



## Speakers, Panelists, and Presenters

### KEYNOTE ADDRESS



#### **First Lady Jill Biden, Ed.D**

*First Lady of the United States*

Jill Biden, Ed.D., is the First Lady of the United States, a community college educator, a military mother, a grandmother, and bestselling author. Dr. Biden also served as Second Lady of the United States from 2009–2017.

As First Lady, Dr. Biden has focused on reaching out to all Americans, helping to bring our country together.

During her first two years as First Lady, Dr. Biden traveled to over 40 states and territories, over 100 cities, and ten other countries. She has continued championing the causes that have defined her public life: supporting military families, advocating for increased educational opportunities, and working to end cancer as we know it. She advanced the missions of two key White House initiatives, Joining Forces and the Cancer Moonshot, and also served as a leading messenger for the Administration’s most urgent priorities, including: safely reopening schools after the pandemic’s shutdown, supporting the President’s economic agenda, and urging adults and children to protect themselves and their communities by getting vaccinated against COVID-19.

In recognition of World Cancer Day 2022, the President and First Lady reignited the Cancer Moonshot, laying out bold goals and a vision to end cancer as we know it. As First Lady, Dr. Biden has continued to work on behalf of American families confronting cancer, focusing on supporting patients and their loved ones during their cancer journeys; urging Americans to prioritize their cancer screenings; and reducing health inequities in diagnosis, treatment, research, and outcomes.

# WELCOMING MESSAGES



## **Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz**

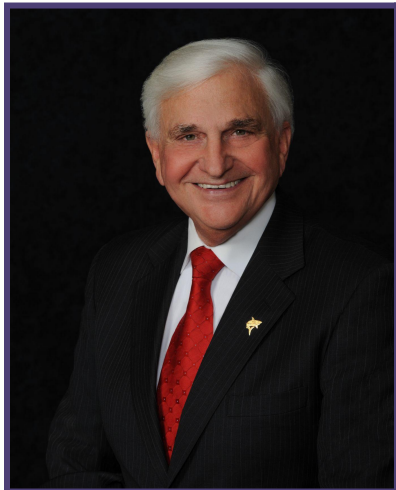
*Representing Florida's 25th Congressional District*

Debbie Wasserman Schultz dedicates her public life to serving South Floridians and standing up for justice, equality, and opportunity. As Florida's first Jewish Congresswoman, she has worked tirelessly on behalf of seniors, children, and families for nearly three decades.

In the 118th Congress, she serves on the Appropriations Committee and is Ranking Member on the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Subcommittee. Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries also selected her to serve on the Special Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government and appointed her to co-chair the influential Steering and Policy Committee, which shapes the Caucus agenda and Member committee assignments. As former Chair of the Democratic National Committee, she has the unique ability to work with and help lead

her colleagues in support of a progressive policy agenda.

Debbie attended the University of Florida where she served as president of the Student Senate and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Political Science in 1988 and a master's degree in 1990. She has been married to Steve Schultz for more than 20 years and together they have three children.



## **George L. Hanbury II**

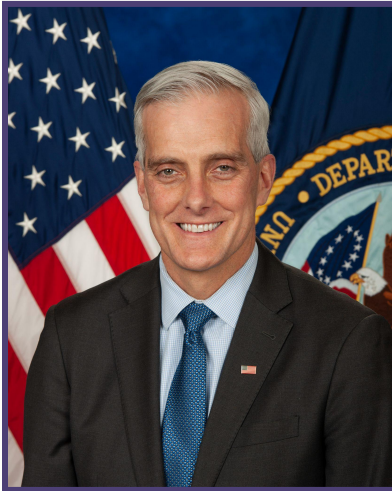
*President of Nova Southeastern University*

Dr. George L. Hanbury II is President and Chief Executive Officer of Nova Southeastern University (NSU) in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. In addition to his duties as President and CEO, he is also a Professor for NSU's H. Wayne Huizenga College of Business and Entrepreneurship. Prior to his appointment as President, Dr. Hanbury served as NSU's Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for 12 years. Before entering higher education administration, Dr. Hanbury led a successful 30-year career as City Manager of the cities of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; Portsmouth and Virginia Beach, Va.; and as Assistant City Manager of Norfolk, Va.

Dr. Hanbury has been honored by many organizations, including being once again named as a 2020 South Florida Business Journal Ultimate CEO. Additional accolades include the 2019 Guy Harvey Conservation Award,

2017 Junior Achievement Business Hall of Fame Laureate, City of Ft. Lauderdale Walk of Fame inductee, 2015 Sun Sentinel Excalibur Award, 2014 South Florida Business Journal Ultimate CEO award, Fort Lauderdale's 2013 Downtowner of the Year, and many other community related awards throughout his career. He also commits much of his time to civic activities by serving on numerous boards, including the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance, the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee, Broward Workshop Executive Committee, the Economic Council of Palm Beach County, the Business Development Board of Palm Beach County, the Miami-Dade Beacon Council, the Florida Council of 100, and the Sunshine State Conference.

## GUEST SPEAKERS



### **The Honorable Dennis R. McDonough**

*U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs*

The Honorable Denis Richard McDonough was nominated by President Biden to lead the Department of Veterans Affairs. Mr. McDonough's nomination was confirmed by the United States Senate on February 8th, 2021, and he was sworn in the following day as the 11th Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

On January 27, 2021, during his confirmation hearing, Secretary McDonough testified to Congress, "I will work tirelessly to build and restore VA's trust as the premier agency for ensuring the well-being of America's Veterans. After all, there is no more sacred obligation nor noble undertaking than to uphold our promises to our Veterans, whether they came home decades ago or days ago."

