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CAROLYN R. (“BO”) ALDIGÉ

Carolyn R. (“Bo”) Aldigé is Founder and CEO of the Prevent Cancer Foundation®, a national non-profit organization she started in 1985 in memory of her father, who died of cancer one year earlier. In the more than 30 years since its inception, the Foundation has become nationally recognized as a leader in the fight against cancer through prevention and early detection. A four-star rated charity, it was selected by its peers and named a “Top Non-Profit” by Philanthropedia, an affiliate of GuideStar. Aldigé has served on boards of directors/advisors of eight National Cancer Institute designated cancer centers, including the External Advisory Board of the top-ranked MD Anderson Cancer Center. She is a member of the boards of directors of the National Coalition for Cancer Research (having served for eight years as its president); Friends of Cancer Research and the Intercultural Cancer Council; the Council of Scientific Advisors of the American Association for Cancer Research; and the Patient Advocate Advisory Board of Stand Up to Cancer. She is vice-chairman of the Global Lung Cancer Coalition (GLCC), a member of the executive committee of the International Digestive Cancer Alliance (IDCA), a member of the Advisory Board of the International Early Lung Cancer Action Program and a member of the board of directors of the International Society for Cancer Prevention (ISCaP).

For her many contributions to the Washington D.C. community, Aldigé was named a Washingtonian of the Year 1996. She has been honored by the National Cancer Institute and is the only individual who has received Public Service Awards from the American Association for Cancer Research, the American Society of Clinical Oncology and the American Society of Preventive Oncology. In October 2015, she received the Platinum Award for Outstanding Contributions to Healthcare from the publication Medical Marketing & Media. She has also been honored by numerous non-profit organizations and cancer centers.



LORI ROSE BENSON

Lori Rose Benson has over 25 years’ experience in public health and education. She is the CEO of Hip Hop Public Health, an internationally recognized nonprofit that harnesses the transformative power of music, art, culture and science to improve health literacy, inspire behavior change and promote health equity. Benson leads a unique, transdisciplinary team of artists, educators and public health experts to create culturally tailored, evidence-based multimedia health promotion and disease prevention resources. Earlier in her career, Benson proudly served as the inaugural Executive Director of the New York Department of Education’s Office of School Wellness Programs serving 1.1 million students in 1,700 public schools, and Vice President of Healthy Lifestyles for the YMCA of Greater New York, spearheading health innovation and chronic disease prevention programs to meet diverse community needs.

Benson is a doctor of public health candidate at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health concentrating in health equity and social justice, and an Adelphi University Adjunct Faculty member in the Department of Health and Sport Sciences.



DURADO BROOKS, M.D., MPH

Dr. Durado Brooks is the Deputy Chief Medical Officer for the Screening Business Unit of Exact Sciences Corporation, a position he assumed in October 2020.

Prior to joining Exact Sciences, Dr. Brooks spent 20 years with the American Cancer Society’s national headquarters. During his tenure at ACS, he served in a variety of positions with steadily increasing areas of responsibility, culminating in the role of Vice President of Prevention and Early Detection. Throughout his ACS career, Dr. Brooks worked to increase access to high quality prevention and screening and to decrease cancer-related disparities through the design, implementation and evaluation of cancer prevention and early detection programs at the national, state and local levels.

A graduate of the Ohio State University and the Wright State University School of Medicine, Dr. Brooks completed his internal medicine residency and chief residency at Wright State’s Affiliated Hospitals in Dayton, Oh. and a fellowship in general internal medicine at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. He provided primary care and served as medical director for community health centers in Dayton and in the Community Oriented Primary Care Program at Parkland Memorial Hospital in his current hometown of Dallas, Texas. His experience in these settings, led to expertise in areas including disease prevention and health promotion, disparities in healthcare and outcomes, cultural competency of health care providers and systems and the impact of managed care on vulnerable populations. Dr. Brooks completed the Commonwealth Fund Fellowship in Minority Health Policy and earned a master’s degree in public health from the Harvard School of Public Health in 1999, and joined ACS after a one-year Senior Health Policy Internship in the Health Resources and Services Administration of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

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Melissa Buffalo is an enrolled member of the Meskwaki Nation in Iowa, and Dakota from the Crow Creek and Lower Brule Sioux Tribes with over 15 years of experience working in the public health sector in a variety of different roles. As the CEO for the American Indian Cancer Foundation (AICAF), Buffalo is committed to working with and for tribal communities, both urban and rural, supporting our Indigenous people with opportunities to heal emotionally, historically, spiritually, and physically from the burdens of cancer. She received her undergraduate degree in child psychology from the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities and earned a master's degree in human development from South Dakota State University.



