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2017 Annual Symposium

October 18-20, 2017

DoubleTree by Hilton Westminster
8773 Yates Drive, Westminster, CO 80031

Wednesday, October 18, 2017

6:00 - 7:00pm

**Early Check-in and
Opening Reception**

Join us for light appetizers and a cash bar. See old friends and meet new ones.

Thursday, October 19, 2017

Conference check-in begins at 7:45 am
Exhibits open at 7:45 am

7:00 - 7:45am	Live by Living Walk (Optional)	
8:00 - 8:30am	Continental Breakfast & Welcome	Speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Cathy Bradley, PhD, Colorado Cancer Coalition Chair
8:30 - 9:30am	Keynote Speaker: Inspiring Hope, Thriving Together Cancer Plan Objective: 8.1, 8.2	Objective: Hear from Dr. Harpham, 26-year cancer survivor, physician, best-selling author, and nationally recognized speaker. Speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Wendy S. Harpham, MD
9:30 - 10:30am	Current Cancer Trends in Colorado	Objective: Examine the current trends and understand the cancer landscape across the state and among different populations. Speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Randi Rycroft, Director, Colorado Central Cancer Registry, Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment
10:30 - 11:00am	BREAK & BOOK SIGNING WITH WENDY S. HARPAM, MD	
11:00 - 12:00pm	Building a Survivorship Program & Incorporating Treatment Summary & Survivorship Care Plans (TS/SCP) Cancer Plan Objective: 9.1, 9.2	Objective: Review and discuss the utilization of Treatment Summary and Survivorship Care Plans from the oncology and primary care perspective. Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Andrea DwyerBetsy Risendal, PhDMelissa James, PA-C

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	• Linda Overholser, MD		
12:00 - 1:15pm	BUFFET LUNCH		
CONCURRENT SESSIONS			
	Patient/Health Navigation	Cancer Control & Prevention	Patients & Caregivers
1:15 - 2:10pm	<p>Health Navigation Across the Continuum of Care</p> <p>Objective: Examine ways to set-up a robust patient/health navigation program & discuss roles & challenges of health navigators.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jana Bolduan Lomax, PsyD• Diogo Barbosa <p>Cancer Plan Objective: 6.2, 9.1, 9.2, 11.1</p>	<p>Cancer Screening Guidelines Panel</p> <p>Objective: Review screening guidelines & family history recommendations for all screenable cancers.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Breast Screening Dulcy E. Wolverton, MD• Cervical Screening Glenn Bigsby, DO• Colorectal Screening Swati Patel, MD• Lung Screening Debra Dyer, MD, FACR• Prostate Screening Elizabeth Kessler, MD• Skin Screening Robert Dellavalle, MD, PhD, MSPH	<p>Understanding Risk Factors & Increasing Healthy Behaviors</p> <p>Objective: Review & discuss cancer risk factors & understand ways to increase healthy behaviors.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• UV Protection Debra Hesse• Alcohol Kacy Crawford, MPH• Tobacco/Smoking Amy V. Lukowski, PsyD• Obesity, Diet, & Nutrition Elizabeth Wellberg, PhD <p>Cancer Plan Objective: 1.1, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 8.1</p>
2:20 - 3:15pm	<p>Compassion Fatigue</p> <p>Objective: Review & discuss what leads to compassion fatigue for health care workers and strategies for working through it.</p> <p>Speakers: Henry Tobey, PhD</p>	<p>Q & A session to follow</p> <p>Cancer Plan Objective: 3.1, 5.1, 5.2</p>	<p>Symptom Management & Living with Chronic Cancer</p> <p>Objective: Review & discuss strategies for managing symptoms of chronic cancer.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sleep Issues/Fatigue Paula Marchionda, MD, MPH, BSN• Symptom Management Kathleen Hall, PhD <p>Cancer Plan Objective: 8.1</p>
3:15 - 3:30 pm	BREAK & VISIT EXHIBITOR TABLES		