Secretary McDonough served in the Obama Administration as the 26th White House Chief of Staff from February 2013 to January 2017. Prior to his role as Chief of Staff, Mr. McDonough was Principal Deputy National Security Advisor from October 2010 to January 2013. He also served as the Chief of Staff of the National Security Staff and as the Deputy National Security Advisor for Strategic Communications. He chaired the National Security Council's Deputies Committee, leading the multi agency team to address complex challenges including crisis management and national security policymaking. And throughout his service in the White House, Secretary McDonough helped lead the Obama-Biden administration's work on behalf of military families and Veterans.

Since his White House tenure, Secretary McDonough was Professor of the Practice of Public Policy at the Keough School of Global Affairs at the University of Notre Dame, Senior Advisor and Senior Principal at the Markle Foundation, and on the board of directors of the National Democratic Institute, the Tent Partnership for Refugees, and the SAFE Project, a national nonprofit working to end the nation's catastrophic addiction epidemic.



### **Dr. Douglas R. Lowy**

*Principal Deputy Director, National Cancer Institute*

Douglas R. Lowy, M.D., is Chief of the Laboratory of Cellular Oncology and, since 2010, has also served as Principal Deputy Director of the National Cancer Institute (NCI). From April 2022 to October 2022, he became Acting Director of the NCI, a role he also held from April 2015 to October 2017 and between April 2019 and October 2019. Dr. Lowy received his medical degree from New York University School of Medicine in 1968, and trained in internal medicine at Stanford University and dermatology at Yale University. He has directed a research laboratory at NCI since 1975, after receiving training as a Research Associate in the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. Dr. Lowy is a member of the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) and of the Institute of Medicine of the NAS.

Dr. Lowy's research interests include the biology of the viruses that lead to cervical cancer, commonly known as HPV. Dr. Lowy and his colleagues studied the genetics of HPV and identified how the virus can lead to cervical and other types of cancer. Using this knowledge, Dr. Lowy and his colleagues developed the technology that is used in three FDA-approved HPV vaccines.



### **Ambassador Nancy Brinker**

*Founder of Susan G. Komen and the Promise Fund of Florida*

Nancy G. Brinker is three-time Ambassador and New York Times best-selling author who is regarded as the leader of the global breast cancer movement. Her journey began with a promise to her dying sister, Susan G. Komen, that she would do everything possible to end the shame, fear and hopelessness caused by this disease. In one generation, the organization that bears Susan's name has changed the world. In 2009, President Barack Obama honored Nancy with the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor, for this work. The same year, she was named Goodwill Ambassador for Cancer Control for the United Nations' World Health Organization, where she continues her mission to put cancer prevention at the top of the world health agenda.

In 2010, Nancy released her New York Times best-selling memoir "Promise Me", an inspirational story of her transformation from bereaved sister to the undisputed leader of the ongoing international movement to end breast cancer. From 2001-2003, Nancy served as U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Hungary and served as U.S. Chief of Protocol from 2007-2009. In 2018, Ms. Brinker spearheaded the creation of the Promise Fund of Florida, a revolutionary fundraising initiative aimed at connecting cancer care providers with vulnerable populations. In addition to hosting an acclaimed interview series featuring newsmakers, corporate leaders and high-profile cultural thought leaders, Nancy also currently serves on numerous corporate and non-profit boards and is an Executive in Residence at the Johns Hopkins Carey Business School.



### **Martina Navratilova**

*Tennis Hall of Famer, Cancer Advocate*

Martina Navratilova is a tennis player and now commentator, activist, parent, and fervent tweeter. During her career Martina won an unprecedented 59 Grand Slam titles, including a record 9 Wimbledon singles championships; 167 singles and 177 doubles championships. She was distinguished as the WTA's "Tour Player of the Year" seven times, named the Associated Press's "Female Athlete of the Year", declared one of the "Top Forty Athletes of All-Time" by Sports Illustrated, and inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame.

In January 2023, Navratilova announced her dual diagnosis of throat and breast cancers, marking her second and third bouts with cancer after overcoming breast cancer in 2010. She was cleared as cancer-free in March 2023, and now shares her story to advocate for the importance of early and frequent screening.





### **Julia Lemigova**

Julia Lemigova, born Yulia Andreevna Lemigova is a Russian former model who was Miss USSR 1990, and is married to Martina Navratilova. She is a cast member of the Bravo reality television series The Real Housewives of Miami.

## **PANELS**

### ***Risk Reduction and Prevention***



### **Crystal S. Denlinger, MD**

*Chief Executive Officer, National Comprehensive Cancer Network*

Crystal Denlinger is the Chief Executive Officer of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network® (NCCN®), having joined NCCN as Senior Vice President, Chief Scientific Officer in April 2021. Prior to joining NCCN, Dr. Denlinger was an Associate Professor in the Department of Hematology/Oncology at Fox Chase Cancer Center, where she served as the Chief of Gastrointestinal Medical Oncology, Deputy Director of the Early Phase Drug Development Program, and Director of the Survivorship Program. Her expertise is in clinical trials, survivorship care, and gastrointestinal malignancies. She is a practicing medical oncologist, maintaining a limited clinical practice at Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia, PA after over a decade of clinical practice prior to joining NCCN.

