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Tobi Adeyeye Amosun, MD, FAAP

Dr. Tobi Adeyeye Amosun, MD, FAAP, is the Deputy Commissioner for Population Health at the Tennessee Department of Health. She previously served as Assistant Commissioner for the Division of Family Health and Wellness. Prior to her state tenure, she served as medical director for one of the largest pediatric practices in Tennessee. She is passionate about advancing data to action, workforce development, and investigating social determinants of health and their impact on the care of priority populations. Amosun graduated with honors from Vanderbilt University and from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. She completed pediatrics residency at the Children's Hospital Pittsburgh. Dr. Amosun is a board member of numerous professional societies and a nationally recognized speaker and writer.



Ashish Atreja, MD, MPH, FACP, AGAF

Ashish Atreja, MD, MPH, FACP, AGAF, known as “The App Doctor,” is a nationally recognized physician executive, intrapreneur, and founder of the GVX Venture Accelerator and GenServe.AI. He coined the term “evidence-based digital medicine” and is a leading voice in healthcare transformation through AI Centers of Excellence. He previously served as Chief Digital Health Officer and CIO at UC Davis Health, where he unified enterprise IT, built revenue-generating innovation hubs, and helped the system become the first in California to achieve Level 10 Most Wired status for both inpatient and ambulatory care. Before that, as Chief Innovation Officer at Mount Sinai, he founded AppLab and pioneered one of the first EHR-integrated digital health platforms enabling clinicians to prescribe mobile apps and AI tools—work that earned national recognition and two patents. A serial innovator, he has founded and scaled multiple digital health companies, launched VALIDAI.Health to advance responsible AI adoption across 58+ health systems, authored over 100 peer-reviewed publications, and is a sought-after keynote speaker on digital transformation and AI in medicine.



Ari Bell-Brown, MPH

Ari Bell-Brown, MPH, is a Collaborative Science Manager at the Hutchinson Institute for Cancer Outcomes Research at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center. She provides research management for Dr. Rachel Issaka and programmatic oversight of the joint Fred Hutch/UW Medicine Population Health Colorectal Cancer Screening Program. Ari also manages the Coordinating and Communications Center of the Cancer Screening Research Network, a multi-center effort to examine the effectiveness of emerging technologies for cancer screening.

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Yin Cao, ScD, MPH

Yin Cao, ScD, MPH, is a molecular epidemiologist and Associate Professor of Surgery and Medicine at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. She co-directs WashU's Biobank & Big Data Core and the Transcend Initiative in Air Quality and Health. Her research focuses on the life-course causes of early-onset colorectal cancer by uniting population science with mechanistic discovery to drive precision prevention. Dr. Cao's group has defined links between life course exposures with EOCRC risk, including obesity, sedentary behavior, metabolic dysregulation, poor diet such as sugar-sweetened beverages, and cesarean delivery. She co-leads the Cancer Grand Challenges Team PROSPECT, an interdisciplinary global team that aims to accelerate the discovery of EOCRC risk factors and actionable pathways.



Cori Chandler, MPA

Cori Chandler, MPA, 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.



Paula Chatterjee, MD, MPH

Paula Chatterjee, MD, MPH, is an Assistant Professor of Medicine at the Perelman School of Medicine and a practicing physician at Penn Presbyterian Medical Center. Her research focuses on safety-net health care delivery for low-income populations, hospital finances and quality, and state health policy evaluations. Her work has appeared in NEJM, JAMA, JAMA Internal Medicine, Health Affairs, The Lancet: Public Health, and the American Journal of Public Health. She is funded by the National Institutes of Health and the Laura & John Arnold Foundation, and has received national recognition for her research from the Society of General Internal Medicine, Society of Hospital Medicine, and American Society for Clinical Investigation. She currently teaches in the Penn Master of Health Sciences in Health Policy Research program, and attends on the residents' internal medicine teaching service. Dr. Chatterjee completed her residency and Chief residency at Brigham and Women's Hospital. She holds an MD from Harvard Medical School, an MPH from the Yale School of Public Health, and a bachelor's of science degree from Yale University.

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Frank Colangelo, MD, MS-HQS, FACP

Francis R Colangelo, MD, MS-HQS, FACP, practices as a primary care internist at the Allegheny Health Network. He previously was the Quality Officer for the Primary Care Institute of AHN. Dr. Colangelo is a 1984 graduate of Jefferson Medical College, and trained in Internal Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh. He obtained a Masters of Healthcare Quality and Safety from the Thomas Jefferson College of Population Health in 2017. Dr Colangelo previously served on the steering committee for the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable, and is still Co-Chair of its Professional Education and Practice Implementation strategic priority team. He has extensive experience in leading local, regional and nationwide quality improvement efforts to improve colorectal cancer screening rates.



Gloria D. Coronado, PhD

Gloria D. Coronado, PhD, is an epidemiologist and cancer prevention researcher who serves as Associate Director for Population Sciences at the University of Arizona Cancer Center and Professor in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics. With over 25 years of experience, she specializes in developing community- and practice-based health innovations and leading disparities research across diverse healthcare settings. Her research focuses primarily on using electronic health records and risk-stratification tools to deliver targeted preventive care services—particularly colorectal cancer screening and follow-up—to high-need patient populations. This work has fostered successful partnerships with integrated delivery systems, federally qualified health centers, Medicaid health plans, and rural practices. Dr. Coronado's research consistently prioritizes medically underserved populations. She has developed and tested digital tools and visual communication strategies to increase colorectal cancer awareness and screening uptake. Notably, her team created wordless instructions for stool-based tests that have been adopted by more than 200 health systems nationwide. Currently, Dr. Coronado serves as a workgroup member of the National Cancer Institute's National Cancer Advisory Board. She previously contributed to the National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine Committee on Improving Representation in Clinical Trials and Research.