EMILY BUTLER BELL, MPH

Emily Butler Bell is the co-director of the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable, a national coalition co-founded by the American Cancer Society and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In this role, she leads a number of projects that support the 80% in Every Community initiative, a movement uniting more than 1,800 organizations who are working toward the shared goal of reaching colorectal cancer screening rates of 80% and higher in communities across the nation. Prior to joining the Roundtable, Bell served as the Cancer Screening Quality Improvement Consultant for the Washington State Department of Health, where she designed their approach and curriculum to coach primary care clinics and health systems on quality improvement strategies to increase colorectal cancer screening. She holds a master's degree in public health from Boston University and a bachelor of arts in psychology from the University of California, Santa Cruz. She lives in Salem, Massachusetts.



WILLIAM BURNS

William 'Tony' Burns is a health educator and cancer survivor. He serves on the George Washington University Community Advisory Board as an advisor on cancer projects and initiatives, as well as part of other groups and organizations in the DC community.



CHRISTOPHER V. CHAMBERS, M.D.

Dr. Christopher Chambers is Professor and Director for Clinical Trials in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at Sidney Kimmel Medical College, Thomas Jefferson University. He has studied primary care physicians' beliefs and attitudes about the increasing use of genomics in primary care and has over 10 years of experience working on vaccine clinical trials, specifically the HPV vaccine. He is currently working on an ongoing pilot study of primary care physicians and their patients regarding their knowledge, attitudes and beliefs about MCEs (multi cancer early detection diagnostic tests). Dr. Chambers received his doctor of medicine from Duke University School of Medicine, completed his residency at Thomas Jefferson University Hospitals and his fellowship at the University of California, Irvine, School of Medicine.

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He serves on the Board of the Health Care Cost Institute, Virginia Center for Health Innovation, Integra Connect, Upstream Care, International Digital Accountability Council and chairs the George Mason University Innovation Advisory Council. Chopra earned his master's in public policy from Harvard Kennedy School and bachelor of arts from Johns Hopkins University.



KATHERINE L. COOK, Ph.D.

Dr. Katherine Cook is an Associate Professor in the Department of Surgery at Wake Forest University School of Medicine in Winston-Salem, N.C. and has devoted her entire career to breast cancer research. She completed a postdoctoral research fellowship with Dr. Robert Clarke at Georgetown University and her graduate thesis, supported by the DOD BCRP Pre-doctoral Fellowship, investigated the role of angiotensin-(1-7) as a potential chemotherapeutic agent for breast cancer treatment. During her postdoctoral fellowship, she was awarded a DOD BCRP Postdoctoral Fellowship for her work investigating the role of GRP78 in mediating antiestrogen therapy resistance. Dr. Cook's current research program investigates molecular mechanisms of obesity-mediated breast cancer and dietary interactions influencing therapeutic responsiveness. She is focused on the impact of the microbiome on modulating inflammation and breast cancer risk. Dr. Cook is currently funded by the American Cancer Society, the Susan G. Komen Foundation, and the METAvivor foundation. She received her bachelor of science in biochemistry from the State University of New York at Oswego and her doctor of philosophy in molecular medicine and translational science from Wake Forest University School of Medicine.



SUSAN DENTZER, M.S.

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CHYKE DOUBENI, M.D., MPH

Dr. Chyke Doubeni is a practicing family physician and the inaugural director of the Mayo Clinic Center for Health Equity and Community Engagement Research and serves as an enterprise leader for advancing health equity in communities. He directs community engagement programs for the Mayo Clinic Cancer Center and Center for Clinical and Translational Science. Dr. Doubeni is a clinical epidemiologist who has led research at the interface of social inequities and care delivery. His research has shown how coordinated uniform delivery of evidence-based care across the care continuum can eliminate colorectal cancer health disparities. He served on U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, in which he chaired the Race and Racism Workgroup to transform the recommendation development process through a health equity framework. He is a recipient of the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers. Dr. Doubeni received his bachelor of medicine, bachelor of surgery (MBBS) from the College of Medicine, University of Lagos.