Dr. Denlinger is a graduate of Rutgers New Jersey Medical School and The College of New Jersey. She completed her internal medicine residency at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York City and her fellowship in hematology/oncology at Fox Chase Cancer Center/Temple University Hospital in Philadelphia. She is board certified in Internal Medicine and Medical Oncology. Dr. Denlinger is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians (ACP) and a member of several medical societies, including the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) and the European Society of Medical Oncology (ESMO).



**Dr. Ann H. Partridge**

*Vice Chair of Medical Oncology, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute  
Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School*

Dr. Partridge is a practicing medical oncologist and clinical researcher. She is vice chair of the Department of Medical Oncology at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, where she also serves as director of the Adult Survivorship Program and co-founder and director of the Program for Young Women with Breast Cancer. As a professor at Harvard Medical School, Dr. Partridge holds the Eric P. Winer, MD Chair in Breast Cancer Research at Dana-Farber. She leads clinical research and educational efforts nationally and internationally, and is particularly committed to improving outcomes for young women with breast cancer. Dr. Partridge serves on the Board of Directors of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO), co-chairs the National Cancer Institute (NCI) Alliance for Clinical Trials in Oncology Breast Committee, and serves on the NCI Breast Cancer Steering Committee. She

is Chief Scientific Advisor for Susan G. Komen, and her research has been supported by the NCI, Breast Cancer Research Foundation (BCRF), Conquer Cancer, and Susan G. Komen. Dr. Partridge has received a Champions of Change award from the U.S. White House, the American Association for Clinical Research (AACR) Outstanding Investigator Award for Breast Cancer, and ASCO's Ellen L. Stovall Award for Advancement of Cancer Survivorship Care.



**Riki Fairley**

*CEO and CoFounder, TOUCH, The Black Breast Cancer Alliance*

As a Triple Negative Breast Cancer Survivor/Thriver, Ricki's personal purpose, passion, mission, ministry, and blessing is to bring focus, attention, research, science, and action to eradicating Black Breast Cancer, and supporting and coaching what she calls her "Breasties" through their breast cancer experience. Ricki is an award-winning seasoned marketing veteran that has transformed her strategic acumen into breast cancer advocacy. Ricki co-founded and serves as CEO of TOUCH, The Black Breast Cancer Alliance to address Black Breast Cancer as a unique and special disease state, with the overall goal of reducing the mortality rate for Black women. Ricki founded and serves as co-host for "The Doctor Is In," a weekly live breast cancer advocacy web series on the BlackDoctor.org Facebook page that reaches over 3 million viewers. She founded #BlackDataMatters to bring attention to advancing science for Black breast cancer.

In January 2022, she started the When We Tri(al) Movement to change the game on Black women participating in clinical trials to improve outcomes for Black women with breast cancer, sending over 14,000 Black women to clinical trial portals. In January 2023, she founded the For The Love of My Gurls Campaign to drive awareness and action reaching over 305,000 young Black women. Ricki is a board member for Xeris Biopharma and serves on the Board of Trustees for the Triple Negative Breast Cancer Foundation. She is a board member for the Center for Healthcare Innovation, and serves on the American Cancer Society National Breast Cancer Roundtable Steering Committee and the National Minority Quality Forum Scientific Advisory Board. Ricki has two daughters, Amanda Brown Lierman and Hayley Brown, and 3 granddaughters, Belle, Leia, and Hart, who remind her of her purpose every day. Ricki is a graduate of Dartmouth College and holds an MBA from Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University.



**Netta Apedoe, MPH**

*Deputy Director, Division of Cancer Prevention and Control  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*

Netta Apedoe, MPH, is the deputy director of the Division of Cancer Prevention and Control (DCPC), the largest unit within the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion. As the deputy, she provides counsel to the division director and is responsible for the management, coordination, and oversight of the division's programs, operations, and personnel. She is a public health professional with more than 18 years of experience managing public health projects, cooperative agreements, contracts, and team building at the federal and state levels. She has served in leadership roles within DCPC for the past 13 years. Prior to joining CDC, she managed public health programs at the state, worked at various NGOs, and served as a health volunteer in the Peace Corps. Ms. Apedoe is passionate about

realizing her division's mission of "all people living free of cancer."

***Transition to Post-Treatment Care***



**Shelley Fuld Nasso, MPP**

*CEO, National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship*

Shelley Fuld Nasso, MPP, is CEO of the National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship, where she advocates to transform the cancer care system for everyone touched by cancer. NCCS engages in public policy efforts to improve cancer care and empowers cancer survivors and caregivers to be a voice in public policy debates. Prior to joining NCCS in 2013, she led public policy efforts at Susan G. Komen. She is a graduate of Rice University and the Harvard Kennedy School. She advocates in honor of her dear friend, Dr. Brent Whitworth, a beloved physician who died of cancer at the age of 43.



**Patrick Hwu, MD**

*President & CEO, Moffitt Cancer Center*

Patrick Hwu, MD, is the president and CEO of Moffitt Cancer Center, one of the nation's leading cancer hospitals and the only National Cancer Institute-designated comprehensive cancer center based in Florida. As an internationally recognized tumor immunologist, Hwu has led pioneering research and clinical efforts to better understand the interactions between tumors and the immune system. He helped launch the field of gene modified T cells, publishing research on the first chimeric antigen receptor directed against cancer. His work focuses on vaccines, adoptive T-cell therapies and immune resistance. Prior to joining Moffitt, Dr. Hwu was the head of the Division of Cancer Medicine at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, where he held various leadership roles for 17 years.