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Heather Dacus, DO, MPH

Heather Dacus, DO, MPH, joined the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) in 2007 and serves as Director of the Bureau of Cancer Prevention and Control to support population and evidence-based initiatives to reduce the burden of cancer across NYS, with a specific focus on cancer prevention, screening and survivorship. She oversees implementation of multiple State-funded programs as well as Centers for Disease Control and Prevention grants, including the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program, the Comprehensive Cancer Control Program and the Colorectal Cancer Control Program grant. A board-certified and NYS-licensed preventive medicine & public health physician, she earned her master's in public health degree at the University at Albany's School of Public Health and her osteopathic medical degree from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. Dacus is a Steering Committee member of the NYS Cancer Consortium, the Citywide Colon Cancer Control Coalition (C5) and co-chairs the Policy Action Workgroup of the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable. She has served as an outside expert reviewer for the Cancer Prevention Research Institute of Texas, the Prevent Cancer Foundation and the American Cancer Society. She is also a member of the NYSDOH's Institutional Review Board. Prior to pursuing a career in public health and joining the NYSDOH, Dr. Dacus spent six years as a General Medical Officer in the United States Navy providing direct medical care to Sailors and Marines assigned to her units in Washington D.C., Okinawa, Japan, and Upstate NY. She is married to her husband, Darel, is a stepmom, dogmom and grandmother of three, and teaches yoga in Upstate New York.



Elizabeth Darnall

Elizabeth Darnall is the Senior Director of Federal Advocacy, at the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, where she focuses on access to care. She recently served in the White House Office of Legislative Affairs where she was a key connector to the White House and Senate offices on domestic policy issues. Elizabeth previously worked in the Senate, including for Senator Chris Murphy of Connecticut and Senator Patty Murray of Washington, in both her personal office and on the HELP Committee's health team. She has also worked as a Special Assistant at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and as the Director of Government Relations for NewYork-Presbyterian, a 10-hospital academic medical center across New York City. In these roles, and as an adjunct professor, she has sought to improve understanding of and access to the health care system.

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Lynn M. Durham, EdD

Lynn M. Durham, EdD, is the president and CEO of the Georgia Center for Oncology Research and Education (Georgia CORE), a statewide non-profit organization dedicated to reducing the cancer burden in Georgia through groundbreaking research, educational outreach, and effective advocacy. Dr. Durham volunteered with Georgia CORE as a member of the Survivorship Advisory Board and then served on the Georgia CORE Board of Directors before being named president and CEO in 2021. She is a three-time cancer survivor who cares deeply about improving cancer access and care for all Georgians. Prior to her work at Georgia CORE, she served as chief of staff to the president and as vice president of Institute Relations at the Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech). She earned her doctorate in higher education administration from the University of Georgia, her master's in public administration from Kennesaw State University, and her bachelor's degree from Radford University in Virginia. She also serves as co-chair of the Georgia Cancer Control Consortium (GC3), a member of the executive committee of Georgia NCORP (NCI Community Oncology Research Program), and the board of directors of the Georgia Society of Clinical Oncology.



Andrea Dwyer, MPH

Andrea Dwyer, MPH, is the Director of the Colorado Cancer Screening Program (CCSP) and the Associate Director of the Rady Center of Esophageal and Gastric Cancer at the University of Colorado Cancer Center and The Colorado School of Public Health and serves as a co-investigator on a number of dissemination and implementation science grants, particularly focusing on health equity and sustainability strategies, for hereditary, GI and lung cancer screening; with a focus on early onset and population based interventions. Andi is the Chair of the ACS National Navigation Roundtable and Board of Trustees for AONN. Ms. Dwyer is also a Medical Advisory Board Member for Fight CRC.



Bilikisu "Reni" Elewonibi, PhD, MPH

Bilikisu "Reni" Elewonibi, PhD, MPH, is an Assistant Professor in the Epidemiology and Population Health department at the Louisiana State University Health Science Center. Dr. Elewonibi is also the Program Director of Screen Up, a quality improvement initiative funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Screen Up provides quality improvement support to Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) across the state, aiming to increase preventable cancer screening rates and reduce patient barriers to screening. Dr. Elewonibi has spent nearly two decades working to eliminate barriers that underserved populations encounter when accessing preventive and diagnostic cancer services. She is a public health demographer with extensive experience implementing programs in the United States, Africa, and the Caribbean, bringing unique perspectives to her current work in Louisiana.



Cathy Eng, MD, FACP, FASCO

Cathy Eng, MD, FACP, FASCO, Professor of Medicine, Hematology and Oncology, is the David H. Johnson Endowed Chair of Surgical and Medical Oncology, VICC Associate Director, Strategic Relations and Research Partnerships, Co-Director of GI Oncology and the Co-Leader of the Gastrointestinal Cancer Research Program, and the Executive Director of the Young Adults Cancers Program at Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center. She currently sits on the Board of Directors for the national patient advocacy group, Fight Colorectal Cancer. She is a highly sought mentor and served on the Vanderbilt-Ingram Mentorship Council and is currently a mentor on the T-32 grant and serves as a Professional Development Mentor. She was the Director of the Developmental Research Program for the GI SPORE. She is also a Fellow of the Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM), Class of 2022. She continues to assume leadership positions devoted to development of phase I–III clinical trials using novel therapeutics for biomarker discovery and enhanced drug utilization in colorectal, appendiceal and anal cancer. She was awarded the VUMC Biomedical Scientific Impact Award in 2023.

Nationally, Dr. Eng has also been highly active serving on ASCO, ECOG, and SWOG. She was the co-chair of the SWOG Rectal/Anal Cancer Subcommittee, the Vice-Chair for the SWOG GI Committee, Chairman of the NCI Rectal/Anal Task Force, the NCI GI Steering Committee, and is currently serving her 2nd term as the co-Chair of the NCI GI Steering Committee.

