

Focus On Lung Cancer & Related Disorders

Second Annual

EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

Abramson Cancer Center

Presented by:  Penn Medicine

8:00 am

Check In

Grand Salon

Ask the Experts Sign-up (Talk One-on-One or in a Group, Time is limited!)
Continental Breakfast/Visit Exhibits

Use the Expert's Appointment Card to keep track of your appointments.

8:30 am

Welcome

Grand Salon

Joel Cooper, MD, Conference Co-Chair
Corey Langer, MD, FACP, Conference Co-Chair
Ramesh Rengan, MD, PhD, Conference Co-Chair
Daniel Serman, MD, Conference Co-Chair
Joseph Carver, MD, Chief of Staff, Abramson Cancer Center

Lung Cancer Educational Grant Provider Award

Presented to Pfizer in recognition of their contribution to supporting patient education and the conduct of leading-edge lung cancer research.

Lung Cancer Advocacy Award

Presented to Grace Romeo for her outstanding dedication to improving the quality of life for lung cancer survivors.

9:00 am

GENERAL SESSION

Grand Salon

Lung Cancer and Related Disorders Research and Treatment: What's On the Horizon?

Joel Cooper, MD
Corey Langer, MD, FACP
Ramesh Rengan, MD, PhD
Daniel Serman, MD

Health Care Reform Briefing

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

News from Capitol Hill: Legislative Priorities for Lung Cancer

Laurie Fenton Ambrose, President & CEO, Lung Cancer Alliance

Speakers will take questions AFTER their presentations.
To ask your question, please step up to the nearest microphone stand.

Video and pictures from this conference will be available on PennMedicine.com/Abramson within two weeks.

10:00 am

BREAK/VISIT EXHIBITS

10:15 am

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Grand Salon

Unsure about which session to attend? Ask the Nurse at the Check-In Area

Choose One

For Those at Risk

Gladwyne

Anil Vachani, MD - Pulmonary

Joel Cooper, MD - Thoracic Surgery

Robert Schnoll, PhD - Tobacco Research

For Survivors of Lung Cancer and Related Disorders

Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer – Early Stage

Haverford

Morris Swartz, MD – Pulmonary

Taine Pechet, MD – Thoracic Surgery

Corey Langer, MD, FACP – Medical Oncology

Alexander Lin, MD – Radiation Oncology

Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer – Locally Advanced

Merion

Andrew Haas, MD, PhD – Pulmonary

John Kucharczuk, MD – Thoracic Surgery

Tracey Evans, MD – Medical Oncology

Ramesh Rengan, MD, PhD – Radiation Oncology

Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer – Advanced

Bala

Colin Gillespie, MD – Pulmonary

Jared Weiss, MD – Medical Oncology

Smith Apisarnthanarax, MD – Radiation Oncology

Joseph Straton, MD, MSCE – Symptom Management

Small Cell Lung Cancer

Bryn Mawr

Steven Albelda, MD – Pulmonary

Kenneth Algazy, MD – Medical Oncology

John Christodouleas, MD, MPH - Radiation Oncology

Mesothelioma and Related Disorders

Villanova

Daniel Serman, MD – Pulmonary

Joseph Friedberg, MD – Thoracic Surgery

James Stevenson, MD – Medical Oncology

Keith Cengel, MD, PhD – Radiation Oncology

12:00 pm

Lunch

** Vegetarian Option upon Request*

Upcoming Cancer Center Events

Tricia Bruning, Executive Director, Development

Hosts for Hospitals

Tammy Forstater, Outreach Coordinator

Grand Salon

12:30 pm

ASK THE EXPERTS

Time is limited! Please sign up at individual tables in the Check-In Area!

Grand Salon

SMALL GROUP	
<i>Topic</i>	<i>Expert</i>
Nutrition, Herbs & Vitamins	<i>Katrina Claghorn, MS, RD, CSO, LDN</i>

