

ICSN 2017 Biosketches

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Co-Chairs



Stephen Taplin – NCI-Center for Global Health/USA

Dr. Taplin is an expert in the field of cancer screening and screening mammography. He completed his research fellowship in 1985 funded by the Group Health Cooperative and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and was a Professor in the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Washington before joining the National Cancer Institute as a Senior Scientist in the Applied Research Program in 2003. He moved to the Center for Global Health and assumed responsibility for leading the International Cancer Screening Network in 2016. Dr. Taplin has been conducting research funded by the National Cancer Institute for most of his career and he publishes regularly in peer-reviewed journals including work on determinants of mammography use, factors affecting mammography interpretation, costs of cancer care, teams in cancer care, and the evaluation of screening implementation.



Sudha Sivaram – NCI-Center for Global Health/USA

Dr. Sudha Sivaram is Chief of the Public Health, Networks and research branch at the Center for Global Health at the National Cancer Institute. In this capacity, she works with colleagues across the institute to develop and coordinate research funding programs in global cancer control and enhance training programs in cancer research.

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Dr. Sivaram also works with the NCI team leading the International Cancer Screening Network – a consortium that considers research, implementation and evaluation in the context of organized cancer screening programs. She also helps coordinate cooperation in cancer research and training in the South Asia region.

Keynotes/Opening and Closing remarks



Barry Kramer – NCI-Division of Cancer Prevention/USA

Dr. Barnett S Kramer is the Director of the Division of Cancer Prevention at the National Cancer Institute. He also serves as Editor-in-Chief of the Physician Data Query (PDQ) Editorial Board on Screening and Prevention, and is a member of the PDQ Treatment Editorial Board. He has extensive experience in primary cancer prevention studies, as well as clinical screening trials of lung, ovarian, breast and prostate cancers. He served as an investigator and was on the steering committee for two large cancer screening trials sponsored by the National Cancer Institute: the Prostate, Lung, Colorectal, Ovarian (PLCO) Trial; and the National Lung Screening Trial (NLST).



Edward Trimble – Director, NCI-Center for Global Health/USA

Dr. Trimble is the director of the NCI's Center for Global Health, created in 2011 to coordinate and prioritize NCI's global activities, and to advance global cancer research, build expertise, and leverage resources across nations. Between 1991 and 2011, Dr. Trimble was head of NCI's Gynecologic Cancer Therapeutics where he spearheaded the development of national and international cancer research strategy for the treatment of cervical, ovarian, and endometrial cancers. During that time, he was also Head of NCI's Quality of Cancer Care Therapeutics, Clinical Investigation Branch, Cancer Therapy Evaluation Program, Division of Cancer Treatment and Diagnosis. He led the

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planning committees for NIH Consensus Conferences on ovarian and cervical cancers, and drafted and coordinated NCI Clinical Announcements regarding chemoradiation for cervical cancer in 1999 and intraperitoneal chemotherapy for ovarian cancer in 2008.



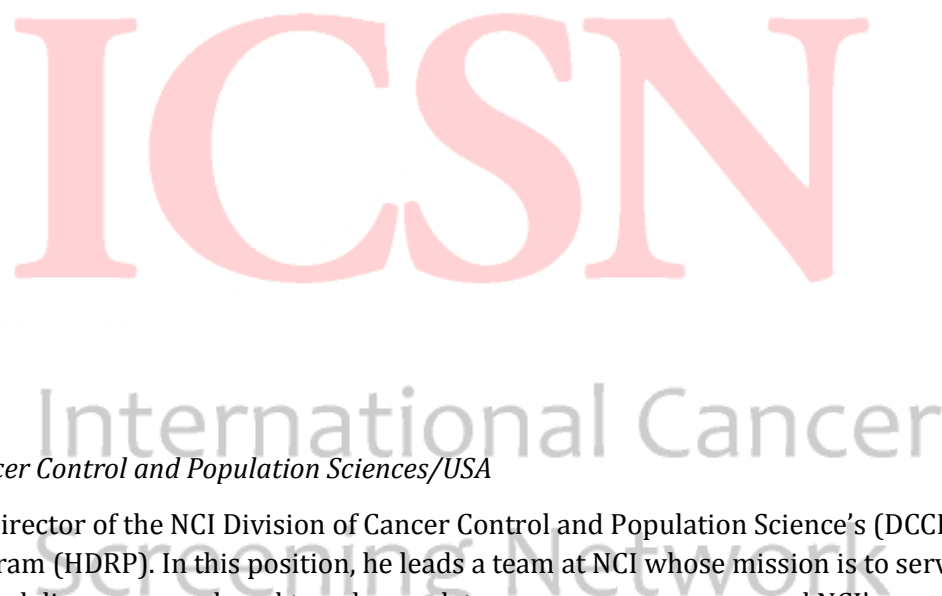
Harry de Koning – Erasmus MC/Netherlands

Professor Henricus (Harry) J de Koning worked as Researcher and Assistant Professor in the Department of Public Health of the Erasmus University in Rotterdam (1987-1999). He became Associate Professor in 1999 and in 2008 he was appointed Professor of Public Health & Screening Evaluation in the same department. He was also Senior Associate in the Department of Health Policy and Management at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health (2011-2012). Since 2011 he has been a Member of the Medical Advisory Board of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW).