She has published in many peer-reviewed journals including *Journal of Clinical Oncology*, *Lancet*, *Lancet Oncology*, *Nature Review*, *JNCI*, *New England Journal of Medicine*, *Annals of Oncology*, *Cancer*, and *Annals of Surgical Oncology*. She is on the Editorial Board of *Cancer*, *ESMO GI*, *The Oncologist*, and the *ASCO Post*. She has served as a consultant to the FDA and AHRQ; grant reviewer of Cancer Research UK: Training & Career Development Board – Clinician Scientist Fellowship, the Italian Association for Cancer Research, the Dutch Digestive Foundation, the Stand Up to Cancer (SU2C) – Farrah Fawcett Foundation Joint Scientific Advisory Committee (JSAC) and the SWOG Impact Award.

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Marcia Gainer, DNP, APRN

Marcia Gainer, DNP, APRN, (pronounced Mar-see-ah) is the AVP of Quality and Clinical Operations and a Family Nurse Practitioner at Evara Health, bringing over 10 years of experience in primary care. As a Doctorate-prepared clinician, she leads quality improvement initiatives focused on advancing equitable, patient-centered care. Marcia is passionate about reducing health disparities and improving outcomes for underserved communities. Her dedication to preventative care is both professional and personal—after losing family members to colorectal cancer, she is deeply committed to promoting early detection through screenings. Her presentation on Colorectal Cancer Screening reflects her clinical expertise and personal drive to improve awareness and save lives.



David Greenwald, MD

David Greenwald, MD, is currently Director of Clinical Gastroenterology and Endoscopy at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York and Professor of Medicine at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. Previously, he was Fellowship Program Director in Gastroenterology at Montefiore Medical Center/Albert Einstein College of Medicine for nearly two decades, and was Associate Division Director of Gastroenterology at Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx, NY. He was a Medical Director of the Advanced Endoscopy Center. Dr. Greenwald graduated with a bachelor's degree from Wesleyan University, and attended the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, where he earned an MD. He did a residency in Internal Medicine followed by a Gastroenterology Fellowship, both at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center in New York. He is a past president of the New York Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, and currently serves as that organization's Education Director. He is Secretary of the American College of Gastroenterology and a member of the Board of Trustees, and previously was Chairman of the Board of Governors. He has been active in many ASGE Committees, and was Chairman of the ASGE's Public and Member Outreach Committee. He was recognized by ASGE with a Master Endoscopist Award in 2006. He is a Board Member of GIQuIC, the GI Quality Improvement Consortium. He has been a member of the Steering Committee of the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable, and is now the Co-Chair of that organization's Public Awareness and Social Media Task Group. In New York, he is the co-chairman of the Citywide Colorectal Cancer Control Coalition (C5). He served for many years as the Chairman of the Subcommittee on GI Endoscopy for the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM). His interests in endoscopy include new technology, reprocessing and infection control in endoscopy, training, quality in endoscopy, sedation, patient preparation, GERD, colon cancer screening and prevention, and capsule endoscopy.

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Heather Hampel, MS, CGCC

Heather Hampel, MS, CGCC, is a Professor in the Department of Medical Oncology and Therapeutics Research and Associate Director of the Division of Cancer Genomics at City of Hope National Cancer Center. Her research focuses on Lynch syndrome and universal tumor screening for Lynch syndrome. She has >170 publications on the prevalence of Lynch syndrome among colorectal and endometrial cancer patients, the best testing protocols, cost-effectiveness, and referral guidelines for cancer genetics. She received the Archie Griffin Professional Achievement Award from The Ohio State University Alumni Association in 2021. She also was inducted into the Mazzaferri-Ellison Master Clinician Society at The Ohio State University in 2021. She was on the Board of Directors for the American Board of Genetic Counseling from 2006-2011, serving as President in 2009 and 2010. She has been on the Steering Committee of the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable since 2016. She was on the Council of the Collaborative Group of the Americas on Inherited Colorectal Cancer from 2016-2019, serving as president in 2017-2018. She was elected to be a Fellow of the Collaborative Group of the Americas for Inherited Gastrointestinal Cancers in 2022. She was the Secretary/Treasurer of the National Society of Genetic Counselors in 2021-2022. In 2023, she will be awarded the Natalie Weissberger Paul National Achievement Award from the National Society of Genetic Counselors.



Miranda Hart, MD

Miranda Hart, MD, is the Senior Medical Director for Integrated Primary Care, Behavioral Health, and Psychiatry at Erie Family Health Centers. She joined Erie in 2015 after completing medical school and residency at McGaw Medical Center of Northwestern University. Dr. Hart has held multiple leadership roles at Erie, including Site Medical Director at Erie Foster and Medical Director of Adult and Family Medicine, before assuming her current systemwide role. She oversees provider credentialing, onboarding, and quality improvement across sites, with a focus on strengthening provider development and advancing patient-centered, integrated models of care.

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James Hotz, MD, MACP

Thirty-nine years ago, Dr. Jim Hotz founded Albany Area Primary Health Care (AAPHC), a community health center with 21 clinical sites serving over 36,000 poor and rural patients in Southwest Georgia. He still has an active clinical practice at AAPHC where he serves as Clinical Services Director. He is an Associate Clinical Professor at Mercer University's School of Medicine and is the former chairman of the Board of Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital and the Georgia Association for Primary Health Care. He served two terms on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Community Health Centers. He has published numerous scientific articles with a special interest in cancer screening. Dr. Hotz currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Cancer Coalition of South Georgia and is chair of Steering Committee of the Georgia State Cancer Plan, the Georgia Colorectal Cancer Roundtable and is co-chair of the Community Health Center Task Group of the NCCRT. He has a BA from Cornell University in Chemistry, and a MD from Ohio State University. He completed his Internal Medicine Internship and Residency at Emory University School of Medicine.



Lauren Hyatt, MBA

Lauren Hyatt, MBA, serves as Vice President of Marketing Strategy and Planning at the American Cancer Society, where she leads enterprise-wide initiatives to elevate brand relevance, deepen audience engagement, and drive business impact. She brings over two decades of marketing experience spanning the nonprofit, health behavior change, financial services, and consumer package goods industries. At the American Cancer Society, Lauren has been instrumental to help shape the organization's marketing and brand strategy to advance mission impact through audience-centric thinking, data-driven planning and cross-functional collaboration.

