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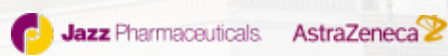
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**GASTRIC CANCER
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HOPE FOR STOMACH CANCER IS ALWAYS WORKING TO PROVIDE PATIENTS AND CAREGIVERS SOLACE - THROUGH EDUCATION AND AWARENESS, ADVOCACY, LINKAGES TO TOP-NOTCH RESOURCES, AND AN INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY.

A gastric cancer diagnosis is terrifying and the stress, physical pain and unknowns are tremendous emotional burdens. Therefore, our vision is for this to become the go-to retreat for all those impacted by a stomach cancer diagnosis to build navigational tools, support, community, and empowerment. We hope this becomes an annual signature event for those facing stomach cancer. We are so glad you are here with us to experience an incredible gathering where we will build a strong stomach cancer village together!

Please join us for Advocacy Day following the close of the Summit.

MEET YOUR HOSTS!



Patient CoChair
Irasema Chavez



Patient CoChair
Camilla Row



HOPE Advocate
Aki Smith



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June Sweat



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HOPE IS COMMITTED TO MAKING YOUR SUMMIT EXPERIENCE AS INFORMATIVE AND COMFORTABLE AS POSSIBLE. HERE ARE SOME KEY HIGHLIGHTS THAT WE ADDED TO ENSURE TIME WITH US IS EXCEPTIONAL.

EXCLUSIVE PATIENT INTERVIEWS

Our talented production team is conducting patient interviews in a private setting. These interviews will offer valuable insights, a chance to connect with fellow patients, and content that helps to raise awareness.

ON-SITE MEDICAL SUPPORT

Our guest's well-being is a top priority. **We have booked an EMT on-site throughout the events** to provide medical assistance should it be required. Our EMT will also be available on Capitol Hill.

WELLNESS ROOM, 10AM - 6PM

We know that taking breaks and finding a quiet space can be essential during events like this. That's why we created a Wellness Room for the comfort of our attendees.

SOME OF THE HEALING MODALITIES OFFERED BY CINAMON KIMBROUGH, LAc, LMT

QIGONG AND ACUPRESSURE

5 element nurturing exercises for the abdomen. Assists in Increasing circulation, decreasing food and digestive stagnation, improving lymph drainage, decreasing anxiety.

CUSTOMIZED, COMMUNITY STYLE, NON-INVASIVE ACUPUNCTURE

Traditionally Asian acupuncture has been practiced in a group setting. Chairs or lounges are set up in a quiet relaxed atmosphere while the patients are treated about six feet apart or more.

MINI FRIEND AND FAMILY HOW-TO WORKSHOPS: ASIAN MEDICINE HOME CARE REMEDIES TO REDUCE SYMPTOMS

- E Stim acupoints
- Gua sha
- Foot Soaks
- Light Cupping
- Blended Acupressure Meridian massage and Craniosacral
- Steam Hydrotherapy
- Ear seeds/Crystals
- Meridian movement

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SUNDAY, MAY 5 | SUPPORTIVE CARE DAY



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TIME	ACTIVITY
10am – 1pm	Registration
10am – 12pm	Focus Group by invitation
12pm – 1pm	Lunch Buffet
WORKSHOP STYLE PRESENTATIONS	
1pm – 1:15pm	Opening Remarks & Video by Aki Smith, Irasema Chavez, and Camilla Row, PhD
1:15pm – 2:15pm	Optimizing Nutrition For People with Stomach Cancer by Silvia Figueiroa MS, RD, CNSC, Clinical Research Dietitian, Nutrition Department – NIH
2:15pm – 3:15pm	Alternative Ways to Relieve Treatment and Cancer Symptoms by Cinamon Kimbrough, LAc, LMT
3:15pm – 3:30pm	Break and snacks
3:30pm – 5pm	Your Story Matters by Compassionate Coaching’s Playback Theatre Team
5pm – 7pm	Dinner Buffet
OPTIONAL 7:30pm – 10:30pm	Nighttime Washington D.C. Trolley Tour (pick-up at Hyatt Hotel) <i>Stops include Lincoln memorial, FDR memorial where the MLK memorial and Iwo Jima memorial. 30 minutes at each stop. During this fully narrated tour, pass by the Capitol, White House, Washington Monument, Jefferson memorial and the WWII memorial.</i>

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MONDAY, MAY 6 | LIVESTREAM PRESENTATIONS