### **Jonathan D. Licht, MD**

*Director, UF Health Cancer Center and Marshall E. Rinker Sr., Chair*

Jonathan D. Licht, MD is a medical oncologist, scientist, and the Director of the UF Health Cancer Center, holding the Marshall E. Rinker, Sr. Chair. Dr. Licht became UFHCC director in October 2015, previously serving as Chief of Hematology/Oncology at Northwestern University at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine. His laboratory studies aberrant gene regulation as a cause of cancer and development of treatment strategies to reverse abnormal, cancer-causing gene functions. Continuously funded by the National Cancer Institute and prominent research foundations for over 30 years, he has published over 200 papers, cited over 32,000 times, largely in the field of blood cancers. Additionally, he has served as mentor to over 60 graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and faculty members. Dr. Licht is Principal Investigator of a Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS)

Specialized Center of Research. He has served on the editorial boards of Cancer Discovery, Cancer Blood Discovery, Cancer Cell, and Oncogene and is the inaugural Editor of Chef of the new journal Blood Neoplasia. Dr. Licht is chair of the Taskforce for Hematological Malignancies of The American Association for Cancer Research, and is co-chair of the Medical/Scientific Board of the LLS. In 2023 he led UF to become an NCI-designated Cancer Center in recognition of clinical and basic science research excellence, service to the community and development of programs to train research and health care professionals.



### **Stephen D. Nimer, MD**

*Director, Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center*

Dr. Stephen D. Nimer is the Director of the National Cancer Institute-designated Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center and a Professor of Medicine, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine. He holds the Oscar de La Renta Endowed chair in Cancer Research. Previously, Dr. Nimer was at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York for nearly 20 years, where he held the Alfred P. Sloan Chair and served as Head of the Division of Hematologic Oncology, Vice Chairman for Faculty Development, and Chief of the Hematology Service.

Dr. Nimer has authored over 300 scientific publications and has received numerous awards for his research, including the prestigious Irma T. Hirschl Career Scientist Award and the E. Donnall Thomas Award in 2015 from the Bone Marrow Foundation. He has been elected to the American Society of Clinical Investigators and the Association of American Physicians and is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians.



## ***Surviving and Thriving: Navigating Survivorship***



### **Jessica MacIntyre**

*Director-at-Large, Oncology Nursing Society*

Jessica MacIntyre is the Director-at-Large for the Oncology Nursing Society. She received her Doctor in Nursing Practice and master's in business administration from Johns Hopkins University. She has been practicing for over 20 years in the field of oncology in various clinical and leadership positions. MacIntyre is also active within the American Cancer Society and serves on the Southeast Florida Area Board and was appointed by the Florida Nurses Association as their representative for the Florida Cancer Control Research Advisory Council. She has several publications and is an avid speaker in the areas of gastrointestinal malignancies, advanced practice, patient navigation, survivorship, and supportive care. Additionally, she is involved in research within the topics of oral treatment adherence, patient reported outcomes, cancer prevention, and survivorship clinics and their outcomes.



### **Tara Sanft, MD**

*Associate Professor of Medicine, Chief Patient Experience Officer, Medical Director, Survivorship Clinic, Director, Communication Skills Course, Yale School of Medicine*

Tara Sanft, MD, is an Associate Professor at Yale School of Medicine, the Chief Patient Experience Officer for Smilow Cancer Hospital and Medical Director of the Adult Survivorship Program at Yale Cancer Center.

Dr. Sanft received her medical degree from Medical College of Wisconsin. She completed her residency at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine and fellowships in medical oncology and hospice and palliative medicine at Northwestern University, where she was also a chief fellow.

Dr. Sanft cares for patients with breast cancer and conducts a long-term breast cancer survivor clinic. In collaboration with her colleagues, she has completed several lifestyle intervention trials. Dr. Sanft currently serves as the Principal Investigator for an R01-funded study for which she investigates a healthy lifestyle intervention in women undergoing chemotherapy for breast cancer.

Dr. Sanft is Chair of the NCCN Survivorship Panel and a member of the NCCN Adolescent and Young Adult Oncology Panel. She is a member of the JNCCN Editorial Board.



**Sue Friedman, DVM**

*Executive Director, FORCE*

Susan Friedman, DVM, was practicing small-animal veterinary medicine in South Florida when she was diagnosed with breast cancer at age 33, and afterwards learned she carried an inherited BRCA2 mutation. After treatment, she founded the nonprofit organization “Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered” or FORCE in 1999 to help people and families facing hereditary cancer find support and credible and relevant information and research in plain language. As Executive Director, Sue has almost 25 years of experience directing FORCE’s education, research, and advocacy programs. As an advocate, Sue has a passion for facilitating informed decision-making, improving health communication between patients and their healthcare teams and increasing health literacy in society as a whole. In 2023, Sue was diagnosed with an aggressive type of thyroid cancer that was the result of the radiation she received 26 years earlier. She has

completed treatment for her latest cancer and is currently considered NED (no evidence of disease).