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**Steven Itzkowitz, MD, FACP, FACG, AGAF**

Steven Itzkowitz, MD, FACP, FACG, AGAF, is Professor of Medicine, Oncological Sciences, and Medical Education, and Director of the Gastroenterology Fellowship Program at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. Dr. Itzkowitz is Chair of the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable and past Co-Chair of its Family History/Early Age Onset Task Group. He is a member of the President's Cancer Panel Subcommittee on Colorectal Cancer Screening. He is a former Chair of the Gastrointestinal Oncology Section of the American Gastroenterological Association, and past Co-Chair of the New York Citywide Colon Cancer Control Coalition ("C5 Coalition"). His research has focused on reducing disparities in colorectal cancer screening in the general population, developing new non-invasive stool DNA tests to screen for colon cancer, and detecting and preventing colon cancer in high-risk individuals: inflammatory bowel disease and hereditary syndromes. His team at Mount Sinai was among the first in the nation to demonstrate the effectiveness of patient navigation to enhance screening colonoscopy adherence, proving also that patient navigation is cost effective. Since 2014 he has been an integral part of the medical school's efforts to enhance anti-racism education and training for students, trainees and faculty.

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Heather Johnson, BS, MPA

Heather Johnson, BS, MPA, is the Program Director for Project 80% at MD Anderson Cancer Center, where she oversees a statewide colorectal cancer screening initiative spanning more than 64 Texas counties. In this role, she provides strategic direction, manages large-scale grant operations, and builds sustainable partnerships with clinics, navigators, and community organizations to expand access to preventive cancer screenings, education, and early detection services. Heather brings over a decade of experience in healthcare administration, cancer prevention, and program leadership. Prior to MD Anderson, she served as Director of Early Detection and Education at Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center in Louisiana, where she managed mobile medical fleets delivering breast, colorectal, prostate, oral, and skin cancer screenings across 30+ parishes and four Mississippi counties. She also held leadership roles with the Cardiovascular Institute of the South, where she oversaw multi-site operations, physician recruitment, diversity initiatives, and clinic capacity building. Her early career focused on prevention and survivorship programs, including tobacco cessation, community education, and equity-focused cancer prevention campaigns. Heather earned her Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences from Louisiana State University and her Master of Public Administration with a concentration in Healthcare Administration from the Southern University Nelson Mandela School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs. Passionate about advancing health equity, Heather is recognized for her ability to unite clinical teams, community leaders, and stakeholders to reduce barriers to care. Through her leadership, Project 80% continues to increase screening rates and ensure colorectal cancer is detected at its earliest—and most treatable—stage.



Peter Liang, MD, MPH

Peter Liang, MD, MPH, is an Assistant Professor of Medicine and Population Health at the NYU Grossman School of Medicine and an attending gastroenterologist at the VA New York Harbor Health Care System. Dr. Liang's primary research interest is colorectal cancer prevention. He studies sociodemographic and geographic disparities in colorectal cancer screening and outcomes, the comparative effectiveness of different screening strategies, novel methods to increase screening adherence, and early-onset colorectal cancer. His research has been supported by the National Institutes of Health, Veterans Health Administration, American Gastroenterological Association, American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, New York Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, ReMission Foundation, and industry.

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David Lieberman, MD

David Lieberman, MD, is Emeritus Professor of Medicine and was Chief of the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology at Oregon Health and Science University (1997-2021) in Portland, Oregon and the Portland VA Medical Center. Dr. Lieberman is internationally recognized as an expert on colon cancer screening. He is Chairman for VA Cooperative Study # 380, which utilized colonoscopy to screen asymptomatic subjects for colorectal cancer with publications in New England Journal of Medicine, JAMA, Annals of Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology. Dr. Lieberman was the Chairman of the Multi-Society Task Force on Colorectal Cancer (2006-2012), and authored colon cancer screening recommendations in 2008 (CA and Gastroenterology) as well as colonoscopy quality indicators in 2007, review of colorectal cancer screening (JAMA 2016), and recommendations for polyp surveillance (2012 and 2020). He was the Director of the Clinical Outcomes Research Initiative (CORI), supported by NIH 1999-2016. The project created a national endoscopic data repository for research, with more than 90 peer-reviewed publications to date. Dr. Lieberman served as a member of the National Commission on Digestive Diseases from 2006-2008, President of the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE) in 2001-2002, and Associate Editor of Gastroenterology (2011-2013). He was President of the AGA Institute (2018-2019) and AGA (2019-2020), and Chair of the AGA Colorectal Cancer Task Force (2021-present). He has been an advisor to the President's Cancer Panel (2020-2021).



Christopher Lieu, MD

Christopher Lieu, MD, is a Professor of Medicine in the Division of Medical Oncology, and Associate Director for Clinical Research at the University of Colorado School of Medicine in Aurora. He trained in internal medicine at the University of Colorado, where he also served as a Chief Medical Resident. He completed his fellowship training in medical oncology at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston and served as the Chief Medical Oncology Fellow. He currently serves as the Associate Director for Clinical Research and Director of GI Medical Oncology at the University of Colorado Cancer Center, serves on the FDA Oncologic Drugs Advisory Committee, the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) Panel for Neuroendocrine Cancers, and the Vice-Chair of the NCCN Board of Directors. Dr. Lieu is interested in resistance mechanisms to targeted and immunotherapy in metastatic colorectal cancer, strategies to implement circulating tumor DNA in the minimal residual disease setting, and investigating novel therapeutic strategies in preclinical models to more effectively treat and prevent colorectal cancer. In addition, Dr. Lieu has a focus on early-onset colorectal cancer and leads a multidisciplinary clinic dedicated to young patients with colorectal cancer.

