



**FOCUS ON GYNECOLOGIC
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Educational Conference
NINTH ANNUAL

Focus on Gynecologic Cancers

For Cancer of the Ovaries, Uterus and Cervix

Friday, April 3, 2009
8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Hilton Hotel | 4200 City Avenue | Philadelphia, PA



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Registration

To Register or for more information

800-789-PENN (7366)

or Register On-Line at

oncolink.org/conference/gyn

Registration Deadline: Monday, March 30, 2009

Conference is free of charge. No registration fee required.

\$20 Suggested donation (non-tax deductible) to support the Focus on Gynecologic Cancers Conference.

Cash, check or money order accepted the day of the conference.

Credit cards accepted with our on-line registration.

Hilton Hotel

Self-parking is available at the Hilton and will be validated.

For directions to the Hilton Hotel on City Avenue, call 215-879-4000.

If you need overnight accommodations call Randy Schaller at 215-879-3399.

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Agenda

CHECK IN

8:00 am

**Check-In and Sign up with An Expert
Continental Breakfast/Visit Exhibits**

WELCOME

8:45 am

Welcome

Stephen Rubin, MD, Conference Chair

Craig Thompson, MD, Director, Abramson Cancer Center

Joseph Carver, MD, Chief of Staff, Abramson Cancer Center

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

9:15 am

New

Latest Advancements

We are on the brink of possessing advanced technologies waiting to be adapted to benefit patients, while we continue to pioneer new treatments such as proton radiation, robotic surgery and targeted therapies. Our cancer experts will discuss current leading-edge technology as well as promising advances on the horizon.

Ovarian Cancer

Learn important information about ovarian cancer diagnosis, treatment, symptom management, risk factors and genetics. You'll also hear about the latest findings from our **Ovarian Cancer Research Center**.

Stephen Rubin, MD

George Coukos, MD, PhD

Christina Chu, MD

Jill Stopfer, MS, CGC

Uterine Cancer/Cervical Cancer

Learn the latest information on uterine and cervical cancer diagnosis, treatment, and symptom management; including managing the late-effects of cancer and its treatment.

Thomas Randall, MD

Lilie Lin, MD

Sarah Kim, MD

Rebecca Smith, MD

Ask the Experts

11:45 am–2:00 pm

New Talk One-on-One to our Cancer Experts

Time is limited! Please sign up at tables in the Registration Area!

TOPIC	EXPERT
Cancer Rehabilitation – Pain, Lymphedema and other symptoms	<i>Rebecca Smith, MD, MS</i>
Caregiver Issues	<i>Kelly Zapata, BSN, RN</i>
Clinical Trials	<i>Cathy Ybarra, BSN, RN</i>
Coping with Emotions	<i>Margaret Lazar, MS, MSW, LCSW JoAnn Hulnick, MEd</i>
Employment and Insurance Concerns	<i>Shelley Bain, Esq Greg Heller, Esq Rodney Warner, Esq</i>
Fertility Issues	<i>Clarissa Gracia, MD, MSCE</i>
Financial Assistance	<i>Mia Benson-Smith, MS</i>
Home Care and Hospice	<i>Joseph Straton, MD, MSCE</i>
Integrative Medicine • Acupuncture • Herbal, Vitamins and Supplements • Journaling • Reiki • Yoga & Meditation	<i>Jun Mao, MD, MSCE Karen Wagner MS, RD, LDN Janet Falon, MLA Kimberly Fleisher, RMT, MEd Fern Nibauer-Cohen</i>
Managing Physical Symptoms	<i>Nancy Gilinger, RN</i>
Managing Symptoms from Chemotherapy	<i>Maureen Bonnell, RN</i>
Managing Symptoms from Radiation Therapy	<i>Tammi Fisher, RN</i>
Nutrition	<i>Kathleen Gallagher RD, LDN Karen Wagner, MS, RD, LDN</i>
 Survivorship Care Plan	<i>Maggie Hampshire, RN, BSN, OCN Carolyn Vachani, MSN, RN, AOCN</i>
Pelvic Floor Rehabilitation	<i>Andrea Richtel Branas, MSE, MPT</i>
Sexuality, Intimacy and Fertility	<i>Helen Coons, PhD</i>
Your Medications • Chemotherapy • Prescription Medications • Over the Counter Drugs	<i>Jennifer Davis, PharmD, BCOP</i>