**Zeina Nahleh, MD, FACP**

*Vice Chair for Cancer Institute, Director of Maroone Cancer Center and Chair of the Hematology-Oncology Division, Cleveland Clinic Florida*

Dr. Nahleh is Vice Chair for Cancer Institute, Director of the Maroone Cancer Center and Chair of the Hematology-Oncology Division at Cleveland Clinic Florida. She subspecializes in Breast Cancer. Her research focuses on innovative treatment of breast cancer, cancer survivorship care, cancer disparity and improving the quality of life of patients with cancer. Dr. Nahleh is a member in the American Society of Clinical Oncology Advisory and Guideline committees. Dr. Nahleh has received numerous awards including the “Patient Experience Medal of Excellence” in 2022. Dr Nahleh has authored over 100 articles in the field of cancer. Dr. Nahleh has American Board certification in Oncology.



**Dr. Arif Kamal**

*Chief Patient Officer, American Cancer Society*

Dr. Arif Kamal serves as chief patient officer at the American Cancer Society. In this newly created role, Dr. Kamal drives coordinated efforts to accelerate progress against cancer through the organization’s patient-, caregiver-, and healthcare professional-facing activities.

He leads the American Cancer Society’s patient support objectives and the development of strategic plans to measurably improve the lives of people with cancer and their families. Dr. Kamal oversees the organization’s cancer support, patient navigation, educational programs, patient lodging solutions, transportation services, contact center, and digital patient support offerings, as well as all aspects of organizational functions that touch cancer patients across 5,000 communities around the globe.

Prior to joining the American Cancer Society, Dr. Kamal served for more than 12 years as an oncologist, researcher, and innovative leader at Duke University and the Duke Cancer Institute. He is an Associate Professor of Medicine and Population Health at the Duke University School of Medicine, and recently served as physician quality and outcomes officer at the Duke Cancer Institute. He holds nationally recognized expertise in oncology quality assessment and palliative care.

In addition to clinical and academic pursuits at Duke Cancer Institute, Dr. Kamal co-founded Prepped Health, a company that develops innovative technology solutions to educate and engage patients facing a serious illness like cancer and their caregivers. He also holds several leadership positions within prestigious national professional organizations, has won numerous awards, and is a prolific author.

Dr. Kamal received his medical degree from the six-year combined BA/MD program at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, with residencies and fellowships at the Mayo Clinic and Duke University. He holds a master's degree in health science in clinical research from Duke University and a master's in business administration from the University of Massachusetts – Amherst.

Dr. Kamal lives in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, with his wife and two young children.

## ***Health Disparities***



### **Jelani Murrain**

*Director, Federal Relations: American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network*

Jelani Murrain is Director, Federal Relations at the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN). Jelani manages ACS CAN's federal responses to the following issues:

Health insurance coverage issues (Medicaid, Medicare);

Non-ACA compliant plans (short-term, limited duration plans, excepted benefits plans);

Prescription Drug Coverage, Access, Pricing, Utilization Management (step therapy, prior authorization, PBM reform, 340B Drug Pricing Program); and Telehealth.

Jelani has over 15 years of public sector experience in health care law and policy, including three years on Capitol Hill, 10 years at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); and, most recently, two years with the Government of the District of Columbia as an Executive, implementing access-to-care health policy.

Jelani has three children. He enjoys traveling, golf, and coaching youth baseball.



**Michelle A. Clark, PhD**

*Professor and Dean, Nova Southeastern University*

Michelle A. Clark, Ph.D. has served as the Dean of the Barry and Judy Silverman College of Pharmacy at Nova Southeastern University since 2019. Prior to joining the College in 2001, Dr. Clark was a researcher at Wake Forest University in the Hypertension and Vascular Disease Center. She received her Ph.D. and M.S. from the College of Medicine at the University of South Florida specializing in Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics. Dr. Clark has served the College as Interim Dean, Executive Associate Dean, Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Education, and Department Chair. Dr. Clark is a visionary leader, finding innovative ways to enhance the College's program offerings and student successes. She was instrumental in the establishment of the College's Ph.D. and Master of Science programs in Pharmaceutical Sciences. Since her Deanship, she has significantly increased the College's Scholarship corpus awarding over

\$650,000 in scholarships yearly.

Dr. Clark is an innovative and successful scholar. She has been awarded support for her research efforts, as principal investigator, and collaborator. She has received over \$1,000,000 from agencies such as the National Institutes of Health to support her research. She has authored and contributed to more than 80 peer-reviewed scientific papers, peer-reviewed abstracts, and book chapters. She is a cardiovascular researcher, specifically determining the role of the renin-angiotensin system (RAS) in the control of hypertension and other types of cardiovascular diseases. As a proponent of promoting the pharmacist's role in health care, Dr. Clark focuses her research activities on pharmacy and health-related issues for underserved and underrepresented communities.

Dr. Clark strongly believes in giving back to the community. As a founding member and faculty advisor of the Student National Pharmaceutical Association (SNPhA), she spends a great deal of time in the community providing health care services, raising funds for various causes, and mentoring students to be good community stewards. She plans, organizes, coordinates, and executes programs geared toward the improvement of health, education, and the social environment in communities. She uses SNPhA as a platform to promote pharmacy and how to treat diseases affecting underrepresented minorities. In addition, she offers her students the opportunities to develop leadership and professional skills, empowering them to create a positive image of pharmacists as healthcare providers while they educate communities on better health practices and the safe use of medications to treat diseases. As a research advisor for students, a faculty advisor for SNPhA, and Dean of the College, Dr. Clark serves as a mentor to all NSU's Barry and Judy Silverman College of Pharmacy students.