TIME	ACTIVITY
8am	Registration
8am – 9am	Breakfast Buffet
OPENING SESSION	
9am – 9:15am	Chairs Opening: Camilla Row , PhD, Stage 4 Patient Irasema Chavez , 2x Stomach Cancer Survivor
9:15am – 10:30am	Town Hall Discussion: What are some of the gaps in care that you experienced or observed? Moderated by: Susan Berhane, MPA, Associate Director Global Patient Advocacy, BMS
10:30am – 10:45am	Spotlight on Novellia by Shashi Shankar Co-Founder & CEO at Novellia
10:45am – 11am	Break
11am – 11:15am	ASCO TAPUR Study by Pam Mangat, MS, PhD(c), Division Director of Clinical Research and Analytics Center for Research and Analytics American Society of Clinical Oncology
11:15am – 11:35am	Facing Stomach Cancer with Hope: Suggestions for Patients, Caregivers, and Patient Advocates Based on a Surgeon’s Own Cancer Journey by John J Woog, MD, BCPA
11:35am -12pm	Treating My Cancer as a Chronic Disease, a Patient Story: Suzanne Ottinger, Diagnosed Stage 4 (5-min Q&A)
12pm – 1pm	Lunch Buffet

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TIME	ACTIVITY
AFTERNOON SESSIONS	
1pm – 1:05pm	Opening of Session 2 by Dr. John L. Marshall, MD, Physician Executive Director, Medstar Washington DC Integrated Hematology Oncology Division Director, The Ruesch Center for the Cure of GI Cancers
1:05pm – 1:30pm	Thank you, Cancer, a Patient Story: Jeff Stewart, Diagnosed Stage 2, Now Stage 4 (5-min Q&A)
1:30pm – 1:55pm	Update from the NCI Director by Dr Kimryn Rathmell, MD, PhD., MMHC. the 17th director of the National Cancer Institute (5-min Q&A)
1:55pm – 2:15pm	Updates from the Biden Cancer Moonshot by Asal Sayas, Senior Advisor, White House Cancer Moonshot
2:15pm – 2:30pm	Break
2:30pm – 2:50pm	Precision Medicine Transforms Cancer Care by John L. Marshall, MD
2:50pm – 3:10pm	Stomach cancer trials, chemotherapy, biomarkers, and transposons: future opportunities by Marty Taylor, MD PhD, Attending Gastrointestinal Pathologist, MGH Pathology Instructor in Pathology, Harvard Medical School
3:10pm – 3:30pm	FDA considerations for Supporting U.S. Drug Approval by Shruti Gandhi, MD, PhD, Medical Oncologist Division of Oncology 3 OOD OND CDER U.S. Food and Drug Administration
3:30pm – 3:50pm	The Importance of Multidisciplinary Gastric Cancer Care and Cancer Research by Jeremy Davis, MD, Surgical Oncology Program, Center for Cancer Research, NCI, National Institutes of Health
3:50pm - 4:20pm	Panel Discussion: Dr. Marshall, Dr. Taylor, Dr. Gandhi, and Dr. Davis
4:20pm	Conclusion

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ADVOCACY DAY IS DESIGNED TO ELEVATE THE VOICES OF PATIENTS AND CAREGIVERS AND EMPOWER THEM TO ADVOCATE.

Following the Patient Empowerment Summit, Hope for Stomach Cancer is hosting a training session beginning at 5pm on May 6, 2024 with our first Gastric Cancer Advocacy Day on May 7, 2024.

HOPE for Stomach Cancer believes advocacy efforts are important in bringing attention to disparities and health inequity. It plays a monumental role in calling for policies to prioritize health equity and address the root causes of

cancer disparities. Hope advocates for increased awareness, funding, research, and support for those impacted by stomach cancer.

The central focus for the event is to amplify the voices of gastric cancer patients and caregivers, ensuring they feel heard and valued within the legislative system.

During this event, we will be working to empower patients and provide them with a platform to voice these health disparities in their own communities.

Thank you for taking action with HOPE!