Paul Jacobsen – NCI-Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences/USA

Dr. Paul Jacobsen is the Associate Director of the NCI Division of Cancer Control and Population Science's (DCCPS) Healthcare Delivery Research Program (HDRP). In this position, he leads a team at NCI whose mission is to serve as a catalyst for the field of health care delivery research and to enhance data resources, measures, and NCI's grant portfolio in this domain. He also plays a key role in NCI's collaborations with other agencies and organizations in health services and outcomes research.





Rolando Herrero – International Agency for Research on Cancer

Rolando Herrero obtained his MD degree in 1982 from the University of Costa Rica and graduated as a Medical Oncology specialist from the University of Costa Rica in 1987. He started working on cervical cancer epidemiology in collaboration with the National Cancer Institute of the United States (NCI) in 1985 as the local Principal Investigator of a multicentric case-control study of risk factors for this disease. He obtained a PhD in Epidemiology from the Karolinska Institute in 1996, and that year he joined the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) where he now leads the Prevention and Implementation Group.

Leads & Moderators



Antonio Ponti – Center for Cancer Prevention Piedmont/Italy

Antonio Ponti MD, MPH is specialized in Industrial Medicine and in Hygiene, at the University of Turin (Italy). Master degree in Public Health and Epidemiology at the University of Washington, Seattle (USA). I am currently employed at the Centre of Oncology Prevention (CPO-Piemonte) in Turin, where I am responsible for the organization and evaluation of the regional breast cancer screening program. I have been PI of a large survey on Ductal carcinoma in situ within the International Cancer Screening Network, a project sponsored by the National Cancer Institute, USA and of the most recent IARC implementation report on cancer screening in the European Union. I am involved as an expert in the European Commission Initiative on Breast Cancer.

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Paul Pinsky – NCI-Division of Cancer Prevention/USA

Dr. Paul Pinsky is the chief of the Early Detection Research Branch. He has a background in statistics, epidemiology and mathematical modeling. He has worked extensively with data from the Branch's two large screening trials, the Prostate, Lung, Colorectal and Ovarian (PLCO) Cancer Screening Trial and the National Lung Screening Trial (NLST). His research pertaining to the trials has dealt with evaluating the direct and indirect effects of screening, examining factors that affect screening efficacy, and evaluating the burdens of screening. Dr. Pinsky has also worked in the fields of mathematical modeling, especially of the natural history of cancer, epidemiology and statistical methods. He has a PhD in applied mathematics and an MPH in epidemiology.



Linda Rabeneck – Cancer Care Ontario/Canada

Dr. Rabeneck is a Professor of Medicine at the University of Toronto. She currently serves as Vice-President, Prevention and Cancer Control at Cancer Care Ontario and is accountable for Ontario's population-based, organized cancer screening programs. Dr. Rabeneck played a leadership role in launching ColonCancerCheck in Ontario, Canada's first organized, province-wide colorectal cancer screening program. During her tenure Ontario launched its organized breast screening program for women at high risk of the disease (High Risk Ontario Breast Screening Program) and, most recently, its lung cancer screening pilot (High Risk Lung Screening Pilot) for those at high risk of the disease. Dr. Rabeneck leads an active research program focusing on the quality and effectiveness of colorectal cancer screening and has authored more than 200 peer reviewed publications. Dr. Rabeneck is Chair of the World Endoscopy Organization (WEO) Colorectal Cancer Screening Committee, a Director, Council of Canadian Academies, and a Fellow and President-Elect, of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences

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Mireille Broeders – Radboud University Medical Center/Netherlands

Dr. Mireille Broeders has a background in Health Sciences (MSc 1998) and completed a PhD in Epidemiology (2004). She is Associate Professor at the Radboud University Medical Center, Nijmegen, the Netherlands. Her research focuses on establishing the impact of cancer screening programs, in particular screening for breast cancer. Dr. Broeders has a special interest in observational research designs that can be used in this field of research. Dr. Broeders further works as scientific supervisor at the Dutch Reference Centre for Screening, where she studies the implementation and evaluation of technological developments in the breast screening programme. She is co-principal investigator on a grant from the American Cancer Society to pilot the AIMSS (Assessment of International Mammography Screening Skills) test set.