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MARY GEREND, Ph.D.

Dr. Mary Gerend is a tenured Associate Professor in the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Social Medicine at the Florida State University College of Medicine. She received her bachelor of arts in psychology from the University of Minnesota and her doctor of philosophy in psychology from Arizona State University. Dr. Gerend is a social health psychologist with research interests in cancer prevention, health messaging and health equity. One of her primary lines of research has investigated factors affecting people's decisions to receive (or have their children receive) a vaccine to prevent human papillomavirus (HPV), a sexually transmitted infection that can cause cancer. Her research has been funded by the National Cancer Institute and focuses on the development of interventions to increase HPV vaccination coverage, particularly among populations disproportionately affected by HPV-related cancers. Dr. Gerend served on the National HPV Vaccination Roundtable Best Practices Task Group from 2017-2021.



MICHAEL GIESKE, M.D.

Dr. Michael Gieske grew up down the street from St. Elizabeth Center, Edgewood, Ky. He has been especially excited to be part of the promotion and development of the region's largest Cancer Care Center, which is inevitably improving cancer care in the region and enriching the lives of patients and families in the community he grew up in, as well as an expanding St. Elizabeth's geographical footprint. Dr. Gieske graduated with his doctor of medicine degree from University of Louisville Medical College in 1984 then completed his Family Practice Residency at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Edgewood, Kentucky in 1987. He was appointed Director of Lung Cancer Screening in November 2019. Additionally, he is the Physician Director of Virtual Health Care. His interests include gardening, oil painting, kayaking, hiking, backpacking and travel, and spending time with his family, including his wife of 33 years and his 27- and 29-year-old daughters, and two grandchildren.



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Danielle Grimm is the Clinical Director of the OBGYN Department at The Dimock Center in Roxbury, Mass. where she practices as a Women's Health Nurse Practitioner. She received her master of science in nursing from Boston College and her master's degree in public health from Boston University. She also holds a bachelor of arts in neuroscience from Smith College. She is a former member of the executive board of Alpha Chi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) at Boston College and a previous STTI Maternal-Child Health Nurse Leadership Fellow. Her clinical and research interests include racial disparities in women's health, substance use disorder, substance use disorder in pregnancy and community health quality improvement.



BARBARA HARRISON, M.S., CGC

Barbara Harrison graduated with a bachelor's degree in biology from University of Maryland, College Park and received a master's degree in genetic counseling from University of Pittsburgh. She is certified by the American Board of Genetic Counselors and currently serves on its Board of Directors. She is an Assistant Professor at Howard University (HU) and teaches graduate students, medical students and medical residents across various specialties in the areas of genetics, genetic testing, genetic counseling and ethics. In addition to her academic duties, she provides genetic counseling services at Howard University Hospital for a variety of referral reasons, including cancer and prenatal. She is the Assistant Director for Community Outreach and Education for the HU Center for Sickle Cell Disease. Professionally, she serves on the All of Us Genetic Counseling Resource Advisory Board, the Alliance for Genetics and Genomics Diversity Advisory Group and several other advisory committees. In line with her passion to increase the diversity of genetic counselors, Harrison is a member of the Minority Genetics Professional Network, and co-founder of GOLDEN, the Genetics Opportunities, Learning, Development and Empowerment Network, which is dedicated to increasing the number of Black genetic counselors by raising awareness and mentoring prospective applicants. She was recently awarded the 2020 NSGC Natalie Weissberger Paul National Achievement Award, which is the National Society of Genetic Counselors' most distinguished honor. In the community, Harrison volunteers with the Sickle Cell Association of the National Capital Area and is an active member of Metropolitan Baptist Church in Largo, Md

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Nikki Hayes joined the Division of Cancer Prevention and Control (DCPC) in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP) in 2002. Hayes is currently the Chief of the Comprehensive Cancer Control Branch in CDC's Division of Cancer Prevention. She is responsible for the successful implementation of one of the agency's flagship, multi-million-dollar, cancer prevention and control programs, the National Comprehensive Cancer Control Program (NCCCP). She also manages several other programs that focus on improving the quality of life of cancer survivors, particularly young breast cancer survivors and metastatic breast cancer patients; and advancing commercial tobacco use prevention and cancer prevention in populations experiencing tobacco- and cancer-related health disparities. Before joining CDC, Hayes was a Biologist in the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), where she established and managed the Institute's DNA Sequencing Core Facility for more than 10 years.