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MONDAY, MAY 6 | ADVOCACY DAY HILL TRAINING



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TIME	ACTIVITY
5pm – 5:05pm	Welcome and Video
5:05pm – 5:30pm	Advocacy 101 by Andrew Scott, MBA, Director Strategic Alliances and Issue Advocacy, U.S. Policy and Government Affairs, BMS
5:30pm – 5:45pm	The Stomach Cancer Task Force by Chul S. Hyun, MD, PhD, MPH, Founder of SCTF
5:45pm – 6:10pm	KEYNOTE Overview of Advancing Gastric Cancer Prevention by Asad Umar, DVM., PhD., Senior Advisor to Director for Translational Research & Chief, Gastrointestinal & Other Cancers Research Group Division of Cancer Prevention, NCI
6:10pm – 6:30pm	Using and targeting the LINE-1 transposon in cancer early detection and prevention by Martin Taylor, MD PhD, Attending Gastrointestinal Pathologist, MGH Pathology, Instructor in Pathology, Harvard Medical School
6:30pm – 7:20pm	Reception Dinner and Lobby Day Meeting Information & Logistics
7:20pm – 7:30pm	Navigating H. Pylori and Stomach Cancer: An Asian American Narrative, a Capstone Video by Grace Ham, Media, Medicine, and Health Graduate Student, Harvard Medical School Class of 2024
7:30pm – 8:30pm	High Impact Hill Meeting Prep Panel by Patient Advocates JoLinda Brewer and Cyndi Howard
8:30pm – 9pm	Group Practice

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TUESDAY, MAY 7 | ADVOCACY DAY HILL TRAINING




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HOLD YOUR BELONGINGS AND LUGGAGE

TIME	ACTIVITY
8am – 8:15am	Meet at Hyatt Lobby to board the Shuttle to Capitol Hill *Please enjoy breakfast at the hotel before getting on the shuttle.
8:30am – 9:15am	Pictures on Capitol Hill
9:30am – 11:30am	Meetings with House of Representatives
11:30am – 1:30pm	Gastric Cancer Disparity in the US: A Threat to Racial and Ethnic Minorities Led by the Stomach Cancer Task Force. Location: 401 Cannon House Office Building **Lunch provided**
1:30pm – 3:30pm	Meetings with Senate
3:30pm	Shuttle Returns to the Hyatt

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May 7th, 2024 (Tuesday)
11: 30 AM – 1: 30 PM
401 Cannon House Office Building
27 Independence Ave SE
Washington, DC 20003

SCTF

Stomach Cancer Task Force

Gastric Cancer Disparity in the US: *A Threat to Racial and Ethnic Minorities*

Gastric cancer has severe impacts on certain ethnicities and races, with the highest number of cases in the US occurring among Asian and Hispanic Americans. The five-year survival rate in the US in all stages combined remains dismally low at 33%. There is also a disparity in mortality rates between the various racial and ethnic groups. Despite these alarming statistics, there is no structured system to screen gastric cancer in high-risk populations.

The Goals

- *Increase Awareness of gastric cancer (GC) disparity*
- *Promote community-physician partnerships*
- *Develop GC screening guidelines for high-risk populations*

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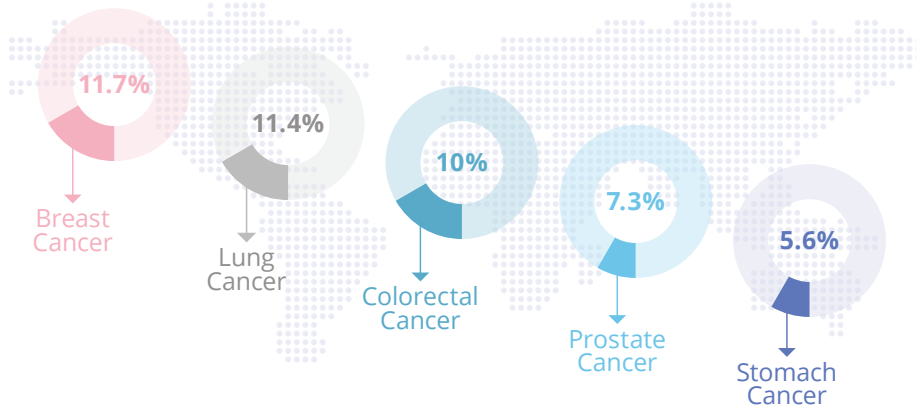
Our mission is to bring together communities and physicians to work towards creating innovative approaches for stomach cancer awareness campaigns. SCTF aims to help the medical community and governments provide equitable access to stomach cancer screening and early detection for high-risk populations.