**Usha Menon, PhD, RN, FAAN, FSBM**

*Dean & Distinguished University Professor and Senior Associate Vice President , USF Health*

Usha Menon, PhD, RN, FAAN is Senior Associate Vice President at USF Health, and Dean and Professor at the University of South Florida College of Nursing. Her research focuses on culturally sensitive health promotion and illness prevention behaviors among under-represented populations focusing on cancer and diabetes with a strong emphasis on transdisciplinary implementation science. She has garnered over \$60 million in total research funding with her team.



Her leadership focus is on diversity of thought and scholarship in nursing as well as equity across faculty advancement. As dean, she is currently actively engaged in Florida in developing and implementing transformational industry and legislative partnerships in Florida to resolve the nursing and nurse faculty shortage. She has taught in programs across the nursing curriculum from the pre-licensure to doctoral courses, and mentors junior faculty across health sciences in medicine, microbiology, and pharmacy with a focus on translational research and health equity, and team science. Dr. Menon is a recognized expert in behavior change theory, interventions, and health equity. An engaging and passionate public speaker, she is a frequent consultant and presenter to national and international groups of researchers, clinicians, and community members. She received her BS in Nursing from Lander University (1992), and her MSN (Adult Primary Care Nurse Practitioner; 1996) and her PhD in Nursing Science from Indiana University (2001). Connect with Dean Usha Menon on Twitter (@usfhealthnurse), LinkedIn and our Trailblazing Nursing podcast.



### **Gary Puckrein, PhD**

*President, National Minority Quality Forum*

Gary A. Puckrein, PhD, is President and Chief Executive Officer of the National Minority Quality Forum (NMQF), a not-for-profit organization that he founded in 1998. NMQF found on the vision of having an American health services research, delivery and financing system whose operating principle is to reduce patient risk for amenable morbidity and mortality while improving quality of life

Dr. Puckrein graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Brown University, where he received his master's degree (1974) and doctorate (1978). Between 1974 and 1992, he taught and lectured at Roger Williams College, Brown University, Connecticut College, and Rutgers University, where he was a tenured member of the faculty. Dr. Puckrein has received many awards and

honors, including being named a visiting scholar and fellow at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History and a visiting fellow at Princeton University. He was publisher of American Visions, the country's leading African American art and cultural magazine, which he launched during his tenure at the Smithsonian Institution and Rutgers University. Dr. Puckrein also created and launched Minority Health Today, which served the needs of clinicians practicing in minority communities.



### **Farhad Islami, MD, PhD**

*Senior Scientific Director, Cancer Disparity Research, American Cancer Society*

As Senior Scientific Director, Farhad Islami, MD, PhD, leads the Cancer Disparity Research team in the Surveillance & Health Equity Science department at the American Cancer Society (ACS). He primarily conducts transdisciplinary research to identify individual and structural level determinants of health and to estimate the contribution of each to disparities in cancer occurrence and leads the ACS's biennial report on the status of cancer disparities in the United States. He has also conducted extensive research on cancer surveillance and the risk factors of cancer that are potentially modifiable. His work on estimating the burden of cancer attributable to potentially preventable risk factors in the United States has been widely cited by the media, academics, and policy makers. Dr. Islami is the author or coauthor of more than 230 articles published in peer reviewed

journals, several book chapters, and the ACS's Tobacco Atlas, 5th and 6th Editions.

Dr. Islami obtained a MD degree from Tehran University of Medical Sciences, Iran, and a PhD in Epidemiology from King's College London, United Kingdom. He worked as a postdoctoral fellow and scientist at the International Agency for Research on Cancer (the cancer research agency for the World Health Organization in Lyon, France) and as a faculty member at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai (New York) before joining the American Cancer Society in 2014. Currently, he also holds an adjunct faculty position at Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University (Atlanta).

## ***Childhood and Adolescent Cancer***



### **Jennifer McCafferty-Fernandez, PhD**

*SVP External Affairs & Experience, Chief of Staff, Nicklaus Children's Hospital*

Jennifer McCafferty-Fernandez, PhD, serves as Senior Vice President of External Affairs and Experience, and Chief of Staff to the CEO for Nicklaus Children's Health System, the region's only healthcare system exclusively for children and the parent organization of Nicklaus Children's Hospital, a nationally recognized nonprofit pediatric specialty hospital based in Miami, Florida.

In her role, Dr. McCafferty-Fernandez oversees key functions of the health system including government relations, community affairs and corporate responsibility, board governance, experience, patient and guest relations, and marketing and communications. Her work directly impacts all areas of the health system and ensures Nicklaus Children's is well-positioned for the future while being appropriately represented in the local, state and national communities. Prior to this, Dr. McCafferty-Fernandez held the role of Chief Research Officer leading the health system's Research Institute. Under her leadership, the Institute tripled its clinical research portfolio providing comprehensive clinical research support to studies across 30 subspecialties including cardiology, neurology and oncology. Dr. McCafferty-Fernandez also spearheaded the health system's creation of the Nicklaus Children's Personalized Medicine Initiative, one of the nation's first programs focused on precision and personalized medicine to support children's health and wellness.

Dr. McCafferty-Fernandez earned her doctorate in molecular and cellular pharmacology from the University of Miami. She is a board member of the YMCA of South Florida. Prior to joining Nicklaus Children's, she held key appointments at the University of Miami, and University of Miami Health System and Miller School of Medicine.



