Virtual Meeting on Survivorship Needs for Individuals Living with Advanced and Metastatic Cancers

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Agenda



MONDAY, MAY 10, 2021 | 11:00 AM-4:00 PM

DAY 1

10:45 AM	Arrival
11:00 AM	Agenda Overview Trish Silber, Aliniad Consulting Partners, Inc. Logistics ICF
11:10 AM	Goals for Meeting Dr. Lisa Gallicchio and Dr. Michelle Mollica, NCI Welcome Remarks Dr. Robert Croyle, Director, NCI Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences Dr. Emily Tonorezos, Director, NCI Office of Cancer Survivorship
11:25 AM	Overview of the Changing Landscape of Care for Individuals Living with Advanced and Metastatic Cancers Dr. Ryan Nipp, Massachusetts General Hospital
11:55 AM	Patient/Survivor Panel Panel moderator: Christine Hodgdon Panelists: Bethany Abbott, Doug Sparling, Lesley Glenn, Lee Jones
12:45 PM	Break (20 min.)
1:05 PM	Session: Epidemiology and Surveillance Research Session chair: Dr. Kelly Filipski, NCI Presenters: Dr. Mark Burkard, University of Wisconsin Carbone Cancer Center Topic: Long-Term Survivors with Metastatic Breast Cancer Dr. April Salama, Duke Cancer Center Topic: Survivorship in the Modern Era of Cancer Immunotherapy: Lessons Learned in Melanoma Dr. Ruth Etzioni, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center Topic: Why It Is So Hard to Learn about Cancer Metastasis (and Recurrence) in the Population and What We Can Do to Make It Easier?

AGENDA

DAY 1

	Small Group Discussion: Epidemiology and
	Surveillance Research
	This will be held in the main WebEx room and viewed by all.
	Dr. Kelly Filipski, NCI
	Dr. Mark Burkard, University of Wisconsin Carbone Cancer Center
1:40 PM	Dr. Ruth Etzioni, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center
	Dr. April Salama, Duke Cancer Center
	Dr. Lorelei Mucci, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health
	Dr. Song Yao, Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center
	Julia Maues, patient/survivor panelist
2:20 PM	Break (20 min.)
	Session: Symptom Management Research
	Session chair: Dr. Ashley Wilder Smith, NCI
	Presenters:
	Dr. Jennifer Temel, Massachusetts General Hospital
2:40 PM	Topic: Helping Patients with Metastatic Cancer Manage Symptoms and Survivorship
	Dr. Catherine Mosher, Indiana University-Purdue University
	Topic: Unique Features of Symptom Management Interventions fo Individuals with Advanced and Metastatic Cancers
	Small Group Discussion: Symptom
	Management Research
	This will be held in the main WebEx room and viewed by all.
	Dr. Ashley Wilder Smith, NCI
	Dr. Jennifer Temel, Massachusetts General Hospital
	Dr. Catherine Mosher, Indiana University-Purdue University
3:05 PM	Dr. Frank Penedo, University of Miami Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center
	Dr. April Salama, Duke Cancer Center
	Dr. David Hui, MD Anderson Cancer Center
	Dr. Kathi Mooney, University of Utah Huntsman Cancer Institute
	Dr. Heather Jim, Moffitt Cancer Center
	Matthew Goldman, patient/survivor panelist
3:50 PM	Day 1 Wrap-Up
4:00 PM	End
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DAY 2

10:45 AM	Arrival
	Agenda Overview
	Trish Silber, Aliniad Consulting Partners, Inc.
11:00 AM	Logistics ICF
	Goals Day 2 Dr. Lisa Gallicchio and Dr. Michelle Mollica, NCI
	Session: Psychosocial Research
	Session chair: Dr. Jennifer Guida, NCI
	Presenters:
	Dr. William Pirl, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
	Topic: Overview of Psychosocial Issues for Patients Living with Metastatic Cancer
11:15 AM	Dr. Areej El-Jawahri, Massachusetts General Hospital
	Topic: Living with Prognostic Uncertainty: Current Knowledge and Future Directions
	Dr. Nick Dionne-Odom, University of Alabama at Birmingham
	Topic: Trends Impacting Research with Family Caregivers of Individuals with Advanced Metastatic Cancers
	Small Group Discussion: Psychosocial Research This will be held in the main WebEx room and viewed by all.
	Dr. Jennifer Guida, NCI
	Dr. William Pirl, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
12:00 PM	Dr. Nick Dionne-Odom, University of Alabama at Birmingham
	Dr. Areej El-Jawahri, Massachusetts General Hospital
	Dr. Paul Han, National Cancer Institute
	Dr. Allison Applebaum, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
	Angela Baker, patient/survivor panelist
12:30 PM	Break (20 min)