HOPE FOR STOMACH CANCER is the nation's leading stomach cancer awareness and support organization. HOPE is the bridge connecting stakeholders to improve stomach cancer outcomes through support, solutions, and synergy. HOPE participates on the national and international stage to advance research, advocate for improved access and care, and support patients and families with programs and services. We believe there is *always hope*



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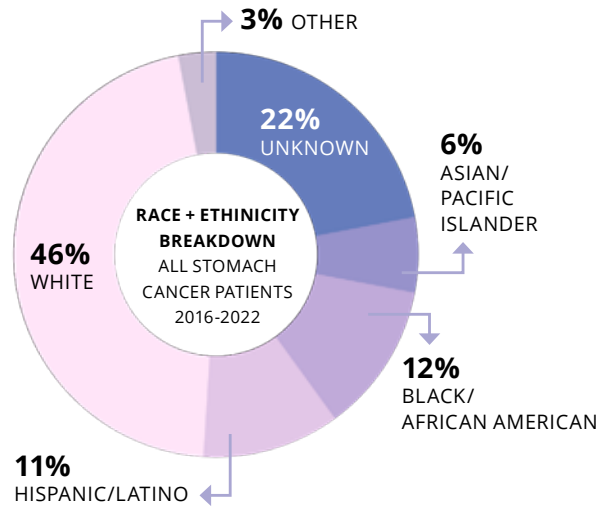


THE US NEEDS GUIDELINES FOR DETECTION, EARLY SCREENING AND CARE FOR STOMACH CANCER PATIENTS!

OUR PATIENT ADVOCATE CONSTITUENTS URGE CONGRESS TO REACH A CONSENSUS THAT THE STOMACH CANCER DISPARITY BE URGENTLY ADDRESSED.

DISPARITIES IN CARE: RACIAL, AGE, SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS, AND GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

More than half of our patients appear to be from underrepresented communities from low-to-middle income, and an alarming increase in the number of young adults (below age 40) who are seeking help from hope. These patients are in the advanced stages of their disease, and the outcome is bleak. These patients depend on HOPE's programs and services to help them navigate the overwhelming obstacles of diagnosis, treatment, and support.



HOPE'S ASK: WE ARE REQUESTING THAT GASTRIC CANCER BE INCLUDED IN THE APPROPRIATIONS REPORT LANGUAGE.

CHART: PATIENT COUNTS WERE GENERATED BY LOOKING AT ALL PATIENTS AND PATIENTS UNDER THE AGE OF 40 WHO HAVE AT LEAST 2 STOMACH CANCER CLAIMS FROM 2016-2022. PATIENT COUNTS ARE NOT UNIQUE FOR THE HCO BREAKDOWN. A PATIENT COULD BE SEEN AT BOTH AN ACADEMIC AND COMMUNITY HCO WITHIN THE TIMEFRAME AND THUS COUNTED TOWARDS BOTH BUCKETS. DATA AVAILABILITY: THE DATA THAT SUPPORT THE FINDINGS WERE USED UNDER LICENSE FROM KOMOTO HEALTH. DUE TO DATA USE AGREEMENTS AND ITS PROPRIETARY NATURE, RESTRICTIONS APPLY REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF THE DATA. *SOURCE: INTERNATIONAL AGENCY FOR RESEARCH ON CANCER, 2020 AND AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY. CANCER FACTS & FIGURES 2022

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SPEAKER: SILVIA FIGUEIROA, MS, RD, CNSC

Silvia Figueiroa holds more than 15 years of experience in clinical nutrition. She received her MS in Nutrition from Florida State University. Previously, as a Clinical Nutrition Specialist at Medstar Washington Hospital Center in DC, she was responsible for the care of multiple patients undergoing surgery for gastrointestinal malignancies. Currently, as a Clinical Research Dietitian with the Surgical Oncology team at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), in addition to patient care, she devotes her time to research.



SPEAKER: CINAMON KIMBROUGH, LAC, LMT

As an Artist and a health practitioner listening to the body and holding space for healing is key. Cinamon has been walking this wellness journey with her patients and collaborating with health practitioners for over 15 years. Blending cranio-sacral, Asian medicine and nurturing somatic exercises. In these somatic exercises there is a combination of breath work, yoga, qi gong, tai-chi and self-care acupressure. The joy comes from bringing this blended work of harmony and balance to the community and empower patients in their wellness journey and self-care. Moving together is healing.