Pam Marcus – NCI-Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences/USA

Dr. Pamela Marcus is an Epidemiologist in the Epidemiology and Genomics Research Program's (EGRP) Clinical and Translational Epidemiology Branch (CTEB). She is leading efforts in the area of cancer screening that aim to improve cancer screening through a number of avenues, including risk-stratified screening. Dr. Marcus also is assisting CTEB in its efforts to evaluate cancer risk in individuals who have chronic conditions or diseases. She is known for her expertise in cancer screening, particularly in the area of data interpretation. Dr. Marcus has a strong interest in developing materials that clearly explain complex topics in cancer screening, with the goal of improving their understanding by both lay persons and health professionals.

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Elsebeth Lynge – University of Copenhagen/Denmark

Elsebeth Lynge is professor of epidemiology at the University of Copenhagen, Denmark. Amongst other things, she works with evaluation of cancer screening. She works on finding out whether breast cancer screening decreases breast cancer mortality and whether there is overdiagnosis. Also, she works on how to integrate HPV-vaccination and screening in the control of cervical cancer. She likes to dig into data and search for the truth.



Nereo Segnan – Center for Cancer Prevention Piedmont/Italy

Dr. Segnan (M.D.—University of Turin and M.S. Epidemiology—Harvard School of Public Health) is the Head of the Unit of Cancer Epidemiology of the Department of Cancer Screening, and of the WHO Collaborating Center for Cancer Early Diagnosis and Screening of the University Hospital “Città della Salute e della Scienza di Torino.” He is editor and/or co-author of the European Commission’s Quality Assurance Guidelines on Cancer Screenings, of the European Code Against Cancer for Cancer Screening, and of the WHO Position Paper on Mammography Screening. He is currently conducting research on risk-stratification and tailored screening for breast cancer and comparative effectiveness trials on new technologies for colorectal, breast, and cervical cancer screening.



Virginia Senkomago – CDC-Division of Cancer Prevention and Control/USA

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Virginia Senkomago, PhD, MPH is a research fellow in the Division of Cancer Prevention and Control at the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Senkomago's work at CDC focusses on applied research of organized cervical and breast cancer screening strategies in low-resource settings in the US and abroad including collaborating on projects in the US Pacific Islands and Thailand. Dr. Senkomago also mentors trainees doing cancer research projects in the Field Epidemiology Training Program (FETP). Dr. Senkomago obtained a PhD in Epidemiology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and an MPH from Yale University.



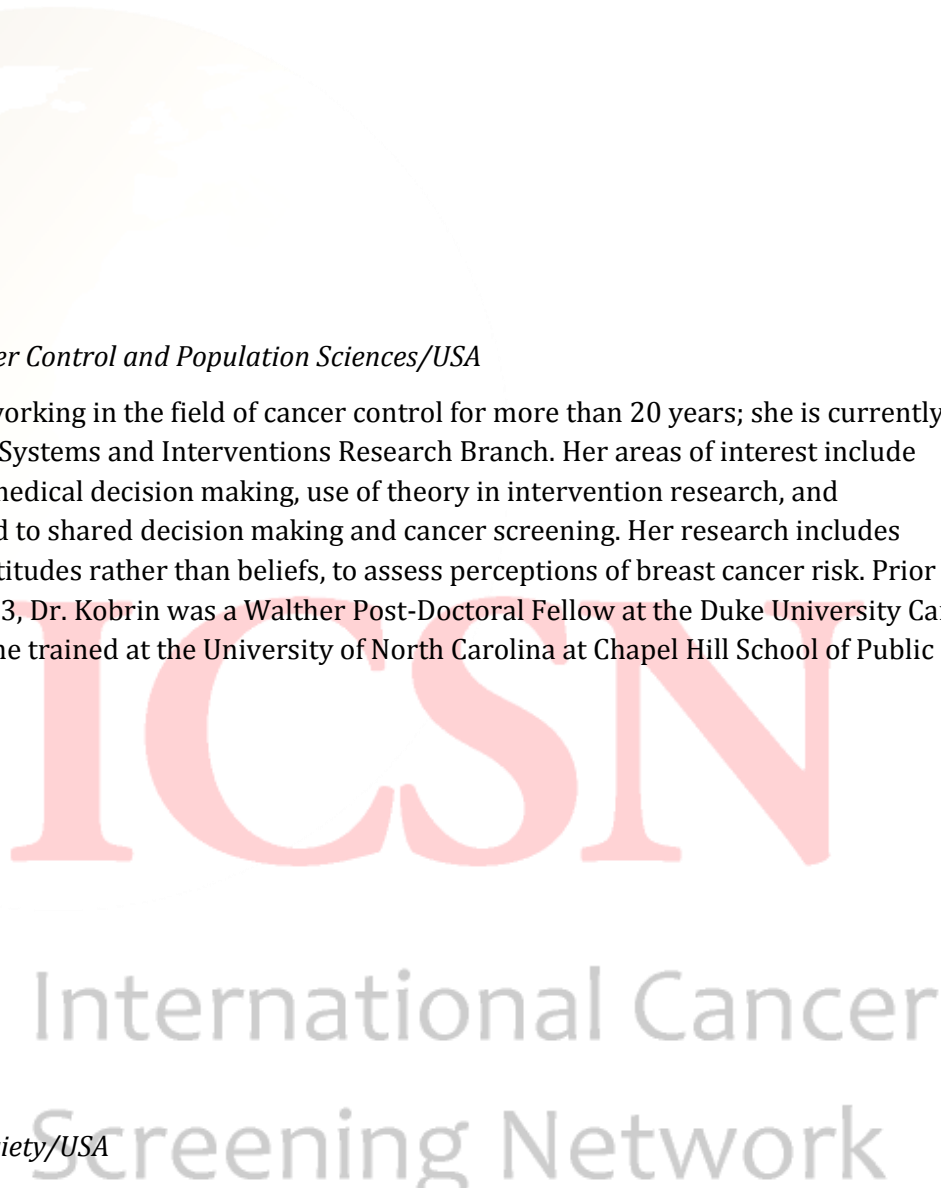
Sarah Kobrin – NCI-Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences/USA