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Xavier Llor, MD, PhD

Xavier Llor, MD, PhD, obtained his medical doctorate from the Autonomous University of Barcelona and then trained in basic research and Internal Medicine at the University of Chicago and completed his GI fellowship at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He also earned a PhD in molecular biology from the University of Barcelona. A clinically active gastroenterologist, Dr. Llor's research and clinical interests relate to gastrointestinal cancer prevention. His research program focuses on hereditary and familial cancers, screening and prevention, and disparities, with over 100 scientific publications. He has contributed seminal work in Lynch syndrome and other inherited cancers. He is Chair of Practice Implementation & Professional Education (PEPI) Health Systems of the ACS-CDC NCCRT, vice-Chair of the colorectal cancer screening panel, and a member of the NCCN Genetic/Familial High-Risk Assessment panel.



Laura Makaroff, DO

Laura Makaroff, DO, is a primary care physician and Senior Vice President of Cancer Prevention at the American Cancer Society, where she leads a team of public health experts and clinicians in building on the organization's rich history to improve cancer prevention, early detection, and survivorship to end cancer as we know it for everyone. Prior to joining ACS, Dr. Makaroff served as a Senior Clinical Advisor for the Bureau of Primary Health Care at the Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA). Dr. Makaroff completed a fellowship in health policy at Georgetown University and The Robert Graham Center in Washington, DC and completed her residency in family medicine at the University of Colorado. Her professional and personal lives collided in an unexpected way when her husband, Jason, was diagnosed with stage IV pancreatic cancer in 2021. She credits his diagnosis and their cancer journey with adding to her life in ways she never wanted but always needed. As she carries on Jason's legacy, she is raising two young boys and is more committed than ever to helping reduce the burden of cancer for patients and families around the world.



Rachel Matlock, MS

Rachel Matlock, MS, serves as the Program Manager within the Tennessee Department of Health's Comprehensive Cancer Control Program, as well as facilitating the TN Cancer Coalition. Rachel graduated with her Masters of Science from the University of Tennessee, as well as completing post-graduate training in Public and Social Policy from Liberty University. She lives in Paris, TN, with her little girl, Elata.

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Molly McDonnell

Molly McDonnell joined Fight Colorectal Cancer in October of 2019 as the Director of Advocacy. Prior to coming on board full time, Molly was a Principal at the government relations firm, Winning Strategies Washington, where she worked with clients from across the healthcare sector, including Fight CRC, to creatively tackle their most pressing policy and advocacy challenges. Having lost her great aunt to colorectal cancer, Fight CRC's mission has always been close to her heart. Molly spent five and a half years working on Capitol Hill for Congressman Leonard Lance of New Jersey. She served as Congressman Lance's Senior Health Policy Advisor working on issues related to medical research, public health, drug development, and health coverage. Molly also supported the Congressman's work with the Deadliest Cancers Caucus, helping to educate, advocate, and develop public policy to improve the lives of patients suffering from cancer. Molly currently lives in Chicago, IL.



Nathan Merriman, MD, MSCE

Nathan Merriman, MD, MSCE, joined the Intermountain Health team as the Medical Director of Gastroenterology and Digestive Health in August 2020. Dr. Merriman received his medical school training at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He completed his internal medicine residency, gastroenterology fellowship, and clinical epidemiology training at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. Dr. Merriman works with patient teammates to evaluate and improve their gastrointestinal symptoms and quality of life, and he works closely with clinical and administrative team members to prioritize human centered, team-based care with patients, families, and care team members. Colon cancer screening and prevention continues to be a passion and personal mission of Dr. Merriman's and is the core reason he pursued a career in gastroenterology.

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Maddie Michael

Maddie Michael serves as the Tennessee Government Relations Director at the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN). Maddie leads the local and state policy campaigns, strategically engaging lawmakers and stakeholders to reduce the cancer burden in Tennessee. Prior to joining ACS CAN, Maddie served as the Associate Director of Federal Relations for the University of Iowa. In this role she was responsible for developing and executing the institution's federal advocacy strategies. She worked closely with university leadership, faculty, and researchers as well as Members of Congress and their staff. Maddie started her career on Capitol Hill, working for former-Congressman Dave Loebsack as his Legislative Assistant. In this capacity, she was the Congressman's point-person on healthcare policy development and strategy. Maddie is an Iowa native and a graduate of the University of Iowa but has spent much of her adult life in Tennessee and is proud to call Nashville home.



Amber Mike

Amber Mike is an award-winning media executive, showrunner, and creative powerhouse with over two decades of experience leading talk, reality, and live productions across television, digital, and branded platforms. Currently serving as Vice President of Branded Content & Integration at BET Networks, she's produced unforgettable moments for major tentpoles like the BET Awards, Hip Hop Awards, and Soul Train Awards, while partnering with brands like McDonald's, Toyota, Nissan, and Walmart to craft culture-shaping campaigns. In 2023, Amber faced one of her biggest plot twists yet—a diagnosis of stage 3 colorectal cancer. After completing treatment, she shifted gears from producing shows to sharing her own story, becoming a proud survivor and advocate. Today, she blends candor, humor, and heart in her talks, using storytelling to empower others and raise awareness around early detection, resilience, and hope. A mom, aunt, daughter, and big sister, Amber believes in showing up fully—on set, on stage, and in life—with grace, grit, and just the right amount of sparkle.

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Stacie Miller, MSN, MPH, RN

Stacie Miller, MSN, MPH, RN, is a registered nurse with over 20 years of experience in public health and community health settings. Ms. Miller has served as the Nurse Program Manager for the colorectal cancer screening and patient navigation program since 2012. Her primary responsibilities included the daily management of screening activities, ensuring timely mail out of screening kits, and assisting with screening outreach and patient navigation. In her current role as Oncology Clinic Manager, she is responsible for all cancer screening and patient navigation programs including breast, cervical, colorectal, lung, and prostate cancer screenings. She supervises the programs' clinical staff and manages screening and diagnostic follow-up workflows. She has also been involved in the implementation of process improvement protocols for cancer screenings within a safety-net health system. She has received recognition in nursing excellence for leadership and quality. Ms. Miller has experience in building partnerships and collaborations among multidisciplinary teams to develop and deliver cancer screening programs. Her special interest is in program development to improve quality and access to health care for underserved populations.