Publishing: Interactive Meridian Yoga Poses: To Assist in Learning Traditional Chinese Medicine Meridians and Essential Acupuncture Point Categories

Masters in Oriental Medicine: PIHMA (Phoenix Institute of Herbal Medicine and Acupuncture (2017-2023)

Acupuncture Degree: The Midwest College of Oriental Medicine (2012- 2015)

The Chicago School of Massage (Cortiva-2007)

Osteopathic cranial continuing education: WGSTD dental group (2007-2013)

Academy of Art (1991)

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SPEAKER: ERIN WHALEN, COMPASSIONATE COACHING

Erin Whalen is the Founder of Compassionate Coaching, whose mission is to restore dignity to the grieving and dying, and to help them feel seen and heard, by filling the cups of, and providing communication skills to, those who serve them.

Before founding Compassionate Coaching in the fall of 2020, Erin spent 14 years as a professional actress and role player, particularly in medical education. She uses that background – as an actor, trainer, facilitator, and Playback Theatre practitioner – to develop highly interactive, cathartic, and memorable programming that centers around giving and receiving empathy for professionals in the end-of-life field.

Erin uses her own experiences with grief, particularly her sister, Gina’s, death in 2016, and her lifelong relationship with anticipatory grief, to infuse her work with empathy and compassion.



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TOWN HALL MODERATOR: SUSAN BERHANE, MPA

Susan is a part of the Global Patient Advocacy team at BMS where she leads patient engagement with GI cancer patients. She brings experience from both public and private sectors where she has built her career around advocacy, policy, and community engagement. Prior to joining Bristol Myers Squibb, she worked on Capitol Hill, at the Japanese Embassy as a Public Affairs Officer, and spent time as a volunteer English teacher in South Korea. She earned a MPA. from George Mason University and a BA in International Relations from Old Dominion University. She enjoys learning about other cultures and languages and currently speaks English, Akan, Korean and Japanese. In her free time Susan enjoys staying active, spending time with her dogs JoJo and Mika, and reading alongside her book club members of 9 years.



SPEAKER: SHASHI SHANKA

Shashi Shankar is the CEO and co-founder of Novellia, a company pioneering rapid access for patients to get their own health data. Inspired by the loss of his Tata (grandfather) to cancer, he founded Novellia to simplify and digitize health records. With a background from Genentech, Roche, Dartmouth, and Johns Hopkins, Shashi brings a diverse skill set to healthtech innovation. His mission is to empower individuals with their own comprehensive health histories, accessible in seconds.

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SPEAKER: PAM MANGAT, MS, PHD(c)

*CDivision Director of Clinical Research and Analytics
Center for Research & Analytics (CENTRA) | American Society of Clinical Oncology*

Pam Mangat, MS, PhD (c) is a research scientist with over 15 years of experience in collaborating with stakeholders to advance cancer research and care. She has expertise in protocol and database development, conducting, analyzing and publishing data for clinical trials and research projects, with expertise in pragmatic trials, and diversity and equity in cancer clinical trials. She currently serves as the Division Director of Clinical Research and Analytics at the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO), the world's largest professional organization representing physicians who care for people with cancer. She provides research expertise and oversees various projects including ASCO's clinical trials, the Targeted Agent and Profiling Utilization Registry (TAPUR) Study and Comparing Oral Drug Dosing Strategies in Older Patients with Metastatic Breast Cancer to Maximize Tolerance and Reduce Discontinuation: The CDK4/6 Inhibitor Dosing Knowledge (CDK) Study. She also serves on the Program Committee for the Society of Clinical Trials from 2020-present. Prior to joining ASCO, she held varying roles as a research scientist on large multi-site NIH funded studies, developed and coordinated through The George Washington University Biostatistics Center. Prior to that, she worked for contract research organizations on a variety of research trials and projects. She earned a Master of Science (MS) degree in Epidemiology and Biostatistics from The George Washington University and a B.Sc. degree in Cell and Molecular Biology from Simon Fraser University in Canada. She is currently working on her doctoral dissertation in Translational Health Sciences with a focus on pragmatic trial design and enrollment of diverse patient populations in cancer clinical trials from The George Washington University.