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3:30 - 4:25pm	Pharmaceutical Patient Assistance Panel Objective: Learn about patient assistance programs and other statewide resources. Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lilly Oncology • Taiho Oncology Cancer Plan Objective: 6.2	Genetic/Hereditary Cancers & Tumor Testing Objective: Review and discuss genetic cancers and somatic tumor testing. Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katie Lemas, MS, CGC • Brooke Overstreet, CGC Cancer Plan Objective: 6.4	Coping with Cancer: Managing the Emotional Side of a Cancer Diagnosis Objective: Review the impact that a cancer diagnosis can have on your mental health and learn strategies for self care. Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicole Taylor, PhD • Hannah Katz, MA Cancer Plan Objective: 8.2
4:35 - 5:30pm	Rural/Frontier Challenges & Successes Objective: Discuss common challenges and barriers that rural and frontier communities face and examine strategies to address them. Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrea Dwyer, BS • Kirstin LeGrice, MPH • Nicole Harty, MPH • Audrey L Reich Loy, LCSW, LAC Cancer Plan Objective: 6.2, 8.2	Cancer Research & Treatment Updates Objective: Examine different approaches for increasing clinical trial participation in both community and academic settings and learn about treatment updates. Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alan Miller, MD, PhD • Tom Purcell, MD, MBA Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keren Sturtz, MD Cancer Plan Objective: 7.1, 7.2	Survivorship Care - Implementing the Essentials Objective: Learn about how survivorship programs can benefit patients and caregivers. Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kristin Kilbourn, PhD, MPH Cancer Plan Objective: 9.1
5:30 - 6:00pm	BREAK & VISIT EXHIBITOR TABLES		
6:00 - 7:15pm	Recognition Reception Join us for light appetizers and a cash bar		

Friday, October 20, 2017

Conference check-in begins at 7:45 am

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7:00 - 7:45am	Live by Living Walk (Optional)
8:00 - 8:30am	CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST & NETWORKING

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8:30 - 9:30am	<div><div>The Future of Healthcare & What it Means for Colorado</div><div>Objective: Discuss potential implications of the changing health care system and how we can continue our work during this transitional time.</div><div>Speaker:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Cody Belzley</div></div>		
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9:30 - 10:30am	<div><div>Motivational Interviewing Training</div><div>Objective: Learn Motivational Interviewing techniques.</div><div>Speakers: <i>Speakers TBD</i></div><div>Cancer Plan Objective: 11.1, 11.2</div></div>	<div><div>Difficult Conversations and Palliative Care</div><div>Objective: Learn relative benefits and risks of continued treatment vs. end-of-life care to terminally ill patients and their families.</div><div>Speakers:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Amy Pate, MD, MPH</div><div>Cancer Plan Objective: 6.1, 10.1</div></div>	<div><div>Cannabis for Cancer: Evidence & the Colorado Experience Thus Far</div><div>Objective: Learn about current Cannabis research.</div><div>Speakers:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Michele Ross, PhD</div><div>Cancer Plan Objective: 10.2</div></div>
10:30 - 10:45am	BREAK & VISIT EXHIBITOR TABLES		
10:45 - 12:15pm	<div><div>Where Do We Go From Here? Coalition and Task Force Updates</div><div>Objective: Learn about the Colorado Cancer Coalition & network with Colorado Cancer Coalition Task Forces</div><div>Speakers:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Paula MarchiondaChristi Cahill</div></div>		
12:15 - 12:30pm	Conference Closing		

SPEAKER BIOS

Jana Bolduan Lomax, PsyD, Licensed Clinical Psychologist, St. Joseph Hospital

Dr. Jana Bolduan Lomax, PsyD, is Licensed Clinical Psychologist with training and expertise in Health Psychology. Dr. Lomax has particular interest in Psychosocial Oncology, Chronic Illness Management, Grief/Loss, and Care for Caregivers. Dr. Lomax is the founder of Shift Healing, LLC, a Psychology practice dedicated to specialized services for adults and couples facing chronic and/or life-limiting medical conditions. She is also an Adjunct Assistant Professor at University of Denver's Center for Oncology Psychology Excellence (COPE). Since 2010, Dr. Lomax has been employed by SCL Health/St. Joseph Hospital, formerly as the Director of Psychosocial and Supportive Oncology. In that capacity, Dr. Lomax was involved in development, implementation, and evaluation of a number of patient and associate programs. Most recently, Dr. Lomax has been involved in program development for the following initiatives for SCL Health: Oncology Patient Navigation, Psychosocial Distress Screening, and Cancer

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Survivorship Care Planning. She also enjoys community engagement and public speaking on these topics. Dr. Lomax finds joy in outdoor and music-filled adventures with her husband and three children.