ONE-ON-ONE	
<i>Topic</i>	<i>Expert</i>
Cancer Rehabilitation	<i>Elizabeth Reimet, MD, PT</i>
Clinical Trials	<i>Patricia Madison, RN, BSN Melissa Culligan, RN, BSN, CCRC</i>
Coping with Emotions, Caregiver Issues or Living with Advanced Cancer	<i>Hope Kushner, MEd Kava Schafer, MDiv, MA</i>
Coping with Body Image and Sexuality Concerns	<i>Margaret Lazar, MS, MSW, LCSW</i>
Employment and Insurance Concerns	<i>Greg Heller, Esq Rodney Warner, Esq</i>
Financial Planning	<i>Andrew Cohen, AIF</i>
Giving Back	<i>Tricia Bruning Donna Griffith, CAVS</i>
Home Care and Symptom Management	<i>Joseph Straton, MD, MSCE</i>
Integrative Medicine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reiki • Yoga & Meditation 	<i>Kimberly Fleisher, RMT, MEd Fern Nibauer-Cohen</i>
Managing Symptoms from Chemotherapy	<i>Suzanne Walker, CRNP, MSN, AOCN Beth Eaby CRNP, OCN</i>
Managing Symptoms from Radiation Therapy	<i>Virginia Girard RN, BSN, CRN</i>
Managing Symptoms from Surgery	<i>Patricia Abbott, MHS, PA-C</i>
LIVESTRONG CARE PLAN <small>POWERED BY</small> Penn Medicine's OncoLink	<i>Carolyn Vachani, MSN, RN, AOCN</i>
Smoking Cessation and Environmental Issues	<i>Robert Schnoll, PhD Andrew Strasser, PhD</i>
YOUR MEDICATIONS Chemotherapy, Prescriptions, Over the Counter Drugs	<i>Jennifer Davis, Pharm D, BCOP</i>

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Please Visit our Exhibitors

Penn's Abramson Cancer Center

• ***Cancer Education***

• ***Development***

Hosts for Hospitals

Lindi Skin

PA Lung Cancer Partnership

Penn Home Care and Hospice

Penn Therapy and Fitness/Good Shepherd

Pfizer

The Wellness Community of Philadelphia

2:00 pm

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Choose One

For Those at Risk

Merion

Coping When You Are at Risk

Margaret Lazar, MS, MSW, LCSW

For Survivors

Grand Salon

Survivor Stories: Personal Insights from Lung Cancer Survivors

Beth Eaby CRNP, OCN - Facilitator

3:00 pm

Closing

Evaluations

*At the end of the day, please return your evaluation to the registration table.
Your feedback is very important to us!*

FREE

Massage & Reiki

During the conference our integrative therapy providers will be available to provide massage and Reiki.

You can find their table in the back of the Main Room, stop by to sign up for a **FREE** session.

Kimberly Fleisher, RMT, MEd - Reiki Master

Michael Murphy, CMT, RMT- Massage Therapist & Reiki Master

INTEGRATIVE MEDICINE PROVIDERS

Kimberly Fleisher, MEd, RMT is the founder and director of The Reiki School and Clinic in Philadelphia. She has been practicing Reiki for 14 years and running the school for 10. Kim specializes in Reiki education, particularly in the healthcare field. She is part of the collaborative group creating a Reiki volunteer program for The Abramson Cancer Center, and is a member of The Integrated Oncology Working Group at HUP.

Michael Murphy CMT, RMT is a certified massage therapist and Reiki master teacher on the staff of The Reiki School and Clinic of Philadelphia. He has been doing bodywork since 2004. In addition to his professional practice, Michael uses his talents and abilities to help raise awareness and funds for local causes, and he volunteers his time to those who encounter financial hardship and are can use therapeutic care.

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Thank you.

Conference Faculty from the Abramson Cancer Center

CONFERENCE CO-CHAIRS

Joel Cooper, MD, FACS, FRCPS is professor of Medicine and Chief, Division of Thoracic Surgery, Penn Medicine. Nearly a quarter-century ago, Dr. Cooper accomplished a fascinating step forward in the world of medicine - he became the first surgeon in the world to successfully complete a lung transplant. Cooper is now a renowned lung surgeon around the world, known for his pioneering techniques and progress in the treatment of lung disease. Dr Cooper received his AB from Harvard College and his MD from Harvard Medical School. His surgical training was at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston and he was the Chief Thoracic Surgery at the University of Toronto from 1978-1988. Before coming to Penn in 2005, Dr Cooper was the Evarts P. Graham Professor and Chief of Cardiothoracic Surgery at Washington University School of Medicine.

Corey Langer, MD, FACP is the Director of Thoracic Oncology at the Abramson Cancer Center and Professor of Medicine in the Department of Hematology-Oncology at the University of Pennsylvania. He graduated from the Boston University School of Medicine in 1981, and completed his residency and oncology fellowship in the Delaware Valley. Dr. Langer was previously Medical Director of Thoracic Oncology at Fox Chase Cancer Center, where he worked for 21 years. His primary focus centers on combined modality therapy in locally advanced NSCLC; the emerging role of systemic treatment in the elderly and in those with functional compromise; and individualizing treatment based on clinical and pathologic features.