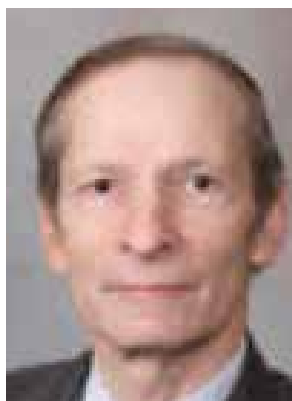
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SPEAKER: JOHN J. WOOG, MD, BCPA

Dr. Woog has taught at Harvard Medical School and Tufts University and is Professor Emeritus at the Mayo Clinic. He is a recipient of Teacher of the Year Awards in Ophthalmology at Harvard and Mayo Clinic and awards for patient care, research, and service from academic institutions and national organizations. Dr. Woog has had a long-standing interest in patient advocacy as a physician. His commitment to patient advocacy was reinforced when he was personally diagnosed with Stage 4 stomach cancer. He was fortunate to have a dramatic response to experimental therapy. Over the years since, Dr. Woog has supported other individuals with cancer through advocacy efforts, and has worked to promote the development of new cancer therapies and connect patients with these novel treatments. Dr. Woog and his wife recently published a book describing their experience entitled *"Facing Cancer with Hope: Suggestions for Patients, Caregivers and Patient Advocates based on a Surgeon's Own Cancer Journey,"* with the goal of sharing lessons learned with patients facing cancer as well as their family members, caregivers, and advocates.

Dr. Woog was an invited speaker at the 2024 National Association of Healthcare Advocacy Schueler Seminar, an annual cancer-focused educational event. He is a certificant of and subject matter expert for the Patient Advocate Certification Board and is honored to support the programs and activities of these and other advocacy-focused organizations, including Hope for Stomach Cancer.



PATIENT STORY: SUZANNE OTTINGER, DIAGNOSED STAGE 4 WITH BONE METASTASIS

Diagnosed with stage 4 gastric cancer almost two years ago, Suzanne faced numerous symptoms leading up to diagnosis, including dysphagia. Despite the cancer spreading throughout her body, chemotherapy and immunotherapy proved effective. After a period of remission, signs of cancer's return have appeared. Suzanne emphasizes the importance of positivity and maintaining wellness between treatments. Her approach to seeking multiple medical opinions reflects her determination. Suzanne recently discovered a new gene related to cancer within her family, further driving her advocacy for ongoing research and treatment options. She hopes for future treatments to manage gastric cancer as a chronic condition.

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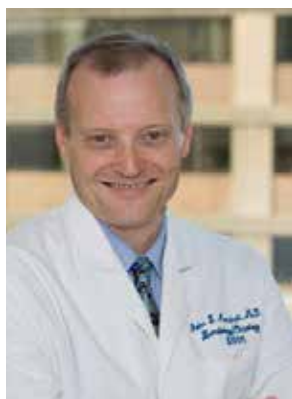
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CHAIR, MODERATOR, AND SPEAKER: JOHN L. MARSHALL, MD

Chief, Division of Hematology/Oncology, Medstar Georgetown University Hospital | Professor of Medicine and Oncology, Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center, Georgetown University | Director, Otto J. Ruesch Center for the Cure of Gastrointestinal Cancer

Dr. Marshall received his training at Duke University, the University of Louisville, and Georgetown University. He is an internationally recognized expert in new drug development for GI cancer, with expertise in phase I, II, and III trial design, and has served as Principal Investigator for more than one hundred clinical trials. While he has an interest in many areas of cancer research, his primary focus has been on the development of vaccines to treat cancer. Dr. Marshall has become an outspoken advocate for GI cancer patients and the importance of clinical research participation. Most recently, he has established the Otto J. Ruesch Center for the Cure of GI Cancers, an organization solely focused on improving the lives of GI cancer patients through innovative research, personalized medicine, and focused advocacy.



PATIENT STORY: JEFF STEWART, STAGE 2 TO STAGE 4

Jeff Stewart's stomach cancer was discovered when he tried to donate his kidney. He's now in stage 4. Stewart is trained in molecular biology and is a long-time advisor to life science companies as a managing director at Syneos Health. Stewart is here in his personal capacity as a cancer patient and advocate. Stewart has seven kids and is the author of the BBA best cancer book of 2023, LIVING. Stewart is also a *Jeopardy!* champion.

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SPEAKER: KIMRYN RATHMELL, MD, PHD., MMHC

W. Kimryn Rathmell, MD, PhD., MMHC., was sworn in as the 17th NCI director on December 18, 2023. She previously led the Vanderbilt University Medical Center as physician-in-chief and chair of the Department of Medicine.