Sarah Kobrin, PhD, MPH has been working in the field of cancer control for more than 20 years; she is currently Branch Chief (Acting) of the Health Systems and Interventions Research Branch. Her areas of interest include uptake of the HPV vaccine, shared medical decision making, use of theory in intervention research, and measurement, particularly in regard to shared decision making and cancer screening. Her research includes development of a scale, based on attitudes rather than beliefs, to assess perceptions of breast cancer risk. Prior to moving to the NCI in December 2003, Dr. Kobrin was a Walther Post-Doctoral Fellow at the Duke University Cancer Prevention and Control Program. She trained at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Public Health.

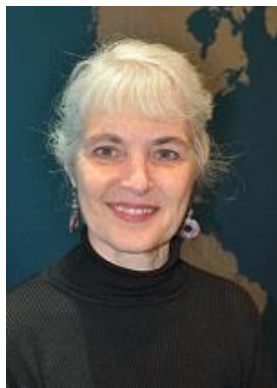


Robert Smith – American Cancer Society/USA

Dr. Smith is a cancer epidemiologist and Senior Director, Cancer Screening at the National Office of the American Cancer Society (ACS) in Atlanta, Georgia. He also is Adjunct Professor of Epidemiology at the Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University School of Medicine, and an Honorary Professorial Fellow at the Wolfson Institute of Preventive Medicine, Barts, and The London School of Medicine & Dentistry, Queen Mary University of London. At the ACS, he leads the development of cancer screening guidelines, and special projects focused on cancer prevention and control, and cancer rehabilitation. He is the author of more than 300 peer-reviewed scientific articles, reports, and book chapters, is a frequent lecturer on cancer screening issues, and serves on many



international and national government and professional advisory committees and working groups, including the ICSN meeting planning committee.



Vivien Tsu – PATH/USA

Vivien Tsu is Associate Director of PATH's Reproductive Health Program and director of its women's cancer programs. She is also an Affiliate Professor of Epidemiology at the University of Washington. Dr. Tsu holds an MA in African History, an MPH, and a PhD in epidemiology. Her work in women's cancers spans more than 25 years, starting with studies to validate new screening methods for cervical cancer like visual inspection and practical strategies like screen-and-treat in settings where complex diagnostic services are not feasible, and more recently heading a project in Peru to bring breast health services to the community level.



Bonnie Yankaskas – University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill/USA

Bonnie C Yankaskas, PhD is an epidemiologist and Professor Emeritus of Radiology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA. She created and directed the Carolina Mammography Registry as part of the Breast Cancer Surveillance Consortium for over 15 years. She has led or co-led the International Test Set work group from its inception. She is presently co-principal investigator on a grant from the American Cancer Society to pilot the completed test set.

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Miriam Elfström – Karolinska Institute/Sweden

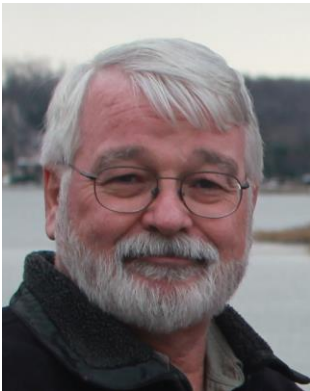
Miriam Elfström is an epidemiologist by training and divides her time between the Screening Unit at the Regional Cancer Center of Stockholm Gotland and the Department of Laboratory Medicine, Karolinska Institute. She works closely with the regional cancer screening programs, particularly with monitoring, evaluation, and development. The focus of her research is optimizing cervical cancer prevention. Most recently, she has worked on HPV testing as a primary cervical screening tool and a nation-wide audit of cervical cancer cases. She is particularly interested in health systems strengthening and evaluating organization and quality assurance of cancer prevention programs.