Jayden Miracle, BS, HCA, MS HAS

Jayden Miracle, BS, HCA, MS HAS, is a dedicated Clinic Manager for the Family Practice of Holyoke, a rural health clinic (RHC) in Colorado. Jayden has a passion for preventative care and quality improvement. Jayden has a master's in healthcare administration from Regis University. Jayden has experience in public health and rural health clinics including accountable care organizations, care management services, proactive primary care, and remote patient monitoring. Jayden is currently serving on the board of the Colorado Rural Health Center. In her spare time, Jayden enjoys spending time with her family, going on walks with her dogs, and spending time in the mountains of Colorado.

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Patty B. Molina, MPH

Patty B. Molina, MPH, is the Senior Director of Community Health Services at Mariposa Community Health Center, a Federally Qualified Health Center in Nogales, Arizona. Ms. Molina has developed and managed federal, state, and foundation-funded community-based programs at the US-Mexico border. She has implemented numerous health education programs on breast cancer, colorectal cancer, diabetes, physical activity and nutrition, tobacco use prevention, asthma, environmental health, and maternal child health to name a few. She has helped design education and training materials on public and preventative health issues for rural communities. Facilitated group process among community members to identify needs, gaps in service, existing resources, and response strategies. Ms. Molina has also served as the lead co-principal investigator in various research projects at Mariposa Community Health Center and currently serves as Co-chair for the University of Arizona's Prevention Research Center Community Action Board, Chair of the Community Health Worker Training Program, University of Arizona Cancer Center Community Advisory Board member, and on the board and Chair of the Arizona Community Health Workers Association. A graduate of the University of Phoenix with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and a Master of Public Health with a concentration in Community Health Leadership. She has received multiple awards for her work in community health including the Outstanding Achievement in Rural Women's Health 2024; Congressman Raul Grijalva Award 2023 Protecting, Expanding and Promoting Community Health; and most recently the IBERO-American FHC Medal-Leader in Community Health Promotion 2025.



Chris Moore, MPH

Chris Moore, MPH, is the Associate Director for Operations of the VA National Colorectal Cancer Screening Program. In this role, he oversees the expansion of programmatic Mailed FIT efforts across the enterprise, as well as manage the monitoring and evaluation of all colorectal cancer screening initiatives. Chris joined the VA as a Presidential Management Fellow in 2018. Prior to the VA, he served at the CDC and USAID. He graduated with an MPH from the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health.

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Jennifer Park, MPH, CHES

Jennifer Park, MPH, is a public health leader with over 16 years of experience. She is the Program Director for NC Partnership to Increase Colorectal Cancer Screenings at the NC Department of Health and Human Services, specializing in evidence-based strategies and improving access to care to increase colorectal cancer screenings. She holds a Master of Public Health degree from the University of North Carolina Greensboro and is a results-driven leader with a strong track record of organizational leadership and data-driven decision-making. Passionate about cancer prevention, Jennifer has led statewide initiatives, including collaborations with federally qualified health centers to expand screenings. She excels in program management, policy development, and partnership building, driving impactful public health solutions. Before joining the ACS Colorectal Cancer Roundtable Steering Committee, her collaborative work with federally qualified health centers was recognized by the 80% in Every Community National Achievement Award working to advance initiatives and work toward the shared goal to reach colorectal screenings rates of 80%. She has a strong commitment to reduce the preventable burden of colorectal cancer morbidity and mortality in North Carolina and the U.S.



Marianne Pearson, MSW, LCSW

Marianne Pearson, MSW, LCSW, is the Vice President of Cancer Care at the Colorectal Cancer Alliance, the nation's leading nonprofit dedicated to ending colorectal cancer. She sets the vision and strategic direction for Cancer Care, overseeing evidence-based prevention initiatives and comprehensive patient navigation services that advance the Alliance's mission. With more than 15 years of experience in oncology care, patient navigation, and supportive oncology program development, Marianne is known for building impactful programs that improve outcomes, enhance patient experience, and reduce disparities. She leads a team of directors and expert navigators while serving as a strategic advisor to the Executive Leadership Team and Board of Directors. Before joining the Alliance in 2025, Marianne served as Director of Supportive Oncology at the University of Colorado Cancer Center, where she led integrated support services across a multi-hospital network. She has presented nationally on distress screening, published in *Oncology Issues*, and contributed abstracts on innovations in colorectal cancer prevention and screening. Outside of work, she enjoys traveling, supporting her daughter's volleyball tournaments, and spending time with family and friends.

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Erin Peterson

Erin Peterson has been with the Colon Cancer Coalition for 14 years, where her work has focused on increasing colorectal cancer screening through public messaging and awareness. With a background in marketing and PR she approaches this public health initiative through a business-to-consumer marketing lens, reaching people where they are in meaningful and impactful ways. In her current role, she manages strategic relationships with partners, sponsors, and peer organizations and works closely with industry partners on collaborative projects while ensuring funding is effectively directed to colorectal cancer screening, awareness & education, and patient support. She is currently the chair of the Minnesota Cancer Alliance Steering Committee, overseeing the creation of the state's updated cancer plan.



Jocelyn Phillips

Jocelyn Phillips has worked for the ACS for almost twenty years, serving in various roles. She studied business at the University of Evansville, Indiana as well as Harlaxton College in Grantham, England. She lives in Nashville, TN with her husband and teenaged son.



Liora Sahar, PhD, GISP

Liora Sahar, PhD, GISP, is a geodetic engineer and certified GIS Professional with broad experience in research, industry, government consulting, nonprofits, and the military. She specializes in geospatial analytics, remote sensing, and algorithm and software development. A Georgia Tech graduate and former adjunct faculty member, she led a multidisciplinary GIS team at the American Cancer Society supporting research and program operations. Dr. Sahar provides leadership and expertise to integrate geospatial science into organizational projects, partnerships, and research initiatives.