JODY HOYOS, MHA

Jody Hoyos is President and Chief Operating Officer of the Prevent Cancer Foundation®, the only U.S.-based nonprofit organization solely dedicated to cancer prevention and early detection. Prior to joining the Foundation, Hoyos served as the Vice President of Membership and Operations at the Washington, D.C.-based Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN). AWHONN's mission is to improve and promote the health of women and newborns, and they strive to strengthen the nursing profession for 350,000 registered nurses working in women's health, obstetric and neonatal nursing nationwide.

With 25 years in the health care environment—including ten years in health care management consulting and 15 years in the nonprofit sector—Hoyos is a highly skilled executive leader. She previously held management consulting positions with Arthur Andersen, LLP as well as KPMG/Bearing Point. She has also worked as an associate at the Washington, D.C.-based Health Care Advisory Board. Throughout her career, Hoyos has developed the teams and infrastructure to create numerous programs and partnerships dedicated to improving health.

Hoyos earned a bachelor's of business administration degree from The George Washington University and a master's in healthcare administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



SHABNAM KAZMI

Shabnam Kazmi is a trusted leader in the pharmaceutical industry with over 30 years of experience and a track record of generating business value while improving the lives of patients with diseases of high unmet need such as oncology. Kazmi is currently the Chief Executive Officer of Asellus Ventures, a company investing in healthcare and providing global advisory services. Previously, Kazmi served as the Chief Business Officer at Shepherd Therapeutics in the field of rare cancer biotechnology innovation. She has also served in leadership roles at major pharmaceutical companies including Bristol-Myers Squibb, Sanofi and Otsuka, leading new product launches, licensing and business development, global business management and P&L responsibilities for over \$1B. Kazmi led joint ventures with American, European and Asian business partners, consistently delivering value by turning around businesses and building high performance teams. She has over 20 years of nonprofit board leadership and philanthropic service for which she has won multiple awards for her contributions. Kazmi is currently on the board of the Prevent Cancer Foundation®, where she serves on the Finance and Audit Committee. Kazmi has double bachelor's degrees in biochemistry and economics from Smith College and a master's in business administration from Harvard Business School.

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KAREN KELLY, M.D.

Dr. Karen Kelly is the CEO of the International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer (IASLC), the only global network dedicated to the study and eradication of lung cancer and other thoracic malignancies. She is an internationally recognized lung cancer expert dedicated to providing enhanced cancer care through cutting-edge clinical trials. Her research spans the spectrum of this disease from prevention to treatment. Dr. Kelly has been at the forefront in the development of numerous clinical trials evaluating novel anticancer agents to treat lung cancer. She is a widely published author and frequent lecturer on lung cancer topics, nationally and internationally. Dr. Kelly is a long-standing active member of American Society of Clinical Oncology, IASLC and SWOG Cancer Research Network and served as the SWOG Lung Committee Chair from 2016 until 2022. Dr. Kelly earned her medical degree from the University of Kansas School of Medicine and completed a medicine residency and oncology fellowship at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center.



DORYS PERAZA LIZAMA

Dorys Peraza Lizama is the Clinic Coordinator at Catholic Charities Medical Clinic in Silver Spring, Md. For over 15 years, she has been assisting patients navigate a complex healthcare system as they overcome cultural, language and economic barriers. Lizama's main goals are to provide education and guide clients to promote health equity across vulnerable population. She has been instrumental in implementing numerous key programs including: Prevent Cancer Foundation's ¡Celebremos la vida! Program, University of Maryland Nutrition Program, Cancer Crusade Colonoscopy Program, Columbia Light House for the Blind diabetic eye exams, Georgetown University Motivational Interviewing for Diabetics, Cervical and Colon Cancer Screening Program, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Breast and Cervical Diagnosis and Treatment Program. While working closely in partnership with Primary Care Coalition, DCPCA, Doctors Community Hospital, George Washington Hospital Mammovan, Suburban Hospital Community Health and Wellness Department, Maryland Oncology-Hematology, and Washington Adventist HealthCare Imaging, she is able to successfully identify complex solutions to improve the health services needed by patients that visit the two Catholic Charities medical clinics in Maryland and Washington, D.C.