Paul Doria-Rose – NCI-Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences /USA

Paul Doria-Rose, DVM, PhD is acting Chief of the Healthcare Assessment Research Branch. He received his PhD in Epidemiology from the University of Washington in 2001, and his doctorate in veterinary medicine from Cornell University in 1996. Prior to joining the Healthcare Delivery Research Program, Dr. Doria-Rose was a Cancer Prevention Fellow in the Biometry Research Group of NCI's Division of Cancer Prevention, working on randomized controlled trials of cancer screening. He has also been a staff scientist at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle, Washington. His research interests include the evaluation of cancer screening efficacy and interval, with a focus on colorectal and lung cancers.

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John Flanigan – NCI-Center for Global Health/USA

Dr. John Flanigan received an M.D. from the University of Maryland and trained in Internal Medicine at Cleveland Metrohealth/Case Western Reserve. After a decade of clinical practice and administration in a rural hospital, he was able to spend four years traveling internationally developing an interest in resource appropriate healthcare delivery. His experience includes fourteen years practicing emergency medicine at the University of Maryland School of Medicine promoting the integration of emergency care, inpatient acute care, and outpatient chronic disease management for an urban population. Dr. Flanigan joined the National Cancer Institute Center for Global Health in 2012. His interests include cervical cancer vaccination and screening, improving cancer diagnosis in resource limited settings, and the coordination of the Global NCD Action Plan.



David Weller – University of Edinburgh/UK

Dr. Weller, an academic general practitioner, graduated from the University of Adelaide Medical School in 1982. He undertook Ph.D. studies in Adelaide and Nottingham, and from 1995 to 2000 was senior lecturer, Department of General Practice, Flinders University of South Australia. He leads the Cancer and Primary Care Research International Network (Ca-PRI) promoting international research collaboration, is a member of the National Cancer Research Institute Primary Care Clinical Studies Development Group (Chair from 2007-2010), and is actively engaged in activities to build capacity in primary care and cancer research in the UK.

Presenters

Adetoun Olateju – Pink Ribbon Red Ribbon/USA

Adetoun “Toun” Olateju is a Country Program Manager at Pink Ribbon Red Ribbon (PRRR). She joined PRRR in 2014 and manages the portfolio on cervical and breast cancer prevention programs in Botswana, Ethiopia and

Tanzania; and oversees monitoring and evaluation across all the PRRR partner countries. She has previously worked on several projects focused on health systems strengthening, reproductive health, malaria control and non-communicable disease research extensively in West Africa. In 2012, she was a fellow at the ECOWAS / West African Health Organization (WAHO) in Burkina Faso, with secondment to IntraHealth International in Senegal, where she worked on health system strengthening, and sexual and reproductive health projects funded by USAID and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Alma Zhylkaidarova - Kazakh Institute of Oncology and Radiology

Alma Zhylkaidarova is an oncologist and public health specialist. She graduated with honors from the Tajik State Medical University and holds a PhD in medical sciences from the All-Union Cancer Research Center, Moscow, Russia. Since 2011, Dr. Alma is the Head of the Specialized Consulting & Diagnostic Department, Kazakh Institute of Oncology and Radiology, Almaty, Kazakhstan. The Department develops, monitors and analyzes the National Cancer Screening Program. Dr Alma is author of more than 150 publications on pediatric oncology, public health, tobacco control and early detection of cancer, including national screening guidelines.

Amir-Houshang Omidvari – Erasmus MC/Netherlands

I trained in Medicine (MD) at Tehran University of Medical Sciences. After a couple of years research in health policy and public health in Iran, I moved to the Netherlands and attend a course in Health Development (MPH) at Royal Tropical Institute. After graduation, I was awarded a Wellcome Trust Fellowship in Global Health which enabled me to contribute in research projects at Imperial College London. Currently, as a scientific researcher and PhD student at Screening Evaluation Section of Department of Public Health in Erasmus Medical Center, I am working on esophageal Cancer Intervention and Surveillance Modeling Network (CISNET) projects.

Anna Chiarelli – Cancer Care Ontario/Canada

Dr. Anna Chiarelli is a senior scientist in Prevention and Cancer Control at Cancer Care Ontario and was appointed as the provincial scientific lead of the Ontario Breast Screening Program (OBSP) in 2011. She is also a professor in the Dalla Lana School of Public Health at the University of Toronto. Dr. Chiarelli received a PhD in epidemiology from the University of Toronto in 1997 and her primary research focuses on studying the effectiveness of breast cancer screening programs. She currently holds research grant awards examining the benefits and harms of tailored breast screening and breast assessment pathways and is a co-investigator of a large international study to improve personalized risk stratification for breast screening.