### **Kerice Pinkney, MD**

*Pediatric Hematologist/Oncologist; Director of Pediatric Residency Program, Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital; Associate Professor, Charles Schmidt School of Medicine, Florida Atlantic University*

Dr. Kerice Pinkney is a Pediatric Hematologist/Oncologist at Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital. She treats children with a variety of oncology and hematology issues including childhood leukemia, solid tumors, sickle cell anemia and benign hematologic conditions such as anemia.

Growing up, Dr. Pinkney's own pediatrician played an important role in her life and ultimately inspired her to pursue a career in pediatric medicine. Now, she is paying it forward by making a difference in the lives of her patients and their families.

At Joe DiMaggio Children’s Hospital, Dr. Pinkney & her care team form a close bond with the children they are treating and their caregivers, and truly become a part of their families. They not only provide the necessary medical care, but also support them in many ways throughout their journey. Dr. Pinkney shares, “When I see the children I care for feeling better and able to enjoy normal childhood activities, it makes all of the hard work worth it.”

In addition to providing patient care, Dr. Pinkney is extremely invested in the development and training of future physicians. She is currently the Director of the Pediatric Residency Program and thoroughly enjoys facilitating the growth and career choices of the residents.

On a national level, Dr. Pinkney serves on several committees, including being the Chair of the Awards Review Sub Committee of the American Society of Pediatric Hematology and Oncology, and the Vice Chair of the Children's Oncology Group's Pediatric Match Sub-Protocol H study.



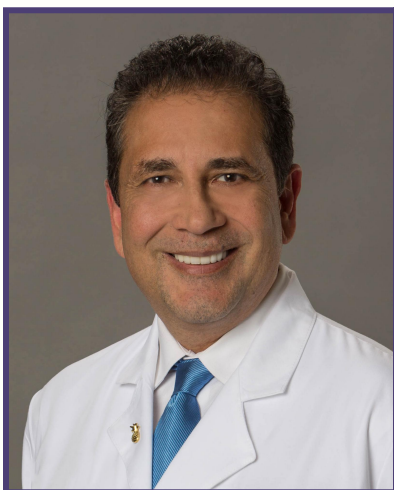
**Steve Wosahla**

*CEO, Children's Cancer Cause*

As the Chief Executive Officer of Children’s Cancer Cause, Steve Wosahla is responsible for the strategic management and operations of one of the nation’s leading childhood cancer policy organizations, dedicated to pursuing health policies that will advance therapy development and survivorship.

Children's Cancer Cause is working to ensure that families have the opportunity to participate as advocates in the policy process. The organization is committed to improving the treatment and lives of childhood cancer patients and their families with a focus on Congress, the Administration, federal agencies and state governments.

Prior to joining the Children’s Cancer Cause in 2020, he served as Vice-President of Corporate Alliances & Solutions for the American Cancer Society. He previously oversaw healthcare partnerships for the American Diabetes Association and was the Director of Marketing Communications for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. His work with HopeLink helped patient advocacy groups offer a database of open cancer clinical trials to their constituents and the greater clinical community.



**Minesh Mehta, M.D.**

*Chief of Radiation Oncology and Deputy Director of Baptist Health Miami Cancer Institute*

Minesh Mehta, M.D., is chief of radiation oncology and deputy director of Baptist Health Miami Cancer Institute and a widely renowned expert in radiation oncology, proton therapy and cancer research. Dr. Mehta received his medical degree with highest honors from the University of Zambia School of Medicine. He completed a residency at the University of Wisconsin, where he was later appointed chairman of the medical school’s Department of Human Oncology. As part of his leadership efforts, he directed research studies, technology development and the expansion at the University of Wisconsin Cancer Center. He also headed its brain tumor program for more than 15 years, leading to his national leadership role in clinical trial research, including multiple childhood brain tumor trials.

In 2016, Dr. Mehta was appointed deputy director of Baptist Health Miami Cancer Institute and Chief of Radiation Oncology as well as Chair of Radiation Oncology at Florida International University. An avid researcher, Dr. Mehta provides a multidisciplinary, innovative approach to individual care and helps all his patients understand their diagnosis, available treatment options and potential clinical trials with a focus on brain tumors and pediatric cancers.

## PRESENTATIONS

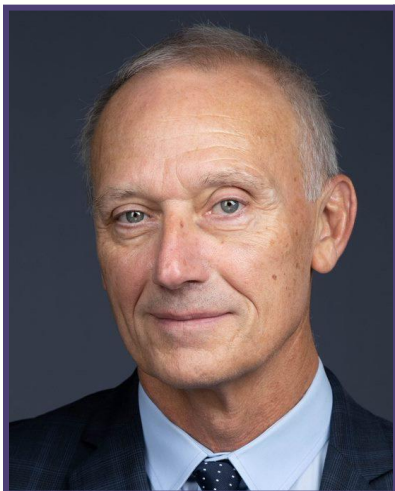


### **Dr. Estelamari Rodriguez**

*Clinical Research Lead, Thoracic Oncology, Assistant Director of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center*

Dr. Estelamari Rodriguez is Clinical Research Lead of the Thoracic Site Disease Group and Assistant Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion of the the NCI-designated Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine. She is board certified in medical oncology and hematology. She has a special interest in the early detection of lung cancer and early phase clinical trials.

