

DISTINGUISHED FACULTY

Lisa Barbarotta, MS, ANP-BC, AOCNS is an Advanced Practice Oncology Nurse with over twenty years of oncology experience. In her current role as Senior Manager, Oncology Education & Practice, she is responsible for advancing the quality of nursing care provided to patients with cancer and leads a team of twelve educators in the provision of high quality education and practice support to over 500 nurses and unlicensed clinical staff. Her clinical expertise is in the management of patients with hematologic malignancies having worked as an APRN caring for patients with leukemia, myelodysplastic syndrome, and multiple myeloma. She is also passionate about the care of young adults with cancer and co-founded a support group for this population. She is an advanced oncology certified nurse (AOCNS®), a board certified APRN, and a member of the Oncology Nursing Society and the Advanced Practitioner Society of Hematology Oncology. Lisa graduated with summa cum laude in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at the University of Pennsylvania and graduated from the Yale University School of Nursing Masters and Post-masters programs in Oncology Advanced Practice Nursing (CNS and Nurse Practitioner respectively). She has published extensively on topics relevant to the care and treatment of patients with hematologic malignancies.

Michelle Duerr, BA (Soc), L.Ac is an oncology navigator at East Hawaii Health Cancer Center in Hilo, Hawai'i. For the past three years she has played a major role in providing education, care coordination, and financial relief for high cost treatments such as oral chemotherapy. Michelle began her journey in health care as an acupuncturist where she worked with patients of different disease states including cancer. In 2014, she joined Hilo Medical Center as an assistant in social services. During this time, Ms. Duerr worked with case managers and social workers ensuring patients received the resources and services they needed. Her experience in holistic health, social services, and knowledge of community resources paved the way for her transition into a navigational role assisting cancer patients. Working collaboratively with other members of the cancer team, Ms. Duerr helps patients and their families understand their cancer diagnosis and ensure they have the resources to manage their diagnosis. She also assists with a range of services from travel, out of state referrals, molecular testing to enrollment in patient assistance and foundation assistance programs. Ms. Duerr completed the Oncology Patient Navigation training through the George Washington Cancer Institute. She obtained her Bachelors in Sociology from University of Alberta and is a licensed Acupuncturist.

Brenda Hernandez, MPH, PhD received her degrees in Epidemiology from the Yale University School of Medicine, and the University of Hawaii at Manoa. She is the Principal Investigator, Hawaii Tumor Registry, University of Hawaii Cancer Center, the Co-Director, Pathology, Shared

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Human papillomavirus (HPV)-induced carcinogenesis is one of her primary areas of research. Her work has included populations in Hawai'i, the mainland U.S., American Samoa, Micronesia, Vietnam, and Tanzania. Dr Hernandez has conducted NIH-funded epidemiologic and clinical studies of HPV in females and males through which she characterized correlates of viral incidence, persistence, and transmission. Her research extends to other infection-associated cancers including hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC). In addition, her research also focuses on understanding ethnic disparities in cancers of the breast, thyroid, and other sites. In this research it was observed that expression of specific insulin-axis proteins in breast tumor tissue is associated with poor survival in Native Hawaiian women. In the Multiethnic Cohort, it was found that the association of weight and weight change with prostate cancer risk varied by ethnic group.

Randall F. Holcombe, MD, MBA is Director of the University of Hawai'i Cancer Center, assuming this post in October 2016 and successfully leading the institution through NCI re-designation and CCSG renewal in 2017/2018. He has had leadership roles in NCI and non-NCI designated Cancer Centers since 1989, serving as Associate Director of Clinical and Translational Research at the Chao Family Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of California, Irvine from 1997 through 2010 and as Deputy Director of the Tisch Cancer Institute at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai from 2010 through 2016. At Mount Sinai, Dr. Holcombe also served as Chief Medical Officer-Cancer for the Mount Sinai Health System and assisted with successful application for initial NCI designation for the Tisch Cancer Institute. Dr. Holcombe was a Duke undergraduate and received an MD from NJ Medical School and an MBA from the Zicklin School of Business at Baruch College. His post-doctoral clinical and research training was completed at Brigham & Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School in Boston. Dr. Holcombe has over 25 years of experience in translational research and the conduct of oncology clinical trials. His research activities have focused on clinical investigations for patients with colorectal cancer, laboratory studies involving signaling pathways in the colon tumor microenvironment, the role of natural products in modulating cancer biology, and health care delivery science as a means to define new approaches for the delivery of quality cancer care. Dr. Holcombe has served as a member of the Clinical Research Initiative Steering Committee from 2012 to 2015 and member of the editorial board for the Journal of Oncology Practice and is a current member of the Board of Directors for the Association of American Cancer Institutes.