SANFORD MARKOWITZ, M.D., Ph.D.

Dr. Sanford Markowitz is the Markowitz-Ingalls Professor of Cancer Genetics and Distinguished University Professor at Case Western Reserve University and a medical oncologist at University Hospitals Seidman Cancer Center in Cleveland, Ohio. He is recognized for fundamental genetic studies in gastrointestinal cancers and development of molecular tests for early cancer detection. Dr. Markowitz is a founder of two biotechnology companies: Rodeo Therapeutics, that was acquired by Amgen in 2021, and Lucid Diagnostics, now publicly listed on the NASDAQ. His inventions include technology for stool DNA detection of colon cancer, licensed to Exact Sciences; small molecules for stimulating tissue regeneration, licensed to Rodeo Therapeutics/Amgen; and EsoCheck Device plus EsoGuard DNA diagnostic test combination for detecting esophageal neoplasia that has been commercialized by Lucid. Dr. Markowitz is an alumnus investigator of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and is the current Principal Investigator of the NCI - Case GI Cancers Specialized Program of Research Excellence. Dr. Markowitz's awards include being the recipient of an NCI Outstanding Investigator award, the Hamdan Prize for Medical Research Excellence, a "Top 10" Award from the Clinical Research Forum and a Scholar Innovator Award of the Harrington Discovery Institute. He has served on scientific advisory boards at numerous institutions including the National Cancer Institute, the National Colon Cancer Research Alliance, the Dana Farber/Harvard Cancer Center, the University of Pennsylvania Abramson Cancer Center and the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. Dr. Markowitz completed his doctor of medicine and doctor of philosophy degrees at Yale School of Medicine; internship and residency in internal medicine at University of Chicago; and medical oncology fellowship at the National Cancer Institute.

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MARY MARTIN, M.S., R.N.

Mary Martin entered healthcare as a pediatric oncology registered nurse. Today, she is Director of Marketing & Partnerships at ASCO's CancerLinQ helping them expand their mission through strategic collaborations. CancerLinQ's mission is to empower the oncology community with technology and real-world data to advance patient outcomes, accelerate research and improve the quality of care. Prior to CancerLinQ, Martin spent 14 years at Surescripts where she played a key role in creating the U.S market for electronic prescribing and solving the interoperability problem for medication management. She served in several roles while there including Strategic Alliances, Customer Success, Account Management and Sales Leader. In addition to her bachelor of science in nursing, Martin holds a master of science degree from University of Maryland specializing in nursing informatics. She lives and works in the Washington, D.C. area, where she recharges by exploring local culture, spending time with friends and walking in the woods with her husband and three dogs.



RONALD MYERS, DSW, Ph.D.

Dr. Ron Myers is a Professor and Director of the Division of Population Science and the Center for Health Decisions in the Department of Medical Oncology at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, Pa. His areas of expertise include patient adherence to cancer screening, follow-up of abnormal screening test results, tailored navigation, shared decision making and disparities in cancer care. Dr. Myers has led studies of patient decision making in genetic risk assessment, colorectal cancer screening, lung cancer screening, prostate cancer screening, lung cancer treatment and prostate cancer treatment. He is currently Co-PI on a Bristol Myers Squibb Foundation-funded implementation science project that aims to increase lung cancer screening in vulnerable populations, a Co-I on an NIH-funded study on shared decision making in lung cancer screening among primary care patients, and a Co-PI on an Exact Sciences-funded study of multi-cancer early detection (MCED) test use in primary care.



VERA NAVARRO, R.N.

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PATRICIA NEZ HENDERSON, M.D., MPH, (Diné/Navajo)

Dr. Patricia Nez Henderson, a citizen of the Navajo Nation, is a senior scientist for the Black Hills Center for American Indian Health, a health organization located in Rapid City, South Dakota. Dr. Nez Henderson received her bachelor of science degree in biochemistry from the University of Arizona and earned her doctor of medicine and master's in public health degrees from Yale University. As an Indigenous scientist, Dr. Nez Henderson's work has focused on incorporating Tribal values and customs (e.g., living in harmony as it pertains to smoke-free environment and the use of ceremonial tobacco) with Western knowledge (e.g., evidence-based protocols, technology, and science). With these unique skill sets, she has demonstrated a record of accomplished and productive research projects.