Agenda *continued*

LUNCH

12:00 pm

Lunch/ Visit Exhibits/ Ask the Experts

FROM PATIENT TO SURVIVOR

2:00 pm

New From Cancer Patient to Cancer Survivor:

Making the Transition

Linda Jacobs, RN, PhD

Maggie Hampshire, RN, BSN, OCN

CLOSING

3:00 pm

Closing

Conference Chair

Stephen Rubin, MD

*Professor, Obstetrics and Gynecology (Gynecologic Oncology)
Chief, Division of Gynecologic Oncology*

Faculty

from the Abramson Cancer Center

Mia Benson-Smith, MS
*Patient Support Specialist
Patient and Family Services*

Maureen Bonnell, RN
*Clinical Nurse
Gynecologic Oncology*

Andrea Richtel Branas, MSE, MPT
*Pelvic Floor Rehabilitation Team Leader
Rehabilitation Medicine
Penn Therapy and Fitness*

Joseph Carver, MD
*Professor, Medicine
Chief of Staff, Abramson Cancer Center
Senior Administrative Officer,
Abramson Family Cancer Research
Institute*

Christina Chu, MD
*Assistant Professor
Obstetrics and Gynecology
(Gynecologic Oncology)*

George Coukos, MD, PhD
*Associate Professor
Obstetrics and Gynecology
(Gynecologic Oncology)
Director, Center for Ovarian Cancer
Research*

Jennifer Davis, PharmD, BCOP
Oncology Pharmacist

Tammi Fisher, RN
*Oncology Nurse
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Kathleen Gallagher RD, LDN
Clinical Dietitian Specialist

Nancy Gilinger, RN
Chemotherapy Nurse

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Faculty *continued*

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The Jordan Center for Gynecologic Cancer at Penn

The Penn Difference

Innovative Research...

Advanced Medicine...Service Excellence

The Perelman Center for Advanced Medicine is home to the **Jordan Center for Gynecologic Cancer**. The Perelman Center unifies all of the services of the Abramson Cancer Center to provide an advanced level of collaboration among specialists, innovative treatments, and promising clinical care that will set the new standard for cancer care.

The Perelman Center is designed to speed diagnosis and treatment, enhance comfort and convenience, and is the conduit to revolutionize research and clinical trials, ensuring that the latest discovery is translated to better patient care immediately.

At the Jordan Center for Gynecologic Cancers you'll find:

- Nationally recognized experts with extensive experience in diagnosing and treating gynecologic cancer, as well as those at risk
- Multidisciplinary evaluation
- Advanced diagnostic testing, treatments and technologies
- Coordinated care throughout the experience
- Support services and education programs
- A reputation for sensitivity and responsiveness
- Personalized attention
- Innovative clinical trials
- The backing of a major research program with immediate translation to patient care

**Perelman Center for
Advanced Medicine**

About Penn's Gynecologic Cancer Program

What sets Penn's Gynecologic Cancer Program apart?

Our gynecologic cancer team has dedicated their clinical and research careers to improving our ability to diagnose and treat patients with gynecologic cancer and those at risk.

It is this relentless pursuit for the very best clinical outcome and quality of life that drives Penn's Gynecologic Cancer Program.

Penn's program is distinguished in a number of ways including:

Prominent Research

- Groundbreaking clinical and basic science research to develop new treatments for recurrent and advanced cancer as well as new approaches for cancer detection and prevention.
- Integration into a comprehensive research program in gynecologic cancer that is funded by the National Institutes of Health, ensuring that the latest discovery is translated to better patient care immediately.
- A **Center for Ovarian Cancer Research** – the first of its kind in the region.
- Actively involved in the **Gynecologic Oncology Group (GOG)**, a National Cancer Institute-funded National Cooperative Group testing new treatment approaches through clinical trials.