Anna Tosteson – The Dartmouth Institute/USA

Anna N. A. Tosteson, ScD is the James J. Carroll Professor and a Professor of Medicine, of Community and Family Medicine, and of The Dartmouth Institute at the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth. Dr. Tosteson completed her graduate studies in biostatistics and health decision sciences at Harvard University. She uses decision-analytic modeling and health services research to evaluate clinical and economic aspects of technological innovation in disease detection and treatment with a focus on cancer, women's health and musculoskeletal diseases. She directs The Dartmouth Institute's Comparative Effectiveness Research Program and co-directs Norris Cotton Cancer Center's Cancer Control Research Program.

Clare Aitken – Erasmus MC/Netherlands

Clare Aitken is a scientific researcher and Ph.D. candidate at the Department of Public Health of the Erasmus Medical Centre in Rotterdam, the Netherlands. Her research focuses on evaluation of the Dutch Cervical Cancer Screening Programme. Clare holds a B.Sc. in Psychology (Hons) from University of Canberra and M.Phil. in Public Health from Cambridge University.

Claudia Camel – Instance for Women’s Health and Development/Guatemala

Gynecologist and Obstetrician with a diploma course in Reproductive Health and colposcopy, accredited by the UNAM and coordination of advanced studies and postgraduate studies in Colposcopy and Pathology of the lower genital tract. Teaching experience at Francisco Marroquin University, Guatemala Reviewer of reproductive health articles for WHO-PAHO and the American Society of Clinical Oncology; Author and co-author of articles in HPV Today and Virology magazines. Currently medical manager of the Instance for Health and Development of Women, who technically support the strategy of screening with DNA tests in the public health system of Guatemala.

Christine Berg – NCI-Division of Cancer Epidemiology and Genetics

Christine D. Berg, M.D. currently serves as a Special Advisor to the Director, Division of Cancer Epidemiology and Genetics, National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health. She also is an Adjunct Professor, Department of Radiation Oncology and Molecular Radiation Sciences, Johns Hopkins Medicine. Her research efforts focus on cancer risk-based assessment and how to integrate molecular epidemiology and then move these efforts into the clinical arena. She is the former Chief, Early Detection Research Group, Division of Cancer Prevention, National Cancer Institute. In this position, she was Project Officer for the Prostate, Lung, Colorectal and Ovarian Cancer Screening Trial (PLCO) and the National Lung Screening Trial (NLST).

Courtney Smith – Cancer Care Ontario/Canada

Courtney Rady (Ray-dee) Smith is an Epidemiologist in Prevention and Cancer Control at Cancer Care Ontario in Toronto, Canada. Courtney completed her Masters of Public Health in Epidemiology at the University of Toronto’s Dalla Lana School of Public Health, where she was the recipient of the E. Aileen Clarke Prize in Cancer Epidemiology. She completed graduate training at the Public Health Agency of Canada in Ottawa and the World Health Organization in Geneva. Courtney’s current work focuses on evaluating the effectiveness of organized breast assessment in Ontario, in the research team lead by Dr. Anna Chiarelli.

David Baldwin – University of Nottingham

David Baldwin works as a consultant respiratory physician sub-specialising in lung cancer and mesothelioma and interventional procedures. He is Honorary Professor in the School of Medicine at the University of Nottingham. He is Chair of the Clinical Expert Group for Lung Cancer, NHS England and Lead for the East Midlands Expert Clinical Advisory Group on Lung Cancer and Mesothelioma. He is Chair of the Screening Prevention and Early Diagnosis Group for the National Cancer Research Institute. He has obtained research grants from a variety of charities and NIHR. His primary research interests are in CT screening and lung cancer epidemiology. He is lead respiratory physician on the UK CT lung cancer screening trial (UKLS). He has published over 160 papers, including three influential guidelines.

Dirk Dittmer – University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill/USA

The overarching goal of my research is to investigate B and endothelial cell biology in the context of viral infection and cancer. As a graduate student in Dr. Arnold Levine’s group I started working on the tumor suppressor protein p53 and its role as the “guardian” of genome integrity. I was the first to describe that mutations in p53 are not merely inactivating, but represent a gain-of-function phenotype. This was followed by postdoctoral studies in virology, including human cytomegalovirus (HCMV), and Kaposi’ sarcoma associated herpesvirus (KSHV). I have been working on Kaposi Sarcoma as a model for endothelial dysfunction ever since. My group also seeks to develop new targeted therapies and the UNC Vironomics core, which I direct support clinical trials in the US and globally.