Diogo Barbosa, Patient Care Navigator for the Digestive and Liver Department, Denver Health

Diogo was born and raised in Ipatinga, Brazil. He was adopted at the age of 5 and continued to have both his birth mother and adopted mother and father involved in his life growing up. He attended college in Brazil majoring in Communications where he learned to speak three different languages.

Once graduated Diogo moved to New York City where he lived for 5 years and developed a strong sense of appreciation for difference. During that time Diogo continued to attend school and studied English. In 2012, Diogo moved to Colorado and became involved in the Customer Service training at Micasa Resource Center. He soon found a job at Denver Health and began to discover that working within the field of Community Health was his passion.

He served as a Community Health Advisor first, focusing on the needs of the most underserved in the community. He realized he had a talent for education and outreach and therefore found the Mobile Enrollment van a place where he was able to link patients to health services in a very unique way.

In 2014, Diogo became a Patient Care Navigator for the Digestive and Liver Department at Denver Health. Under the Colorado Colorectal Screening Program (CCSP) grant he began to utilize his unique skill set. Since transferring to this department Diogo has successfully navigated and scheduled more than 1200 colonoscopies and connected more than a dozen patients diagnosed with cancer to other essential resources within the hospital.

His dedication to people experiencing health information gaps continues to grow as he finds more ways to give access to medical care to those in need.

Cody Belzley, Principal, Common Good Consulting

Cody Belzley has dedicated herself to advancing access to quality health care in Colorado for over a decade. In 2015 Cody founded Common Good Consulting, offering public policy and organizational strategy services primarily to nonprofit organizations working on health and early childhood issues. From 2009 - 2015, she was Vice President of Health and Strategic Initiatives for the Colorado Children's Campaign, the state's leading nonprofit child advocacy organization, where she established and advanced the organization's child health agenda and served on the leadership team. Ms. Belzley was the Senior Policy Analyst for Health in the Office of Policy and Initiatives for Colorado Governor Bill Ritter. She has played leadership roles in many state and local ballot measures and legislative initiatives to fund health care and early learning programs in Colorado.

Ms. Belzley has dedicated her volunteer time and service to a number of worthy causes, including Mile High Montessori, Colorado Access and Mental Health America of Colorado. She is a member of Rose Community Foundation's Education Committee. Ms. Belzley completed the Annie E. Casey Foundation's Leadership Institute for State-Based Advocates and was honored by the American Academy of Pediatrics' Colorado Chapter with the Child Health and Welfare Award in 2014.

Ms. Belzley is a graduate of The Colorado College. She and her husband, Seth, live in Denver with their two children, Liza and Cooper.

Glenn Bigsby IV, DO

Dr. Bigsby is board certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology and Gynecologic Oncology. A graduate of the Des Moines University School of Osteopathic Medicine in Iowa, Dr. Bigsby completed his residency at Michigan State University before joining the Florida Hospital Cancer Institute to complete his Fellowship. After 9 years at the Gynecologic Oncology Division of Florida Hospital Cancer Institute, Dr. Bigsby opened a practice in his home state; The Colorado Center for Gynecologic Oncology.

Cathy Bradley, PhD, Colorado Cancer Coalition Chair, Professor and Associate Director, Cancer Prevention and Control, The Colorado School of Public Health

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Kacy Crawford, MPH, Alcohol Epidemiologist, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

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Kacy Crawford is the Alcohol Epidemiologist at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) and is working to increase the dissemination and utilization of alcohol surveillance data to inform the selection and implementation of evidence-based strategies to address excessive alcohol use and related harms across the state. Prior to her work at CDPHE, Kacy was a Researcher for OMNI Institute as the team lead for multiple state and community-level public health projects focused on practice-based epidemiology and evaluation. Kacy received her Master of Public Health with a concentration in Epidemiology from the Colorado School of Public Health and is a member of both the Colorado Public Health Association and the American Public Health Association.

Robert Dellavalle, MD, PhD, MSPH, Professor of Dermatology and Public Health, University of Colorado School of Medicine, Colorado School of Public Health

Bio coming...

Andrea Dwyer, Co-Director, Cancer Survivorship ECHO, The Colorado School of Public Health

Bio coming...