Innovative Treatments

- A national reputation for outstanding patient care and innovative treatment approaches unavailable at most hospitals or cancer centers.
- Gynecologic oncologists who work closely with other Penn specialists and your referring physician to provide you with comprehensive, integrated care.
- More full-time board certified gynecologic oncologists than any other hospital in the Philadelphia region.
- Gynecological oncologists who use surgical approaches that preserve reproductive organs and provide the best chance for a cure whenever possible.
- Robotic gynecologic surgery to treat cervical and uterine cancer. We perform more robotic gynecologic surgeries than any other program in the Philadelphia region.
- Advanced laparoscopic surgery to manage early stage cancers of the uterus, cervix and ovaries.
- Examination of the use of advanced laproscopic surgery in morbidly obese uterine cancer patients, an approach that has not traditionally been used.
- Advanced clinical treatments, such as intraperitoneal chemotherapy, which has shown to potentially increase survival for advanced ovarian cancer.
- The option of referral to Penn Fertility Care to discuss options related to fertility for patients who are still in their reproductive years and desire children.
- *U.S. News & World Report* consistently ranks Penn among the top in the nation for cancer and women's health.





Research - We are Hope

Penn's Abramson Cancer Center has one of the nation's leading programs dedicated to the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of gynecologic cancer.

Since Penn's discovery of the Philadelphia Chromosome, which revolutionized cancer treatment, we've had a history of groundbreaking research.

Currently, we are at the forefront of discoveries in a number of areas, all of which can make a difference to you and your family, both today and in the future.

Making History

- A pioneer in establishing and developing the subspecialty of gynecologic oncology.
- The first to discover that the presence of tumor infiltrating T-cells can predict an improvement in the outcome of patients with advanced ovarian cancer. This discovery marks the first time that researchers have found that a spontaneous immune response against cancer influences the course of the disease.
- Penn was home to Nobel laureate Harald zur Hausen, when he developed his theory that it was the human papilloma virus rather than the herpes virus that caused cervical cancer.
- Foremost ovarian and breast cancer genetics risk evaluation program in the country.

Shaping the Future of Cancer Care

- A dedicated gynecologic cancers research laboratory which is the only one of its kind in the Philadelphia region and one of only a handful in the country.
- Innovative clinical and basic science research to develop new treatments for recurrent and advanced gynecologic cancer as well as new approaches for cancer detection and prevention.
- Comprehensive research funded by the National Institutes of Health, ensuring the latest discovery is translated to better patient care immediately.

- An **Ovarian Cancer Research Center** - the first of its kind in the region led by George Coukos, MD, PhD.

The center is:

- Conducting a vaccine trial based on our finding that ovarian cancer responds to immunotherapy.
- Researching a blood test that would detect some ovarian cancers when the tumor is a size where it can be successfully treated.
- Studying additional therapies, such as whole tumor antigen vaccines, T-cell therapies and combination therapies. It is anticipated that immunotherapy in combination with surgery and chemotherapy may show promise in treating ovarian cancer.

About the Abramson Cancer Center

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The Abramson Cancer Center of the University of Pennsylvania is one of a select group of cancer centers in the country awarded the prestigious designation of Comprehensive Cancer Center by the National Cancer Institute. This status reflects our outstanding research, clinical services, education and information services, and community outreach.

The Cancer Center is comprised of over 400 doctors and scientists, all of whom are dedicated to increasing knowledge concerning the prevention and cure of cancer. Penn's Cancer Center offers multidisciplinary evaluations, so patients can receive diagnoses and treatment options quickly and easily, as well as comprehensive treatment services for all types of cancer.

As part of the University of Pennsylvania Health System, we are able to build upon the resources of one of the nation's foremost medical centers, enabling us to address all of our patients' medical needs. We are committed to treating each patient as our only patient, while pursuing our understanding of, and ability to fight cancer.

The Abramson Cancer Center's LivingWell After Cancer™ Program for adults and childhood cancer survivors is proud to be the only LIVESTRONG™ Survivorship Center of Excellence in the region. This designation, awarded by the Lance Armstrong Foundation, reflects our excellence in clinical care, research and education for adults and childhood cancer survivors.