Durđica Ostojić – Public Health Institute of Montenegro

Durđica Ostojić, MD, PhD, is the head of the Center for Control and Prevention of Non-Communicable Diseases, in the Public Health Institute of Montenegro. She specialized in Pediatrics at the Kantrida Children Hospital, in Rijeka, Croatia, and received her doctoral degree in 2006 from the University of Belgrade, Serbia.

Electra Paskett – Ohio State University

I have a degree in Epidemiology from the University of Washington, where I was a pre-doctoral fellow in one of the first Cancer Prevention Research Units funded by the National Cancer Institute (NCI) in 1984. Since 1989, my research has focused on developing and testing interventions to eliminate cancer health disparities and spans across the cancer control continuum, prevention, early detection, implementation and survivorship. I am the Marion N. Rowley Professor of Cancer Research and Director of the Division of Cancer Prevention and Control, College of Medicine, and Professor of Epidemiology in the College of Public Health, and the Associate Director for Population Sciences, the Director of the Center for Cancer Health Equity and the Co-Program Leader of the Cancer Control Program in the OSUCCC.

Elisabeth Peterse – Erasmus MC/Netherlands

Since June 2016, Elisabeth is Junior researcher at the Department of Public Health of Erasmus MC. Her research group uses the MISCAN microsimulation model to predict the harms and benefits of different screening policies for colorectal cancer. Elisabeth's work so far focused on the cost-effectiveness of waiving coinsurance of screening colonoscopies in which a polyp is removed and of follow-up colonoscopies after a positive fecal test. Before her current position, she was a Doctoral Student at the Department of Pathology of Leiden University Medical Center, where she studied the molecular cell biology of Bone tumors.

Gloria Sanchez – University of Antioquia/Colombia

Dr Sanchez is currently full professor at the School of Medicine at the University of Antioquia in Medellin, Colombia where she coordinates the research group infection and cancer. She received her PhD in Molecular Microbiology and Immunology at the School of Public Health in Johns Hopkins University. She completed post-doctoral training in Cancer epidemiology and prevention at the Catalan Institute of Oncology (Spain) and at the University of Michigan. Her research interest includes the epidemiology of Human Papillomavirus and cervical cancer prevention with special emphasis in research on the delivery and quality of screening services with the goal to contribute in the implementation of HPV testing in populations living in low-resource settings of Colombia.

Hilary Robbins – Johns Hopkins University/USA

Hilary A. Robbins, MSPH, is a PhD student in epidemiology and a concurrent master's student in biostatistics at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Her work relates to "precision" and risk-based approaches to cancer screening, including CT screening for lung cancer and cytology/HPV screening for cervical and anal cancers among people living with HIV.

Hormuzd Katki – NCI-Division of Cancer Epidemiology and Genetics/USA

Hormuzd Katki is a biostatistician and cancer researcher at the US National Cancer Institute. He has proposed an intellectual framework for risk-based CT lung-cancer screening programs. He has previously proposed risk models to better select ever-smokers for screening and demonstrated that their use might improve the effectiveness and efficiency of lung screening programs. In his talk, he will show an extensive validation of 10 lung-cancer risk-models in 2 large US cohorts, and will compare the US populations they might select for screening. His risk tools are publicly available, as is an online risk tool to help inform shared decision-making for ever-smokers considering CT lung screening.

Inge de Kok – Erasmus MC/Netherlands

Dr. de Kok is an epidemiologist and her main research topic is evaluation of early detection and prevention of diseases. She uses microsimulation models to quantify positive and negative effects of interventions. The models are informed by epidemiological studies. She has focused on measuring costs and effects of Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination, different cervical cancer screening methods, screening for abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA), and pancreatic cancer screening. Much of her work was performed to advice the Dutch Ministry of Public Health, Welfare and Sport. She is also an senior researcher in the two large international research projects CISNET and EU-TOPIA.

Jorge Dunstan – National Institute of Neoplastic Diseases of Peru

Dr. Dunstan is Executive Director of the Education Department in the National Institution of Neoplastic Diseases and he forms part of the breast pathology unit in Oncosalud. In addition, he is a member of the Peruvian Society of Mastology. Doctor Dunstan has an active and constant assistance and educational participation by forming part of prevention campaigns and programming of projects destined to an early diagnosis and treatment of cancer as well as educational talks; reason for which it has been quite useful to have marketing studies, preventive work and training talks for health staff.

Kristina Blackmore – Cancer Care Ontario/Canada

Kristina M. Blackmore is a Research Associate in Prevention and Cancer Control at Cancer Care Ontario in Toronto, Canada. Kristina completed her Masters of Science in Physical Anthropology at McMaster University in Ontario. She completed graduate training in Epidemiology at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health. Kristina has been conducting breast cancer research for 15 years. Her current work focuses on evaluating the benefits and harms of breast cancer screening in Ontario and assessing the accuracy of mammography screening skills as part of an international pilot study (AIMSS). She works with the research team lead by Dr. Anna Chiarelli.