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DAY 2

Session: Health Care Delivery Issues Session chair: Kate Castro, NCI Presenters: Dr. Bijal Balasubramanian, University of Texas Health Sciences Center at Houston Topic: Delivering Comprehensive, Coordinated Care for Individuals Living with Advanced and Metastatic Cancers 12:50 PM Dr. Michaela Dinan, Yale School of Public Health Topic: Challenges and Opportunities in Analyzing Patterns of Care for Patients Living with Metastatic and Advanced Cancers Dr. Veena Shankaran, University of Washington Topic: Addressing Financial Hardship in Advanced Cancer Patients and Caregivers Small Group Discussion: Health Care Delivery Issues This will be held in the main WebEx room and viewed by all. Kate Castro, NCI Dr. Bijal Balasubramanian, University of Texas Health Sciences Center at Houston Dr. Michaela Dinan, Yale School of Public Health 1:25 PM Dr. Veena Shankaran, University of Washington Dr. Shawna Hudson, Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey Dr. Raymond Osarogiagbon, Baptist Health System Gregory Garber, Thomas Jefferson University Laura Esfeller, patient/survivor panelist 2:05 PM Break (20 min.) Session: Health Behaviors Research Session chair: Dr. Frank Perna, NCI Presenters: Dr. Neil Iyengar, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center Topic: Physical Activity Patterns and Exercise Interventions for 2:25 PM Patients Living with Metastatic Cancer Dr. Oxana Palesh, Stanford University Topic: Sleep and Circadian Disruption in Metastatic Cancer Dr. Noelle LoConte, University of Wisconsin Topic: Use of Alcohol in Patients with Metastatic Cancers

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DAY 2

Small Group Discussion: Health **Behaviors Research** This will be held in the main WebEx room and viewed by all. Dr. Frank Perna, NCI Dr. Neil Iyengar, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center Dr. Oxana Palesh, Stanford University 3:00 PM Dr. Noelle LoConte, University of Wisconsin Dr. Mary Platek, Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center Dr. Wendy Demark-Wahnefried, University of Alabama at Birmingham Jamil Rivers, patient/survivor panelist Wrap-Up 3:40 PM **Next Steps** 4:00 PM End

Speakers and Panelists





Bethany Ross Abbott

Cancer Advocate

Bethany Ross Abbott was diagnosed in August 2018 at 30 with Stage IV neuroendocrine cancer in her appendix and pancreas that spread to her lymph nodes and liver. She saw six doctors over a year before her diagnosis. She is an Information Security Engineer in New Hampshire and enjoys cancer advocacy.



Allison J. Applebaum

Associate Attending Psychologist Director, Caregivers Clinic

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Dr. Allison J. Applebaum is an Associate Attending Psychologist in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSK), and an Assistant Professor of Psychology in Psychiatry at Weill Cornell Medical College. She is the founding Director of the Caregivers Clinic at MSK.



Angela Baker

Founder, Angel In Disguise Inc

Angela Baker is a three-time breast cancer survivor and an advocate in her community and other breast cancer organizations. She is the Founder and President of Angel in Disguise Inc, which provides complimentary transportation to breast cancer patients to appointments, surgery, treatment and light errands, while waiting with them, as well as provides after care for those who need it and peer support.



Bijal Balasubramanian M.B.B.S., Ph.D.

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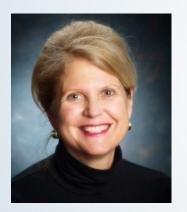
Dr. Bijal Balasubramanian, Associate Professor at UTHealth School of Public Health in Dallas, is a Primary Care Physician and Health Care Delivery Researcher focused on identifying multi-level determinants of care quality and developing care delivery models to improve outcomes for underserved cancer survivors with multiple chronic conditions.



Mark E. Burkard M.D., Ph.D.

Professor of Medicine, McArdle Research Laboratories University of Wisconsin – Madison

Dr. Mark E. Burkard is a Professor of Medicine at University of Wisconsin-Madison. He is Associate Director for Genomics and Precision Medicine in the UW Carbone Cancer Center. His research focuses on genomic instability and variability in disease outcomes.



Wendy Demark-Wahnefried Ph.D., R.D.

Professor and Webb Endowed Chair of Nutrition Sciences at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB)

Associate Director for Cancer Prevention and Control at the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center at UAB

Dr. Wendy Demark-Wahnefried is a Nutrition Scientist whose research ranges from determining molecular mechanisms of nutrition-based therapies to developing and testing home-based interventions that are scalable, and which improve diet, physical activity, and functional status among cancer survivors.



Michaela Dinan Ph.D.