Dr. Rathmell is a recipient of the 2019 Louisa Nelson Award for Women of Achievement, Vision, and Inspiration, the 2019 Eugene P. Schonfeld Award from the Kidney Cancer Association, and the Paragon Award for Research Excellence from the Doris Duke Foundation. She was a leader of The Cancer Genome Atlas's (TCGA) kidney cancer projects and served as a TCGA analysis working group member across the spectrum of cancers, winning the 2020 American Association for Cancer Research Team Science Award. She has served on the NCI Board of Scientific Advisors, and the Forbeck Foundation Scientific Advisory Board.

Dr. Rathmell has held leadership positions with the American Society of Clinical Oncology and the American Society for Clinical Investigation, serving as secretary-treasurer and president. As a result of her efforts, Dr. Rathmell has been elected to the Association of American Physicians, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the National Academy of Medicine.

Dr. Rathmell's specialty is the research and treatment of complex and hereditary kidney cancers. She also focuses on underlying drivers of kidney cancers using genetic, molecular, and cell biology to develop interventions to improve patients' lives. Dr. Rathmell's research has resulted in more than 250 articles in leading peer-reviewed journals, including The New England Journal of Medicine, Nature, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, and the Journal of Clinical Investigation.

Dr. Rathmell earned undergraduate degrees in biology and chemistry from the University of Northern Iowa and her PhD. in biophysics and MD from Stanford University. She completed an internal medicine internship at the University of Chicago and an internal medicine residency, medical oncology fellowship, and postdoctoral studies at the University of Pennsylvania. In 2022, she completed her Master of Management in Health Care from the Vanderbilt University Owen Graduate School of Management.

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SPEAKER: ASAL SAYAS

Asal Sayas is a Senior Advisor on President Biden’s Cancer Moonshot at the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. Prior to joining the Biden-Harris Administration, Asal spent the first half of her career as a congressional aide in the United States Senate and House of Representatives working on various policy issues in both chambers of Congress. After leaving the Hill, she has most recently spent time working on domestic and global HIV policy.

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SPEAKER: MARTIN TAYLOR, MD PHD

Marty Taylor, MD PhD is a practicing gastrointestinal pathologist at the Massachusetts General Hospital and an Instructor of Pathology at Harvard Medical School. His research is focused on understanding the basic mechanisms of the human LINE-1 retrotransposon, cellular and organismal consequences of LINE-1 expression, and the potential utility of LINE-1 in cancer diagnostics and therapeutics. He completed MD and PhD in Pharmacology from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, co-mentored by Phil Cole and Jef Boeke, where his thesis developed inhibitors and molecular understanding of the gut hormone ghrelin for control of blood glucose and metabolism. Subsequent work with the Boeke, Rout, and LaCava groups developed tools and systems to study LINE-1, discovered key cellular interactors, and established the roles of these proteins in the LINE-1 lifecycle. Together with the Burns lab, Marty's work over the last 10 years has shown that LINE-1 proteins are a pervasively expressed 'hallmark of cancer', and recently established LINE-1 ORF1p as a promising multi-cancer biomarker with potential utility in both tissue and blood for disease detection and monitoring. Through these and related projects, Marty's generated many of the LINE-1 affinity reagents (antibodies and nanobodies) now in broad use in the field. Marty has also led a large recent effort that determined the structure of the LINE-1 ORF2 multifunctional reverse transcriptase, provided key mechanistic insights into polymerization, insertion, and activation of the innate immune system, and shed light on its evolutionary history. He is independently funded by a K08 from the NIDDK and support from the Dana Farber / Harvard Cancer Center and Stand Up To Cancer, and is also wrapping up a major story from his postdoctoral research with David Sabatini and Phil Cole on the structural and mechanistic basis of Akt activation by mTOR Complex 2.

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SPEAKER: SHRUTI GANDHY, MD, PHD

Dr. Shruti Gandhi received her Bachelor of Science cum laude in Biological Sciences from Cornell University with a minor in French Studies. She then received her MD/PhD from Texas A&M College of Medicine, completed internal medicine residency training at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, and subsequently pursued a fellowship in hematology and medical oncology at the National Cancer Institute/National Institutes of Health, focusing on immunotherapy for GI and GU malignancies. Dr. Gandhi currently serves as a medical officer in the gastrointestinal cancer group within the Division of Oncology III in the Office of Oncologic Diseases at the FDA.