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Ramesh Rengan, MD, PhD is Assistant Professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology (appointment 2006). He is board certified. Dr. Rengan leads the thoracic radiation oncology service. Dr. Rengan's recent research focuses on dose-limiting toxicity in patients with non-small cell lung cancer and seeks to shed light on a poorly understood, and often untreated, complication of definitive radiotherapy. He leads the bioinformatics task force in Radiation Oncology as well as the thoracic proton beam and stereotactic radiosurgery initiative. He earned a B.Sc. in Biology and an M.S. in Biological Chemistry from the University of Michigan. His MD and PhD were also earned at Michigan in 2001. He completed his residency in Radiation Oncology at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in 2006.

Daniel Sterman, MD is currently Associate Professor of Medicine and Associate Professor of Medicine in Surgery, and the Director of the PENN Interventional Pulmonology Program and Clinical Director of the Thoracic Oncology Gene Therapy Program of the Center for Lung Cancer and Related Disorders of the University of Pennsylvania. His clinical interests are related to the treatment of thoracic malignancies, specifically as they apply to the synergy of molecular medicine and novel technologies in Interventional Pulmonology. His research interests are in the translation of laboratory discoveries from the bench to the bedside: conducting human clinical trials of gene therapy and vaccine therapy for lung cancer, mesothelioma, and other pleural malignancies. Dr. Sterman is the lead clinical investigators in the multidisciplinary Thoracic Oncology Research Group at Penn and has been the Principal Investigator of Project 1 (Clinical Trials Project) for this NCI Program Project Grant since 1998. He is currently the sponsor and Principal Investigator of the ongoing Ad.IFN-beta gene therapy trial aimed at cancer patients with mesothelioma and metastatic pleural disease. More recently, in collaboration with other members of the clinical trials group from the Thoracic Oncology Research Laboratory, composed of members from Pulmonary Medicine, Medical Oncology, and Thoracic Surgery, Dr. Sterman is conducting a series of trials focused on the concept of genetic immunotherapy for thoracic malignancies (bronchogenic, carcinoma, mesothelioma, metastatic pleural disease). The hallmark of this program is our ongoing Phase I clinical trial of intrapleural adenovirus mediated human interferon gene transfer for patients with pleural malignancies. Dr. Sterman has also been involved in pioneering clinical research projects aimed at developing advanced bronchoscopic techniques to treat diseases such as tracheomalacia, severe asthma, and emphysema.

SPEAKERS & EXPERTS FROM THE ABRAMSON CANCER CENTER

Patricia Abbott, MHS, PA-C, is a Physician's Assistant in the Department of Surgery. Ms. Abbott graduated from Immaculata College and received masters and physician assistant degrees from Duke University. She has specialized in thoracic surgery/oncology for 25 years.

Steven Albelda, MD is a Professor of Pulmonary, Allergy, and Critical Care Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania Medical Center. He received his MD, residency, and fellowship training at PENN. Dr. Albelda heads the Thoracic Oncology Research Lab which focuses on translational research relating to mesothelioma and lung cancer. He has conceived of and implemented (in collaboration with Drs. Daniel Sterman, Anil Vachani, and Andrew Haas) a number of clinical trials using gene therapy and immunotherapy. He is also working with Drs. Langer and Stevenson on projects relating to personalized medicine and treatment for small cell lung cancer.

Kenneth Algazy, MD is Clinical Professor of Medicine at Penn Medicine. He is the Chief of Hematology & Medical Oncology at the Philadelphia Veterans Medical Center. He specializes in head & neck cancer, lung cancer and benign as well as malignant hematology.

Smith Apisarnthanarax, MD is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology at Penn Medicine. Dr. Apisarnthanarax completed his residency training at the University of North Carolina. His clinical focus is in the interdisciplinary management of patients with lung and gastrointestinal cancers. Dr. Apisarnthanarax's research interests are in novel imaging to assess treatment response and in combining radiation with biologic agents.

Joseph Carver, MD is the Chief of Staff of the Abramson Cancer Center and the Chief Operating Officer of the Abramson Family Cancer Research Institute, the basic science arm of the Abramson Cancer Center of the University of Pennsylvania. He is a Board Certified cardiologist and serves as a Clinical Professor in the Division of Cardiology at the University of Pennsylvania. His clinical practice is in the subspecialty of Oncologic Cardiology. Dr. Carver is the Founding Editor of the American Journal of Managed Care and was a Senior Corporate Medical Director at Aetna U.S. Healthcare from 1992-2001 where he was responsible for new program development and directed the National Medical Excellence Program. From 1999-2001, he was Co-chairperson of the New Jersey and Michigan Working Groups that established voluntary agreements among the insurers in those states to cover the routine costs of clinical trial participation for cancer patients.

