health Education and Promotion, Kelly brings experience from the state Medicaid agency as a Health Educator and from the Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline as a Quit Coach. Her work centers on integrating public health strategies into clinical settings and fostering partnerships that reduce disparities and improve health outcomes.



## Ignacio Wistuba, MD

*Moffitt Cancer Center*

Ignacio I. Wistuba, MD, is Chair and Senior Member of the Department of Translational Pathology at Moffitt Cancer Center, Tampa, Florida, USA. Until May 2025, he was Professor and Chair of the Department of Translational Molecular Pathology with joint appointment in the Department of Thoracic/Head and Neck Medical Oncology, and co-director of the Institute of Personalized Cancer Therapy (IPCT) at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. Between 2019 and 2022 he served as Head of the Division of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at MD Anderson. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer (IASLC).

Dr. Wistuba's major research interest is the elucidation of the molecular abnormalities involved in the pathogenesis and progression of lung cancer and other solid tumors. He has co-authored over 850 papers in peer-reviewed journals and several book chapters. He led several extramural peer-review funded (NCI, DoD, V-Foundation, and Texas CPRIT) programmatic research programs. His research interests also include identifying new molecular targets, validating biomarkers for targeted therapy and immunotherapy, and identifying molecular markers associated with lung cancer and other solid tumors development, progression and metastasis development using annotated human specimens.



## Douglas Wood, MD, FACS, FRCSEd

*ACS NLCRT*

Douglas E. Wood, MD, FACS, FRCSEd, is The Henry N. Harkins Professor and Chair of the Department of Surgery at University of Washington. Prior to that he was Professor and Endowed Chair in Lung Cancer Research in the Department of Surgery at the University of Washington, where he was the Chief of the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery. Dr. Wood received his undergraduate and medical degrees from Harvard University and trained in General Surgery and Cardiothoracic Surgery at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

Dr. Wood is a world leader in thoracic surgery and thoracic oncology. He is past president of the Society of Thoracic Surgeons, Western Thoracic Surgical Association, and Seattle Surgical Society, previously serving as Director of the American Board of Thoracic Surgery and Chair of the ACGME Thoracic RRC. Dr. Wood is currently the president of the Thoracic Surgery Foundation and president of the Cardiothoracic Surgery Network (CTSNet). He serves as the chair of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) Lung Cancer Screening Panel, vice-chair of the NCCN Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer Panel, and vice-chair of the American Cancer Society National Lung Cancer Roundtable.