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Michael Sapienza, MM

Michael Sapienza, MM, is the CEO of the Colorectal Cancer Alliance, the nation's leading colorectal cancer advocacy organization. After losing his mother to the disease in 2009, Michael transformed his grief into purpose, founding the Chris4Life Colon Cancer Foundation in 2010. He later led its merger with the Colon Cancer Alliance, forming the largest colorectal cancer-focused nonprofit in the U.S. under its new name. A respected voice in cancer advocacy, Michael frequently appears in national media—including NBC's TODAY show, USA Today, and The New York Times—championing prevention, research, and early detection. He co-chairs Project Cure CRC, a bold \$100 million research initiative funding critically-needed research and the development of BlueHQ, a dynamic platform to improve patient outcomes. Michael also spearheaded the LEAD FROM BEHIND campaign with Ryan Reynolds, leveraging celebrity influence to drive awareness and destigmatize screening. His leadership extends to advisory roles with Georgetown University's Ruesch Center and appointments to the President's Cancer Panel and NCCRT Steering Committee. Recognized with numerous industry awards, including the Luminary Award for his commitment, Michael remains a driving force in the mission to end colorectal cancer. He holds degrees from Northwestern and Rice University and lives in Washington, D.C.



Paul Schroy, MD, MPH

Paul C. Schroy III, MD, MPH, is Emeritus Professor of Medicine at Boston University School of Medicine with expertise in colorectal cancer screening and surveillance. His work has been supported by NCI, ACS, CDC, and AHRQ. His research explores shared decision-making for colorectal cancer screening, epidemiology of colorectal neoplasia, novel screening methods, and early-onset colorectal cancer. Dr. Schroy is a founding member of the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable and has held several leadership roles, including current co-chair of the Family History and Early-Onset Task Group.

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Sarah Shafir, MPH

Sarah Shafir, MPH, is the Vice President, National Roundtables for the American Cancer Society leading its national convening strategy that engages multi-sectored public and private organizations, diverse communities, and people with lived experiences through collective action to overcome the most pressing challenges impeding our progress in improving cancer outcomes. Ms. Shafir provides overall strategy; execution; data collection, tracking, and evaluation; and resource allocation support to its 7 mission-critical national roundtables focused on colorectal cancer, lung cancer, HPV vaccination, breast cancer, cervical cancer, prostate cancer, and patient navigation. Ms. Shafir has more than 30 years of experience in public health and coalition development and sustainability. She has worked at the local, state, national and international levels in both government and not-for-profit organizations. Ms. Shafir is highly skilled at developing effective outcomes-based strategies and managing strategic partnerships. Ms. Shafir has a Bachelor of Science from the University of Maine at Farmington and a Master of Public Health from Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine.



Aasma Shaukat, MD, MPH

Aasma Shaukat, MD, MPH, is a physician scientist and educator with a distinguished career dedicated to advancing the prevention, screening, and treatment of colorectal cancer. Dr. Shaukat serves as a Professor of Medicine at the NYU Grossman School of Medicine and as a Staff Physician at the New York Harbor VA Medical Center. Dr. Shaukat is principal investigator or co-investigator on multiple federally funded projects involving biomarkers for colorectal cancer, role of noninvasive screening, quality indicators for colonoscopy and increasing uptake of CRC screening in underserved populations. These include an AHRQ-funded clinical trial to improve colorectal cancer screening adherence in underserved populations in Brooklyn.



Rebecca Siegel

Rebecca Siegel is a descriptive epidemiologist at the American Cancer Society in Atlanta where she is Senior Scientific Director of Surveillance Research and lead author of the annual Cancer Facts & Figures and Cancer Statistics article. She has published research across the spectrum of cancer surveillance with an emphasis on racial disparities and colorectal cancer, especially early-onset disease. Her work in this area includes empirical and modeling evidence to support lowering the age to begin screening from 45 to 50 by the American Cancer Society in 2018 and the US Preventive Services Task Force in 2021.

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Jacob D. Singleton

Jacob D. Singleton was diagnosed with colorectal cancer in 2015. Since that time, he has been living with incurable cancer. As an advocate, JJ has worked as a national ambassador with Fight Colorectal Cancer, is on the national survivor board of the Colon Cancer Coalition, and has advocated on Capitol Hill on behalf of those with colorectal cancer. He has done advocacy work with, the American Cancer Society, and Stupid Cancer.



Kathryn (Katie) Swenson, DMSc, MBA, PAC

Katie Swenson is the Executive Clinical Director of the Surgical Specialties–Digestive Health Clinical Program at Intermountain Health, where she leads enterprise-wide procedural initiatives that improve surgical outcomes, reduce costs, and scale digital and technology-enabled models of care. A U.S. Air Force Academy graduate with advanced training from the Harvard Business Analytics Program, she is a board-certified Physician Associate (PA-C) practicing in Pediatric Transplant at Primary Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City. Katie also serves on faculty at the University of Utah School of Medicine and Belmont University's Thomas F. Frist Jr. College of Medicine, teaching graduate-level curriculum in Clinical Leadership, Digital Health, Data Science, Teamwork, and Value-Based Care. She sits on the KLAS Emerging Solutions Top 20 Board, the One Utah Health Collaborative Innovation Advisory Board, and is a Fellow with the Belmont Collaborative for Health Systems Innovation. A California native, Katie enjoys fitness, comedy shows, live music, and traveling abroad with her husband and four children.



Kaitlin Sylvester, MPA

Kaitlin Sylvester, MPA, is the Strategic Director of the American Cancer Society National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable (ACS NCCRT), the organization's first and longest-running mission-critical national roundtable. With over a decade of experience in cancer control and coalition building, Kaitlin has led efforts to create sustainable, systems-level change to improve lives and reduce cancer mortality. Prior to her current role, she served as Senior Manager of Cancer Control Strategic Partnerships for the South Region of the American Cancer Society. Kaitlin holds a Master's in Public Administration from Louisiana State University and is currently based in New Orleans, Louisiana. Outside of work, she enjoys running, baking sourdough bread, and spending time with her husband and their elderly dachshund.