Associate Professor, Chronic Disease Epidemiology, Yale School of Public Health

Co-leader, Cancer Prevention and Control Program, Yale Cancer Center

Dr. Michaela Dinan is a Health Services and Disparities Researcher specializing in the adoption and impact of emerging medical technology in cancer. She currently leads an NCI R01 investigating the use of oral anticancer agents in renal cell carcinoma and was recently awarded an ACS RSG award in risk prediction in cancer survivors which will commence July 2021.



J. Nicholas Dionne-Odom Ph.D., R.N., A.C.H.P.N., F.A.A.N.

Assistant Professor in the School of Nursing at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB)

Co-Director of Caregiver and Bereavement Support Services in the UAB Center for Palliative and Supportive Care

Dr. J. Nicholas Dionne-Odom's program of research focuses on the development and testing of early palliative care coaching interventions for underserved family caregivers of patients with advanced cancer, where he is particularly interested in optimizing their coping and decision support skills from diagnosis to end of life.



Areej El-Jawahri M.D.

Director of BMT Survivorship Program, Massachusetts General Hospital

Associate Director of the Cancer Outcomes Research and Education Program (CORE)

Associate Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School

Dr. Areej El-Jawahri is an Oncologist specializing in the care of patients with hematologic malignancies. Her research focuses on developing interventions to enhance patient-centered decision-making, and designing supportive and palliative care interventions to improve the care of patients with hematologic malignancies and their families.



Laura Esfeller
M.A.

KCCure Patient Advisory Board Member

Laura Esfeller is a survivor of hereditary leiomyomatosis and renal cancer-related metastatic papillary renal cell carcinoma. She serves on the Patient Advisory Board for KCCure and as a Consumer Reviewer for the Kidney Cancer Research Program. When not fighting cancer, Laura is a marketing professional in the hospitality industry.



Ruth Etzioni Ph.D.

Professor, Division of Public Health Sciences
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Dr. Ruth Etzioni is a Professor in the Division of Public Health Sciences at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, where she holds the Rosalie and Harold Rea Brown Endowed Chair. Her research focuses on modeling for cancer surveillance and policy, with the goal of informing medical decision-making around cancer prevention, early detection, and treatment.



Gregory Garber M.S.W., L.C.S.W.

Director, Patient Support Services

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Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson Health

Gregory Garber manages all patient-facing programs and services including patient education and support programming, clinical nutrition support, social work services, and numerous initiatives to better understand and address cancer disparities as they relate to health literacy, digital literacy, access, transportation, cancer screening, and prevention.



Lesley Kailani Glenn

Metastatic Breast Cancer Thriver and Advocate

Founder of Project Life

Lesley Kailani Glenn is the Founder/CEO of Project Life, a virtual wellness house that bridges the gap in survivorship for those living with advanced breast cancer and their loved ones. She has lived with advanced cancer herself for eight years and is a passionate advocate for the metastatic breast cancer community.



Matt Goldman

Blog: MattvsMyeloma.com

Volunteer, Leukemia and Lymphoma Society

Writes for Blood-Cancer.com

Raises money for various cancer organizations

Matt Goldman was diagnosed with multiple myeloma in 2011. Following a relapse in 2016, he started on an immunotherapy program and is currently stable but continues with a monthly infusion, oral chemo, and steroids. He worked until July 2017, when he retired to focus on his health and advocacy. Mr. Goldman writes for Blood-Cancer.com and raises money for various cancer organizations.



Paul K.J. Han M.D., M.A., M.P.H.

Senior Scientist, Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences

Adjunct Investigator, Division of Cancer Epidemiology and Genetics

National Cancer Institute

Dr. Paul K.J. Han is Senior Scientist in the Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences at the National Cancer Institute. His research focuses on understanding and improving the communication and management of uncertainty in health care, and his clinical background is in general internal medicine and palliative medicine.



Christine Hodgdon M.S.

Patient Advocate & GRASP Co-Founder

Christine Hodgdon was a Conservation Biologist before her metastatic breast cancer diagnosis in 2015. She co-founded GRASP—Guiding Researchers and Advocates to Scientific Partnerships—which empowers advocates and scientists to exchange ideas, learn from one other, and drive more meaningful research.



Shawna Hudson Ph.D.

Professor and Henry Rutgers Chair

Research Division Chief, Department of Family Medicine and Community Health

Director, Center Advancing Research and Evaluation for Patient-Centered Care

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Dr. Shawna Hudson works with vulnerable populations at the intersections of community health, primary and specialty care. Her work examines how health care contexts impact patient experience, clinician experience and patient outcomes, and the role of primary care in long-term follow-up care for cancer survivors.



David Hui M.D., M.Sc. Associate Professor of Medicince

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Dr. David Hui is a tenured Associate Professor at the Department of Palliative Care, Rehabilitation and Integrative Medicine, with a joint appointment to the Department of General Oncology, at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. He is currently the Principal Investigator of three NCI R01-funded randomized trials on symptom management.