Debra Dyer Debra Dyer, MD, FACR, Professor & Chair, Department of Radiology Director, Lung Cancer Screening CT Program National Jewish Health; Co-Chair, Lung Cancer Task Force, Colorado Cancer Coalition

I am Professor and Chair of the Department of Radiology at NJH. Throughout my career, I have been committed to Quality Improvement. I have implemented numerous Quality Improvement initiatives including programs in Radiation Dose Reduction, structured reporting in Radiology, and the appropriate utilization of imaging. I helped develop our Lung Nodule Registry, the first of its kind in the US. With a special interest in Lung Cancer Screening CT and Lung Nodule Management, I am the Director of our Lung Cancer Screening CT program at NJH. I am also a co-investigator in a Lung Cancer Screening CT research study evaluating the utility of biomarkers along with screening CT. I am currently the site PI for a multi-institutional national trial funded by PCORI evaluating optimal follow-up protocols for incidental lung nodules.

Kathleen Hall, PhD, APRN, GNP-BC, Assistant Professor of Nursing, Colorado Mesa University

Dr. Hall currently works as an assistant professor of nursing at Colorado Mesa University. She obtained a BS degree from the University of Maryland in kinesiology. She obtained her BSN from University of Alabama Huntsville and her MS and PhD from University of Arizona. She has a post-master's certificate as a adult/gerontological nurse practitioner from University of Massachusetts Boston. The focus of Dr. Hall's work is on aging in place (that is, reducing institutionalization in older adults), management of chronic conditions in adults, and reintegration of cancer survivors back into primary care.

Wendy S. Harpham, MD

Wendy Harpham is a doctor of internal medicine, 26-year cancer survivor, best-selling author and nationally recognized speaker. She has devoted her career to helping patients get good care and live as fully as possible.

Born, raised and educated in New York, she moved to Texas in 1979 to complete her post-graduate training in internal medicine. In 1983, she opened a solo practice at Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas, where she developed teaching tools to educate her patients about their illnesses and treatments.

In 1990, she was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. When ongoing illness forced Dr. Harpham to stop practicing medicine and redefine her career, she turned to writing and speaking as ways to continue to educate, comfort and inspire patients. In addition to her groundbreaking books and articles, Dr. Harpham has been writing a popular and award-winning regular column for Oncology Times titled "View from the Other Side of the Stethoscope."

After many courses of treatment, including investigational drugs received in three clinical trials, Dr. Harpham's lymphoma has remained in remission. Limited stamina prevents her from returning to clinical medicine.

In her free time, she enjoys reading, classical music, guest lecturing at University of Texas at Dallas (UTD), mentoring premedical students, visits and calls with her children, and time with her husband, Ted, the Dean of the

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Honors College at UTD. She looks forward to expanding her collection of commemorative thimbles, which represents all the cities in which she has done work to help patients become Healthy Survivors.

Nicole Harty, MPH, Program Coordinator, Colorado Colorectal Screening Program

Nicole is Program Coordinator for the Colorado Colorectal Screening Program (CCSP), a role in which she coordinates special projects with CCSP partners to better understand issues of access to care, sustainability of patient navigation in the primary care setting, and coordination of screening education and awareness efforts. She assisted in developing sections of the *"Paying for Patient Navigation Toolkit: A Guide to Sustainability,"* is co-leading a multi-pronged messaging campaign to reach rural Coloradans in need of colorectal cancer screening, and is investigating access to specialty care services and timeliness of care for screening colonoscopies for Colorado's Medicaid population. In addition to her role with CCSP, Nicole serves as the evaluator for a handful of community-based projects in Denver and Aurora. Nicole received her Master's in Public Health, with a concentration in Community and Behavioral Health, from the Colorado School of Public Health, and is a member of both the Colorado Public Health Association and the American Public Health Association.

Debra Hesse, Cancer Services Resource Manager, St. Mary's Cancer Center

Since graduating from Colorado Mesa University with a B.S. in Business Management in 1979, Debra Hesse has been the Director of the March of Dimes and Easter Seals for western Colorado, and Marketing Manager for Wendy's Restaurants. She began working at St. Mary's Cancer Center in Grand Junction in 2000 after her melanoma diagnosis. Debra is the Cancer Services Resource Manager and has been running the Cancer Survivorship Program since 2006. She considers it the priority of her work to meet the non-medical needs of their patients. Despite the importance of cancer treatment, Debra is very passionate about preventing cancer by whatever means possible. Her greatest accomplishment is her loving, 45 year marriage and two dear children.

Debra has been involved with the Colorado Cancer Coalition since 2008, serving on the Survivorship, Skin Cancer, Resource Directory, and Summit Task Forces, and the Steering Committee.

Melissa James, PA-C, Colorado Center for Gynecologic Oncology

Bio coming...