SPEAKER: JEREMY L. DAVIS, MD

Dr. Jeremy L. Davis is surgical oncologist whose research focuses on sporadic and inherited forms of stomach cancer, specifically those caused by germline mutations in the CDH1 gene, and the molecular underpinnings of gastric cancer development and metastasis. Dr. Davis is board certified in both Complex General Surgical Oncology and General Surgery. His areas of expertise include Gastric Cancer Pancreatic Cancer Hepatic Metastasectomy Minimally-invasive and Robotic Surgery.

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SPEAKER: ANDREW SCOTT, MBA

Director, Strategic Alliances & Issue Advocacy within Bristol Myers Squibb's US Policy & Government Affairs in Washington, DC.

Andrew Scott's work focuses on hematology and oncology, he prioritizes mutual value creation, thinking of health systems holistically, and collaborating with diverse stakeholders to advance public policy that improves patient access and affordability, and protects innovation.

Before BMS, Andrew served as Vice President of Policy & Public Affairs at Global Liver Institute (GLI), leading the organization's efforts to elevate the patient voice, and shape public policy to address the unmet need of patients impacted by liver disease. Before GLI, he acted as Senior Federal Affairs Director at Cullari Communications Global, a public affairs advocacy firm, where he provided clients with surround sound advocacy campaign support at the state and federal level. He got his start in health policy and government affairs at Endo Pharmaceuticals, serving as the company's principal federal lobbyist. Andrew received his Master of Business Administration from the University of North Carolina's Kenan-Flagler Business School in 2022.

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SPEAKER: CHUL S. HYUN, MD, PHD, MPH

Founder, Stomach Cancer Task Force | Chairman, New York Health Forum

Chul S. Hyun received his B.A. from Johns Hopkins University, MD from the University of Miami School of Medicine and completed his Internal Medicine Internship and Residency at Georgetown University Medical Center. Subsequently, he pursued a Gastroenterology and Liver Fellowship at Yale University School of Medicine. He holds a PhD. in Biophysics from the University of Rochester School of Medicine and an MPH from Columbia University. He furthered his research with a postdoctoral fellowship in Physiology at the University of Chicago School of Medicine. He is Board-certified in Gastroenterology and has been a faculty in the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology at Weill Cornell Medical College since 1996. Dr. Hyun has served as a Board Member of the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners (2017- 2018). He has also served as the president of the Korean American Medical Association (2011-2013) and is the founding President of the World Korean Medical Organization (2012-2015). He has founded several nonprofit health organizations such as the Center for Viral Hepatitis and Asian American Stomach Cancer Task Force, and published articles on ethnic health disparities in the US. He is currently the chair of the New York Health Forum (NYHF).

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER: ASAD UMAR, D.V.M., PHD.

Dr. Asad Umar currently serves as the Chief Program Officer | Gastrointestinal and Other Cancers received. He completed his PhD. in Biochemistry and Immunology at the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD, in 1993. He conducted his postdoctoral training in the laboratories of Patricia Gearhart in Baltimore, MD and Thomas Kunkel at the National Institutes of Environmental Health Sciences in Research Triangle Park, NC. Dr. Umar’s main scientific interest is to understand the molecular pathways during gastrointestinal carcinogenesis and applying molecularly targeted and immunologic interventions to prevent cancer. His research contributions are in deciphering the biochemical defects in Lynch syndrome (Hereditary Non-Polyposis Colorectal Cancer or HNPCC) and later published testing guidelines for HNPCC. As a Program Director, he oversees a wide variety of grants and contracts focusing on cancer prevention translational research, cancer screening, and clinical trials.

Some of the major research areas and grants funded under his leadership include: Novel Mechanisms of NSAIDS/anti-inflammatory Agents in Cancer Prevention; Cancer Stem Cells’ Role in Cancer Prevention; Green Tea Polyphenon E for HCC Prevention; Role of DFMO in Cancer Prevention; National Polyp Screening Trial; Vitamin E and Selenium Skin Cancer Prevention Trial; the Calcium and Vitamin D Trial; and ACF as Surrogate Markers for Cancer Prevention. Recently, Dr. Umar represented the Division of Cancer Prevention in NCI’s Provocative Questions initiative in which a large number of unanswered (but important) questions in oncology are being focused for research prioritization. Among the major emphases are the mechanisms of cancer prevention for a number of successful interventions, and understanding the link between obesity and aging on cancer risk.

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