Neil M. lyengar M.D. Assistant Member and Medical Oncologist Breast Medicine Service

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Dr. Neil M. Iyengar is a board-certified Medical Oncologist and Translational Investigator specialized in breast cancer. He leads a research program focused on the development of metabolic interventions such as exercise, diet, and cardiometabolic medications to improve response to cancer therapy.



Heather S.L. Jim Ph.D.

Senior Member and Co-Leader

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Moffitt Cancer Center

Dr. Heather S.L. Jim is a Senior Member and Co-Leader of the Health Outcomes and Behavior Program at Moffitt Cancer Center. Her research focuses on the psychological and physical effects of cancer diagnosis and treatment. She has published extensively on these topics and has an active program of federally funded research.



Lee Jones M.B.A.

Research Advocate, Fight Colorectal Cancer Member, Georgetown Oncology Institutional Review Board (IRB)

Research Advocate Member, SWOG Survivorship Committee

Lee Jones is a cancer patient and survivor who is committed to promoting the patient voice in cancer research, treatments, medical care, and the health care system in general. He has collaborated on several projects sponsored by The Friends of Cancer Research, including defining tolerability, reporting adverse events, and tightening exclusion criteria. Mr. Jones is a Patient Representative on the NCI's Early Phase Emphasis Central IRB and is an Advocate Member of a Cancer Grand Challenges multi-national team studying the relationship of the human microbiome and colorectal cancer (OPTIMISTICC).



Noelle LoConte M.D.

Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health

Dr. Noelle LoConte is an Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health. She completed a residency in internal medicine and a fellowship in medical oncology and geriatrics. Her clinical practice is in gastrointestinal malignancies. Her research interests are in cancer control and prevention.



Julia Maues
Living with Metastatic Breast Cancer

Living with Metastatic Breast Cancer

Co-Founder of GRASP

Julia Maues was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2013 while pregnant, and scans after her son's birth showed widespread metastases. After many setbacks, treatment started working, and Julia has made it her life's mission to make cancer research more patient-centered, innovative, and inclusive.



Kathi Mooney Ph.D., R.N., F.A.A.N.

Distinguished Professor in Nursing and Co-Leader of Cancer Control and Population Sciences

Huntsman Cancer Institute

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Dr. Kathi Mooney, Distinguished Professor in Nursing and Co-Leader of Cancer Control and Population Sciences, Huntsman Cancer Institute, University of Utah, is a Behavioral Scientist whose research focuses on cancer symptom science, technology-aided interventions, and models of cancer care in the home that decrease unplanned health care utilization and improve quality of life.



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Associate Professor of Psychology
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Dr. Ryan Nipp is a Castrointestinal Oncologist and Health Services Researcher at Massachusetts General Hospital. His research focuses on optimizing the care delivered to patients with cancer, and he conducts studies interfacing between palliative care, geriatric oncology, and health services research.



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Dr. Oxana Palesh is an Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University. Dr. Palesh is a nationally recognized expert in psychooncology and treatment of side effects such as insomnia, cancer-related fatigue, and cognitive impairment in cancer.



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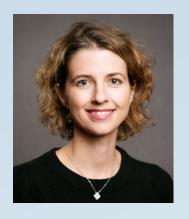
Dr. Mary Platek, Registered Dietitian and Epidemiologist, is an Associate Professor of Nutrition educating future Dietitians. As an Assistant Professor of Oncology, she examines malnutrition and cachexia focusing on nutrition strategies to minimize treatment toxicity and maximize survivorship quality of life.



Jamil Rivers M.B.A., M.S.

Founder and CEO at The Chrysalis Initiative Board President of METAvivor Research and Support, Inc

Jamil Rivers is living with metastatic breast cancer and launched The Chrysalis Initiative, which provides one-on-one coaching and patient navigation support to women with breast cancer and provides training and solutions for providers to ensure equitable care.



April K.S. Salama M.D.

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Dr. April K.S. Salama focuses on the development of novel treatments for patients with advanced melanoma. Her research interests include combined modality therapy as well as approaches to overcome PD-1 resistance. She has been a recipient of an NCI Cancer Clinical Investigator Team Leadership Award, and is active in numerous national organizations, including the American Society of Clinical Oncology and the National Comprehensive Cancer Network.



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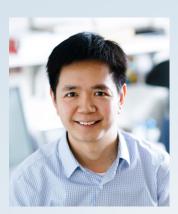


Jennifer Temel M.D.

Helping Patients with Metastatic Cancer Manage Symptoms and Survivorship

Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School

Dr. Jennifer Temel is Director of the Cancer Outcomes
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Song Yao Ph.D.

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