Dr. Rodriguez received her bachelor's degree from Columbia College and her medical degree from State University of New York (SUNY) Downstate College of Medicine. She completed her internal medicine residency at Columbia University's New York-Presbyterian Hospital and her medical oncology fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Rodriguez also has a master's degree in Public Health from the Universidad Autonoma de Madrid, Spain. She has given numerous lectures as an invited speaker on issues related to lung cancer and healthcare disparities.



### **Daniel Pambianco, MD, FACG**

*President, American College of Gastroenterology*

Dr. Daniel Pambianco is a practicing gastroenterologist in Charlottesville, VA. He is here today as the current President of the American College of Gastroenterology. ACG is a society representing over 17,000 gastrointestinal healthcare providers across the U.S., including 100 members living and working in Florida's 25th congressional district. While ACG largely focuses on cancer prevention, Dr. Pambianco is here to discuss the need for better education and awareness on GI illnesses associated with cancer treatment and the impact on our survivors.





**Joyce Reinecke, JD**

*Executive Director, Alliance for Fertility Preservation*

Joyce is the Executive Director of the Alliance for Fertility Preservation, a national nonprofit organization focused on all aspects of fertility preservation for cancer patients. Prior to joining the AFP, Joyce was a Cancer & Fertility Advisor for the LIVESTRONG Foundation, and the Vice President of Programs for Fertile Hope.

She is a recognized leader in the field of fertility preservation who has been a featured speaker at numerous professional conferences, including ASCO, ASRM, ONS, the Oncofertility Consortium Conference, as well as serving as guest faculty for health policy graduate courses at UCSD and Northwestern. She is a co-author of the 2018 update of ASCO's fertility guidelines, and several other publications.

Joyce is a long-term survivor of leiomyosarcoma who opted for embryo freezing and surrogacy to create her family. Her personal oncofertility journey informs her professional focus and her commitment as a patient advocate. Prior to her work at Fertile Hope, Joyce was a trademark attorney in Seattle, WA. She has a law degree from Fordham University, and a B.A. from Occidental College. Joyce currently lives in Lafayette, CA with her husband, John, and their twin daughters, Alexandra and Olivia.



**Belinda Paulincin, DSW, LCSW**

*Vice President of Programs and Services, Gilda's Club of South Florida*

Belinda Paulincin has over 23 years of experience implementing and providing trauma-focused interventions and advocating for individuals, children, and families. She has worked as a clinical director and therapist and has extensive experience overseeing collaborations, service delivery, management, and policy levels across private and government agencies.

Belinda Paulincin is the Vice President of Programs and Services at Gilda's Club of South Florida, an affiliate of the Cancer Support Community (CSC), the world's largest provider of professionally led cancer support. She oversees the administrative and clinical program and services linking the community and individuals impacted by cancer.

Belinda Paulincin possesses a Doctorate and a Master's Degree in Social Work and is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in the State of Florida. She joins a team of providers across Florida who completed the Health Equity: Health Providers Train-the-Trainer Program, a collaboration of Orlando Health, Moffitt Cancer Center, and the United Way of Broward County. The Cancer Support Community recently awarded Belinda two national recognitions for Gilda's Club South Florida's Health Equity Initiatives and Distress Screening for the Spanish-Speaking Community. In honor of her achievements, Belinda was also selected as one of twelve "Hidden Heroes of the Pandemic" from the Community Foundation of Broward.



**Kim Praitano, MSW**

*President & CEO, Gilda's Club South Florida*

Kim Praitano is the President & CEO of Gilda's Club South Florida, serving over 5,000 people affected by cancer annually, addressing social determinants of health, providing support services, renowned cancer education, and healthy lifestyle programs throughout South Florida. Kim has held executive leadership positions for nearly 40 years, working with various nonprofit organizations and served as CEO of Dynamic Leadership Concepts, a consulting firm serving nonprofit organizations through professional development and capacity-building.

She is the current Chair of the global Cancer Support Community Affiliate Network Council, a member of the Ft. Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce Racial Equity Council and a Chamber Ambassador. Kim is a NJ Licensed Social Worker and a Certified Fundraising Executive with Masters degrees in

Social Work and Criminal Justice from Rutgers University and Post-Graduate Certificates from Harvard University.



**Bill Lotter, PhD**

*Assistant Professor, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute & Harvard Medical School*

Bill Lotter, PhD, is an Assistant Professor at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Harvard Medical School. He is an expert in artificial intelligence (AI) for oncology. Prior to joining DFCI and HMS in 2022, Dr. Lotter was the Chief Technology Officer and Co-Founder of DeepHealth Inc., where he led the development of three FDA-cleared products that use AI to improve breast cancer detection. These products are currently processing more than one million mammograms per year, via the acquisition of DeepHealth by RadNet. Dr. Lotter holds a PhD in Biophysics from Harvard University and his AI experience additionally spans the domains of neuroscience, finance, and sports analytics in the NFL.

# VIDEO REMARKS

## **Deborah Roberts**

*ABC News, Television Journalist, Co-Anchor, ABC News 20/20*

## **Andrea Mitchell**

*NBC News Chief Foreign Affairs Correspondent, Host, Andrea Mitchell Reports*

## **Katie Couric**

*Television Hall of Fame Inductee and Award-Winning Journalist, Best-selling author, co-founder of Stand Up To Cancer (SU2C)*

## **"Tell Your Story" Survivor Stories**