Aubree Thelen, MPH

Aubree Thelen, MPH, joined the American Cancer Society in August 2021. Aubree has public health policy and advocacy experience at the federal, state, and local level in topics as wide-ranging as violence, urban planning, and paid leave. She has worked hard to connect these issues to chronic disease and cancer through partnership nationally, and in state work in Louisiana and Illinois. She is passionate about her career in public health as a way to influence equitable cancer prevention and care in the communities in which we live, work, play and learn. She graduated from Tulane University with her Master of Public Health in 2015. Aubree lives in Chicago, IL with her dog, Stella.



Laurene Tumiel-Berhalter, PhD

Laurene Tumiel-Berhalter, PhD, is Associate Professor and Director of Community Translational Research in the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, Department of Family Medicine. An epidemiologist by training, she has over 25 years' experience conducting community based participatory research and health disparities research to improve chronic disease self-management and cancer prevention among underrepresented communities. She has worked with a variety of partners from both urban and rural communities. For over 15 years, she has worked with the Patient Voices Network (PVN), a grassroots group of patients receiving care from safety-net practices, to design and implement programs to improve the delivery of health care using a Patient Ambassador model, a peer support model to empower patients in their own care and address social determinants of health. As Director of the Community Engagement Team at the UB Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI) she is committed to building infrastructure to facilitate community engagement and community partnered research. A major part of this work is to develop and communicate culturally relevant and appropriate information to diverse community groups and to work within the University infrastructure to adapt processes to allow for community engaged research.

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Brent Wallis, MD

Brent Wallis, MD, received his medical degree from the Medical College of Georgia and completed a dual Internal Medicine & Pediatrics residency at the LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans. He spent several years in group practice before returning to LSU to teach residents. He served as CMIO of the LSU Healthcare Network bringing needed technology to the LSU faculty practice after Hurricane Katrina, as medical director for the MedPeds residency clinic, and as an assistant professor of medicine in the outpatient and hospital facilities. Dr. Wallis helped JenCare Neighborhood Medical Centers in their expansion to New Orleans before joining Medical Affairs at Peoples Health, an MA organization in Louisiana. He current serves as the CMO for Peoples Health and UnitedHealthcare Medicare and Retirement as well as Capital City Medical Group, a care delivery organization with locations throughout Louisiana. He is medical director for a non-profit free clinic and serves on the Board for Taking Aim at Cancer in Louisiana (TACL) leading the Payer Council.



Richard Wender, MD

Richard Wender, MD, 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. He was recently appointed as the Chair of the Department of Family Medicine and Community Health, in the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. 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. At Jefferson, Dr. Wender and his team spearheaded innovative programs in geriatric medicine, palliative care, the patient-centered medical home, quality-based payment, refugee health, and community partnership. 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 launched a transformative national initiative to achieve 80% colorectal cancer screening rates in every community, a campaign to increase HPV vaccination rates, and an enterprise-wide effort to help build healthier communities. Dr. Wender has continuously advocated for the importance of preventive care and for the creation of an effective bridge between primary care and public health. This includes providing 100s of keynote addresses, at least one in all 50 states, and authoring numerous publications. As Chair of the ACS NCCRT and a member of the steering committee for the President's Cancer Panel cancer screening initiative, Dr. Wender is helping to lead efforts to promote the safe provision of cancer screening services during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Pascale White, MD, MBA, MS, FACG

Pascale White, MD, MBA, MS, FACG, is an Associate Professor of Medicine in the Gastroenterology division at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. From 2017 to 2024, she directed the Gastroenterology Clinic at Mount Sinai Hospital. Currently, as the inaugural Director of Health Equity in Action for Liver and Digestive Diseases (H.E.A.L.D.), Dr. White spearheads initiatives to enhance equitable access to care within the GI and Liver divisions. Dr. White earned her undergraduate degree in Biology from Barnard College of Columbia University and obtained her medical degree from The George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences. She completed her Internal Medicine residency at NYU School of Medicine, where she was appointed Chief Resident, followed by a Gastroenterology fellowship at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. Additionally, she holds an MBA and a Master of Science in Healthcare Policy and Research with a focus on Healthcare Leadership from Cornell University. Her clinical work and research emphasize colorectal cancer screening in underserved communities. She has published on screening barriers and co-authored guidelines for colorectal cancer screening in African Americans for the American College of Gastroenterology. Dr. White actively participates in multiple committees, including New York City's Citywide Colorectal Cancer Control Coalition (C5) and the American Cancer Society National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable. She is a Co-Founder of the Association of Black Gastroenterologists and Hepatologists (ABGH).



Keith Winfrey, MD, MPH, FACP

Keith Winfrey, MD, MPH, FACP, is the Chief Medical Officer for the New Orleans East Louisiana Community Health Center and Assistant Professor of Medicine at Tulane University School of Medicine. He completed his residency in Internal Medicine and a fellowship in Preventive Medicine at Tulane, also earning a Master's in Health System Management. Since 2011, he has led NOELA through transformation into a Level III Patient-Centered Medical Home and serves on multiple Louisiana health leadership committees, including the state Colorectal Roundtable and Taking Aim at Cancer initiative.

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Cynthia Yoshida, MD

Cynthia Yoshida, MD, is a professor of medicine in the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology at the University of Virginia Health System. A board-certified gastroenterologist and fellow of the American Gastroenterological Association, she has received the UVA Dean's Awards for both Teaching and Clinical Excellence. Dr. Yoshida has contributed her expertise to numerous committees within the AGA, ACG, and ASGE, and has been a featured speaker at national and international conferences. She has also served as course director for prominent programs, including the ASGE STAR Colonoscopy Endoscopic Mucosal Resection course, the AGA Postgraduate Course, and the ASGE Ambassador Program to Romania. Her clinical focus includes colorectal cancer screening, advanced polypectomy techniques, and improving endoscopy quality. Dr. Yoshida leads the CRC Screening Program at UVA's Comprehensive Cancer Center and chairs the Virginia Colorectal Cancer Roundtable. In recognition of her work, she received the NCCRT 80% in Every Community Physician Champion Award in 2020.