Hannah Katz, MA, Student Fellow, Center for Oncology Psychology Excellence, Clinical Doctoral Student, Graduate School of Professional Psychology, University of Denver

Hannah Katz is the Student Fellow for the Center for Oncology Psychology Excellence and is a 4th year Clinical Psychology doctoral student at the Graduate School of Professional Psychology at the University of Denver. Hannah's specialty is in Health psychology, working within oncology. Through her time as a student she has gained experience working in hospital settings and primary care clinics working with individuals and families coping with an illness. Prior to starting her doctoral program Hannah worked for the American Cancer Society in Denver as a Patient Navigator and Hospital Systems Account Representative.

Elizabeth Kessler, MD, Assistant Professor, Medical Oncology, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus

Dr. Kessler is a Colorado Native and attended Medical School at New York Medical College before returning to Colorado for her Internal Medicine Residency and Medical Oncology Fellowship training at the University of Colorado. She joined the Genitourinary Oncology Faculty at the University of Colorado in 2013 and cares for patients with GU malignancies. She also has research interests in the care of older patients with cancer, and the impact of cancer treatment on functional independence and caregiver health. She collaborates with oncologists, geriatricians and palliative researchers on improving the overall care of cancer patients.

Kristin Kilbourn, PhD, MPH, Assistant Professor of Psychology, University of Colorado-Denver

Dr. Kilbourn's research interests include psychosocial oncology, psychoneuroimmunology and health promotion. Her clinical orientation is cognitive-behavioral and she is very interested in group-based interventions. In addition to her doctorate in Clinical Health Psychology, she has a master's degree in Public Health.

Kirstin LeGrice, MPH, Patient Navigation Coordinator, Colorado Colorectal Screening Program, University of Colorado Cancer Center

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Kirstin has been the patient navigation coordinator for the Colorado Colorectal Screening Program since October 2016. Her primary role is to help facilitate of the program by providing technical assistance to CCSP's patient navigators, such as conducting site visits, leading trainings, on boarding new navigators, and searching for linkages to other preventive programs. Prior to joining CCSP, Kirstin worked as a program coordinator and client advocate for Centura HealthSET, a nonprofit that provides free monthly wellness clinics to Denver's low income and medically underserved seniors. Kirstin received her MPH in 2015, and a B.S. in Journalism in 2011.

Katie Lemas, MS, CGC, Genetic Counselor, Grand Valley Oncology

Katie Lemas is a Certified Genetic Counselor at Grand Valley Oncology in Grand Junction, CO. She completed her undergraduate degree in Psychology at the University of Colorado in Boulder. After a few years of work in the mental health field she followed her passion for science, education and meaningful human interactions and completed a Master's degree in genetic counseling at the University of California Stanislaus in the San Francisco bay area of California. Katie believes that genetic counseling educates and empowers patients to make the most informed decisions regarding the health and wellbeing of themselves and their families. She enjoys connecting people to the ever evolving world of genetics in a meaningful way. When she is not at work she enjoys spending time with her young children, cooking and spending time outdoors whether that be on a hiking trail or a restaurant patio.

Amy V. Lukowski, Psy.D., Clinical Director, Associate Professor, National Jewish Health

Dr. Amy Lukowski serves as Clinical Director for Health Initiatives and Associate Professor of Medicine in the Department of Medicine at National Jewish Health and Associate Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Colorado Denver, School of Medicine. She is a licensed psychologist, Tobacco Treatment Specialist (TTS) and a MINT (Motivational Interviewing Network of Trainers) trainer. She has worked in tobacco control for over 17 years and has over a decade of clinical expertise with both individual patients and populations in overcoming dependence, creating health behavior change, and addressing the psychological aspects of both dependence and obesity.

Dr. Lukowski received her Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology in 1995 and her Master of Science degree in Counseling in 1997 from the University of Wyoming. She received her Doctor of Psychology degree from the University of Northern Colorado in 2004, and completed her pre-doctoral internship at Creighton University. She is an active member of the Colorado Psychological Association, American Psychological Association, and serves on the Board of Directors of the North American Quitline Consortium (NAQC).

Paula Marchionda, MD, MPH, BSN

Bio coming...

Alan Miller, MD, PhD, Chief Medical Director of Oncology, Associate Chief Medical Director of Clinical Research, SCL Health

Dr. Alan Miller joined SCL Health on March 15, 2017 as Chief Medical Director of Oncology and Associate Chief Medical Director of Clinical Research.