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ROBERTO NOVOA, M.D.

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MARY PASQUINELLI, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, CTTS

Dr. Mary Pasquinelli is a nurse practitioner specializing in lung cancer, lung cancer screening and pulmonary nodule management at the University of Illinois Hospital and Health Science System in Chicago (UI Health). She holds a doctor of nursing practice, a master of science degree with a Family Nurse Practitioner specialty, and a bachelor's degree in psychology. At UI Health, Dr. Pasquinelli developed and initiated the Lung Cancer Screening Program, improved navigation of newly diagnosed lung cancer patients into treatment and provides clinical care to patients with lung cancer. Her clinical research focus is on lung cancer health disparities and she works to decrease barriers of care to improve clinical outcomes. She regularly speaks on such topics of lung cancer and lung cancer screening at the state, national and international level. Dr. Pasquinelli serves as principal investigator or co-investigator on several grants and research protocols and she has authored several publications.



MANDI PRATT-CHAPMAN, Ph.D.

Dr. Mandi Pratt-Chapman is Associate Professor of Medicine for the GW School of Medicine and Health Sciences, Associate Professor of Prevention and Community Health for the GW Milken Institute School of Public Health, and Associate Center Director, Patient-Centered Initiatives and Health Equity for the GW Cancer Center. Her personal mission is to make evidence-based health care and disease prevention strategies available to more people as quickly as possible. Her research focuses on patient navigation, cancer survivorship, evidence-based cancer control, and health equity for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and intersex (LGBTQI) communities. Dr. Pratt-Chapman received her bachelor's degree from Georgetown University; master's degree from University of Maryland, College Park; and her doctor of philosophy in translational health sciences from the GW School of Medicine and Health Sciences.



ANNE ROSITCH, Ph.D.

Dr. Anne Rositch is an epidemiologist and implementation scientist, concentrating on cancer in women and global cancer disparities. Currently, Dr. Rositch is an Associate Professor in the Department of Epidemiology at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. For over 15 years, her research has focused on HPV and cervical cancer in HIV-positive individuals, aging women and in low-resource settings. It has spanned the translational spectrum from epidemiological studies to understand the natural history of the disease, to studying the effectiveness and implementation of cervical cancer prevention in low-resource settings. Her recent work is specifically focused on leveraging her training in Implementation Science and experience in global cancer research to implement novel multidisciplinary and multilevel approaches for cancer control in low-resource global settings. Dr. Rositch received her master's in public health and doctor of philosophy in epidemiology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and completed a post-doctoral fellowship in cancer epidemiology at Johns Hopkins.



MILA SALCEDO, M.D., Ph.D.

Dr. Mila Salcedo is an Instructor and Director of Training & Education programs for cervical cancer prevention in Mozambique, Texas and other low-resource settings at The Department of Gynecologic Oncology & Reproductive Medicine, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston/Texas. Dr. Salcedo is the co-Chair of Preinvasive Program at the International Gynecologic Cancer Society and the International Affairs Advisor for Teaching and Research at Santa Casa Hospital in Porto Alegre, Brazil. Dr. Salcedo served as an Associate Professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Federal University of Health Sciences of Porto Alegre (UFCSA)/Brazil, where she was the Director of the Gynecology and Obstetrics Department at UFCSA and the Chair and Director of Gynecology at Santa Casa de Misericórdia Hospital of Porto Alegre, Brazil. Her primary research interests are in HPV, cervical and vulvar cancer prevention, and lower genital tract disease, especially in low resource settings.

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BARBARA SCHULER, MPH

Barbara Schuler is the Founder/Executive Director of VAX 2 STOP CANCER, a non-profit with a mission to raise HPV vaccination rates. She is a cancer survivor and extremely passionate about raising HPV vaccination rates in Alabama. She obtained her master's in public health from the University of Alabama in Birmingham (UAB) and obtained a bachelor of science in education from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. Schuler has been in healthcare for over 15 years. Prior to forming a nonprofit, she was a director in the area of chronic disease management. She has worked closely with employers, health systems and physicians in a variety of public health-related projects.

Schuler serves on the UAB Center for Palliative and Supportive Care Advisory Board and represents VAX 2 STOP CANCER on the Alabama Adolescent and Adult Vaccination Task Force as a co-leader of the provider education program.



CHERIE SPENCER, M.S., MCHES

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