Nancy La Joy is the executive director of the Pacific Cancer Foundation, a non-profit organization who mission is to provide Access, Knowledge & Support to all those affected by cancer in Maui Nui. We achieve our mission by providing FREE support service to Maui's cancer community. The Pacific Cancer Foundation is located in the Maui Memorial Medical Center's

oncology department. PCF provides patient navigation services free of charge. Nancy has been actively involved with cancer organizations since losing her father to cancer at the age of 16. She spent most of her career working in the non-profit sector, specifically health and human service organizations.

Stephanie Si Lim, MD is an assistant professor in pediatric oncology at Kapi`olani Women and Children's Medical Center, and the University of Hawaii Cancer Center. She graduated from Georgetown University School of Medicine and completed both her residency and fellowship training at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP). While at CHOP, her clinical and research passion was in CAR T cell therapy and is thankful she had the opportunity to learn from and work alongside the pioneers of this field. Originally from Hong Kong, she is happy to join her husband, a local boy from Hawaii, to make Hawaii her new home. Despite arriving not too long ago, she has taken a big bite out of the food scene in Oahu, Maui and the Big Island, hiked many beautiful trails (before COVID shut down), and also invested in her first surfboard from a local shaper. However, what is she most excited about, is her vision to contribute positively to the Hawaii community by sharing her knowledge in onco-immunotherapy, so that we can continue to bring the best cancer care to our patients.

Diana Martin, MS, RN, CCRP is a dedicated, motivated, and compassionate SOCRA certified Research Nurse, with educational background in biomedical sciences, and Molecular Biology. Prior to joining the University of Hawaii Cancer Center (UHCC) in 2019, she has experience at NIH/ NCI as a clinical research nurse specialist. In that role she had the amazing opportunity to work with several world-renowned Principal Investigators and researchers and has coordinated several cutting-edge Phase I/II trials. In that role, she was a patient advocate and prioritized the safety and wellness of her patients. She is also very thankful for having learned valuable life lessons from her patients. She originally started her Nursing career as a public health nurse, then started her in clinical research as a research coordinator at INOVA, VA Women's Health Integrated Research Center (WHIRC)

In her current role at UHCC, she is an active member of the planning committee for UHCC Early Phase Clinical research center (EPCRC), and a trainer at the educational committee of the clinical trials office. (CTO). She also coordinates several phase II/III clinical trials at Hawaii Cancer consortium. She is currently very excited to lead and coordinate efforts to opening trials at our new site at Guam.

She recently moved from mainland, loves spending time with her husband and 2 children ages 12 and 7. A nature lover, hiker, marine life & adventure enthusiast and of course loves living her life in Hawaii

Tami Ramil, RN, BSN, OCN graduated from the University of Hawai'i, at Mānoa in 2000. Since 2006 she has focused her career in oncology nursing at the Kaiser Permanente of Washington

Oncology Infusion Center, Kauai Medical Clinic, and Wilcox Medical Center Infusion Services. In April, 2019 she began her work as a Nurse Navigator with the Wilcox Health System. She earned her Oncology Certified Nurse in 2017.

Rowena (Moe) Schwartz, PharmD is an oncology pharmacist and faculty member at the University of Cincinnati College of Pharmacy, with a clinical practice at the Barrett Cancer Center in ambulatory oncology and Phase I clinical trials.

Dr. Schwartz received a Bachelor of Science at the University of Illinois and her Doctor of Pharmacy at the University of Texas. She completed a fellowship in oncology drug development at the University of Texas.

Dr. Schwartz started her career at the University of Pittsburgh and the Pittsburgh Cancer Institute. She served as Director of Oncology Pharmacy Services at Johns Hopkins Hospital and maintained a clinical practice at the Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center. Dr. Schwartz worked with The US Oncology Network as Vice President of Clinical Content and Pharmacy Operations at McKesson Specialty Health.

Dr. Schwartz has taught at schools of pharmacy including the University of Pittsburgh, Duquesne University, University of Maryland, Charleston College of Pharmacy and Misr International University in Cairo, Egypt. She is an active member of oncology and pharmacy organizations including HOPA, ASHP, ASCO, ONS and ISOPP.