Prior to joining SCL Health, Dr. Miller served as the Director of the Charles A. Sammons Cancer Center and Chief of Oncology at Baylor Health Care System in Dallas, where he served since 2008. He is a medical oncologist specializing in hematologic malignancy, including blood and marrow transplantation. He practiced medical oncology at Baylor through his clinical affiliation with Texas Oncology. Prior to Baylor, he was in leadership, clinical and research positions at Tulane University, and prior to that, the University of Florida.

Dr. Miller received his undergraduate, graduate and Ph.D. from the State University of New York, Buffalo, and his medical degree from the University of Miami School of Medicine. Dr. Miller and his wife, Ellen, enjoy the outdoors and have moved to Erie where they are enjoying the beautiful Colorado weather. They have three grown children.

Linda Overholser, MD, Associate Professor, Internal Medicine, University of Colorado Hospital

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Brooke Overstreet, MS, Certified Genetic Counselor

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Brooke Overstreet earned her M.S. in Genetic Counseling at the University of Cincinnati and also holds an M.S. in Molecular and Cellular Biology from the University of Arizona. Prior to her current position, she worked as a clinical genetic counselor at Mayo Clinic in Arizona. Mrs. Overstreet is a member of the National Society of Genetic Counselors (NSGC) and is board certified by the American Board of Genetic Counseling (ABGC).

Amy Pate, MD MPH, University of Colorado Denver, Preventive Medicine Resident

Dr. Pate joins University of Colorado for the two year Preventive Medicine (PM) residency in the Cancer Prevention and Control Track, having completed an MPH at the University of New England from September 2014-May 2017. She completed a general surgery internship at New York Medical College, received an additional 10 months of surgery training at NYMC and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, and after several years of research experience received an additional 20 months of surgery training at SUNY Downstate Medical Center. For the past year she has been performing research at SUNY Downstate Medical Center/Brooklyn VAMC. Her research has focused on the evaluation of racial disparities related to colorectal cancer and biliary pathology within the NYC veteran population. Prior to beginning the PM residency, she was approved for time off to present one of her abstracts from this work at the American College of Surgeons Meeting in October of this year.

Swati G. Patel, MD MS, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Director Gastrointestinal Cancer Risk & Prevention Clinic, Division of Gastroenterology & Hepatology, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Center, Staff Physician, Denver Veterans Affairs Hospital

Dr. Patel completed a Masters in Health Systems Administration from Union University and attended Albany Medical College for her medical degree. She completed her Internal Medicine Residency and Gastroenterology fellowship at the University of Colorado. She is board certified in Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology. She was on faculty at the University of Michigan from 2013 to 2015 and joined the University of Colorado in 2015. She is the Director of the Gastrointestinal Cancer Risk and Prevention Clinic at the Anschutz Medical Center where she cares for patients at high risk for cancer based on their family history and genetics. Her clinical and research interests are in colorectal cancer prevention, identification and management of patients at high-risk for colorectal cancer and colonoscopy quality & training.

W. Thomas Purcell, MD, MBA, Chief Medical Officer - UC Health Highlands Ranch Hospital; System Director, Oncology Service Line - UCHealth; Executive Medical Director - Oncology Services; Associate Professor of Medicine- University of Colorado School of Medicine

Dr. Purcell trained in Internal Medicine and Medical Oncology at the Emory University School of Medicine followed by residency training at University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center/Parkland Hospital in Dallas, Texas. He then completed fellowship training in Medical Oncology at Johns Hopkins Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center in Baltimore, Maryland. Dr. Purcell joined the faculty of the University of Colorado in May of 2012. He is currently the Executive Medical Director, Oncology Services and Associate Director for Clinical Services of the University of Colorado Cancer Center. He is very involved in clinical activities and focuses on GI and Lung cancer.

His most recent project is a wellness incentive for cancer patients called BFitBWell in which cancer patients are encouraged to begin and maintain an exercise program at the Anschutz Wellness Center to help maintain wellness during cancer treatment.

Audrey L Reich Loy, LCSW, LAC, Supportive Care Programs Manager, San Luis Valley Health

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Betsy Risendal, PhD, Associate Professor, Community and Behavioral Health, Colorado School of Public Health, University of Colorado Cancer Center

Dr. Betsy Risendal is a cancer epidemiologist and Associate Professor in Community and Behavioral Health at the Colorado School of Public Health. Her research has focused on the translation of evidence-based interventions for chronic disease and cancer prevention and control, including cancer survivorship. She has been funded by the American Cancer Society, Centers for Disease Control, National Cancer Institute, and the LIVESTRONG Foundation.