Marion Saville – Victorian Cytology Service/Australia

Marion trained in Anatomic Pathology at Northwestern University and in Cytopathology at East Carolina University. She completed a research fellowship at Georgetown University, focussing on HPV. She has a Graduate Diploma in Clinical Epidemiology from the University of Sydney. She has been the Executive Director of VCS since 2000. VCS runs one of Australia's largest cervical screening laboratories and its most long-standing cervical screening register. Under Marion's leadership, VCS established and now operates Australia's National HPV Vaccination Program Register. Marion has served on numerous cervical screening advisory committees, including groups concerned with moving from cytology based screening to HPV based screening.

Nora Pashayan – University College London/UK

Dr. Nora Pashayan is a clinical reader in applied health research and honorary consultant in public health medicine at University College London. She is a cancer epidemiologist and a clinician with specialties in both family medicine and public health medicine. Her main research area is in cancer screening, and particularly in personalized screening. She has obtained Masters degrees in epidemiology (London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine) and in public health (University of Cambridge). Her doctoral studies, funded by Cancer Research UK Training Fellowship in Cancer Public Health and Epidemiology at University of Cambridge, was on modelling the natural history of prostate cancer and studying the role of genetic predisposition in cancer progression and in personalized screening.

Ondřej Májek – Masaryk University/Czech Republic

Ondřej Májek, PhD is the Head of Department of Screening Programs at the Institute of Biostatistics and Analyses, Faculty of Medicine, Masaryk University in Brno, Czech Republic. He is an epidemiologist, his research interests include monitoring and evaluation of disease detection programs, cancer epidemiology, and medical biostatistics. He is a co-author of 20 articles in international journals. Dr. Májek is also the Head of Department of Foreign Affairs at the national Institute of Health Information and Statistics and a co-leader of the project for establishing the National Coordination Centre for Early Disease Detection Programs in the Czech Republic.

Robert Volk – MD Anderson Cancer Center/USA

Dr. Robert Volk is a Professor in the Department of Health Services Research at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas. A decision scientist, he heads the Decision Support Laboratory and Shared Decision Making Collaborative at MD Anderson where he was also named Outstanding Patient Educator in 2012 and received two President's Recognition for Faculty Excellence awards for education and mentorship. His patient decision aids have received two Telly Awards and Platinum and Gold Hermes Creative Awards for best film and video production in health care. He serves as a member of the Steering Committee for the International Patient Decision Aid Standards (IPDAS) Collaboration, which recently published a series of standards for developers and users of patient decision aids.

Shang-Ying Hu – National Cancer Center/Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences

Shang-Ying Hu, PhD of Cancer Epidemiology, now works in the Department of Cancer Epidemiology, National Cancer Center/Cancer Hospital, Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences. She has been working on cervical cancer prevention and control for 10 years since 2007. She has been involved in many projects, which covered an extensive scope, including the etiology and natural history of cervical cancer, screening, HPV vaccine clinical trial and health economics et al. She is an author of more than 60 peer-reviewed publications in both English and Chinese journals. She has trained at the NIH as an international scholar through the FICRS-F program in 2010 and 2014.

Tamiwe Tomoka – Kamuzu Central Hospital Pathology Laboratory/Malawi

Dr. Tomoka is a Malawian pathologist leading the Kamuzu Central Hospital Pathology Laboratory, a collaboration between the Malawi Ministry of Health and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The laboratory is the sole provider of diagnostic pathology services to the northern and central regions of Malawi, inclusive of approximately 8 million people. She is appointed at the University of Malawi College of Medicine and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Dr. Tomoka is a co-principal investigator for a prospective breast cancer clinical cohort study in Lilongwe initiated in December 2016 with support from the UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center, and have career interests focused on the molecular characterization of breast cancer in sub-Saharan Africa.

Vanessa Käab-Sanyal – Mammography Screening Program/Germany

Dr. rer. nat. Vanessa Käab-Sanyal, is a mathematician and managing director of the Kooperationsgemeinschaft Mammographie (KoopG). The KoopG is responsible for the coordination, evaluation and quality assurance of the German mammography screening program (msp). Since 2005 she attends to the German msp and developed the basic specifications for the uniform documentation and evaluation, implemented the regular reporting and established the certification process. Recently she has been nominated associate member of the Quality Assurance Scheme Development Group within the European Commission Initiative on Breast Cancer and is member of the evaluation board of the austrian breast cancer screening program.

Vidhya Viswanathan – Directorate of Public Health and Preventive Medicine/India

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