Michele Ross, PhD - Executive Director, IMPACT Network

Dr. Michele Ross is Founder and Executive Director of the Denver-based 501c3 nonprofit IMPACT Network. As a neuroscientist, she was frustrated by the lack of education on the endocannabinoid system both doctors and scientists received, despite medical cannabis being used by millions of patients nationwide. In 2013, she founded the "Endocannabinoid Deficiency Foundation," now known as IMPACT Network, with the mission to make medical

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cannabis treatment a first-line therapy for patients by educating patients, healthcare professionals and policy makers and driving clinical cannabis research.

Dr. Ross is both a cannabinoid medicine researcher and a cannabis patient. After being diagnosed with fibromyalgia and neuropathy, cannabis was the only thing that reduced her symptoms and allowed her to return to work. After hearing thousands of extraordinary patient stories just like hers, Dr. Ross was compelled to ensure cannabis becomes part of the American healthcare system.

Dr. Ross has leveraged her 15 minutes of fame as the first female scientist on reality television, starring on the hit CBS show Big Brother 11, to be the scientist next door your grandma can ask about marijuana. She is also author of two books, "Train Your Brain to Get Thin" and "Vitamin Weed: A 4-Step Plan to Prevent and Reverse Endocannabinoid Deficiency." Dr. Ross holds a Doctorate in Neuroscience from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center and has researched addiction, mental health, and psychopharmacology for over 10 years.

Today, IMPACT Network is a leading medical cannabis research, education, and advocacy organization with global reach to the worldwide medical cannabis community of patients, healthcare professionals, and clinical partners.

Randi Rycroft, Director, Colorado Central Cancer Registry, Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment

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Keren Sturtz, MD

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Nicole Taylor, PhD, Clinical Assistant Professor, Director, Center for Oncology Psychology Excellence, Graduate School of Professional Psychology

Nicole Taylor is the Director of the Center for Oncology Psychology Excellence and a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Graduate School of Professional Psychology at University of Denver. Dr. Taylor has been involved in the supervision and training of students at the undergraduate, graduate, internship, and post-doctoral level. She has worked in counseling centers, hospitals, and academic institutions and is passionate about improving the clinical training and supervision of students at all levels, especially in medical settings. She is actively involved in research on training and career development of psychosocial oncologists.

Dr. Taylor has worked as a Clinical Health Psychologist in both inpatient and outpatient settings, led the psychosocial oncology team at an outpatient cancer center, and worked with inpatient blood and bone marrow transplant patients. She also works as a consultant in health psychology and has a private practice focused on cancer patients and caregivers.

Henry Tobey, PhD, Executive Director, VitalHearts | The Resiliency Training Initiative

VitalHearts | The Resiliency Training Initiative is a Colorado-based non-profit trauma training and support center whose mission is caring for care-providers. Secondary or vicarious trauma is a significant, although hidden problem for those who treat the emotionally traumatized. The deep exposure to all the suffering afflicting their patients multiplied case after case, has the likely effect of traumatizing care-providers. The healers need healing. VitalHearts program, the Secondary Trauma Resiliency Training, revitalizes, often saving the careers of those who perform such critical healing work. Dr. Tobey has led the Secondary Trauma Resiliency Training more than 100 times and over 2000 care-providers have attended. That means a very large number of patients have benefited from their care-providers having attended this training. Through the LIVESTRONG Foundation, he led the training for 13 cancer treatment organizations around the country. One of those, the MD Anderson Cancer Center, has announced plans to offer the Secondary Trauma Resiliency Training four times a year for its staff. Dr. Tobey is a clinical psychologist with over 30 years' experience. Through Colorado Psychological Resources he maintains a clinical psychology practice. Earlier in his career, he served as a forensic psychologist, a police psychologist, and a hospital administrator. He taught his dog to play tic-tac-toe. Dog never loses.

Elizabeth Wellberg, PhD, Instructor, Pathology Department, School of Medicine, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus

Dr. Liz Wellberg, PhD, is a junior faculty member of the Pathology Department in the School of Medicine at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus. She grew up in Texas and earned her BS and PhD from Texas

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