Keith Cengel, MD, PhD is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology. He also serves as the Director for the Photodynamic Therapy Program and Associate Director for the Center for Acute Radiation Research. Dr. Cengel's clinical and research interests focus on treatment of mesothelioma and sarcoma and other cancers that spread along the pleural and peritoneal surfaces. Dr. Cengel's basic science laboratory efforts currently center on investigating and modifying the relative toxicity of ionizing radiation and photodynamic therapy on normal human tissues versus cancer tissues.

Katrina Claghorn, MS, RD, CSO, LDN is a Registered Dietitian at the Abramson Cancer Center. Katrina has specialized in oncology nutrition since 1995. In 1999, she joined the Abramson Cancer Center where she counsels patients receiving radiation and

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chemotherapies. Her practice also includes counseling on cancer prevention nutrition, complementary and alternative nutritional therapies, and weight management.

John Christodouleas, MD, MPH is an Assistant Professor of Radiation Oncology at Penn's Abramson Cancer Center. Dr. Christodouleas received his undergraduate degree from Swarthmore College. He attended medical school at the Tufts University School of Medicine where he graduated with a combined medical doctorate and masters of public health. Dr. Christodouleas completed his internship training also at Tufts University School of Medicine and then specialty training in radiation oncology at the Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Melissa Culligan, RN, BSN, CCRC has worked as a Thoracic Surgery Nurse for over 22 years and has worked in Thoracic Oncology Research for the past 12 years. She currently works in the Division of Thoracic Surgery at Penn-Presbyterian Medical Center as a Thoracic Surgery Clinical Practice Nurse and the Pleural Malignancy Nurse Coordinator for the Penn Pleural Disease Program. She has a special interest in the areas of mesothelioma and advanced stage lung cancer and is currently enrolled in Drexel University's School of Medicine's Master's Program in Clinical Research Organization and Management.

Jennifer Davis, PharmD, BCOP is a clinical oncology pharmacy specialist at the Penn Medicine. Dr. Davis received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree at Butler University and completed an oncology pharmacy residency program and Virginia Commonwealth University. She currently practices at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania on the oncology inpatient services.

Beth Eaby, CRNP, OCN is a medical oncology nurse practitioner specializing in thoracic malignancies. She received her undergraduate and graduate nursing degrees at Temple University. She works in a collaborative practice with Dr. Tracey Evans at the Abramson Cancer Center.

Tracey Evans, MD is Assistant Professor of Medicine at the Abramson Cancer Center. She trained in oncology at the Dana-Farber/Partners Cancer Care Center in Boston, and has been at the University of Pennsylvania since completing her fellowship in medical oncology. Her interests include targeted therapies in thoracic malignancies, interdisciplinary care, and symptom management.

Joseph Friedberg, MD is Associate Professor, Surgery; Chief of Thoracic Surgery at the Penn Medicine, Presbyterian. He is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and Harvard Medical School. He was trained in general surgery at the Massachusetts General Hospital, and is board certified in general surgery. He specialized in thoracic surgery at Brigham and Women's Hospital/Harvard Medical School, and is also board certified in Thoracic Surgery. He has a particular interest in diseases of the pleura, and has extensive experience with laser treatments and photodynamic therapy. He heads several investigational trials unique in the world to develop treatments for advanced cancers and malignant mesothelioma, including the development of a lung cancer vaccine.

Virginia Girard RN, BSN, CRN is a primary nurse in the radiation oncology department at the Perelman Center for Advanced Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania Health System. Ms. Girard received her undergraduate degree from Drexel University College of Health Professions and will be graduating with her graduate degree in contemporary faculty education from Drexel University of Health Professions spring of 2010.

Donna Griffith, CAVS is the Director of Volunteer Services at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and the Abramson Cancer Center. She is responsible for the management of over 700 volunteers and the oversight of Reception in the hospital and in the Perelman Center. She is committed to partnering with the Abramson Cancer Center to enhance patient services by utilizing the services contributed by volunteers.

Andrew Haas, MD, PhD, is Assistant Professor of Medicine in the Division of Pulmonary, Allergy and Critical Care, Section of Interventional Pulmonology and Thoracic Oncology. Dr. Haas performs advanced therapeutic and diagnostic bronchoscopy on patients with lung cancer or other cancers of the chest or lining of the chest wall. He practices in the Penn Lung Center and sees patients with lung cancer in an interdisciplinary fashion with thoracic surgery, medical oncology and radiation oncology. His research interest focuses on novel treatments to stimulate the immune system to help in cancer treatment.

John Kucharczuk, MD completed medical school, a general surgery residency and his thoracic surgical training at the University of Pennsylvania. He also completed a basic science fellowship in the Thoracic Oncology Laboratory focusing on novel treatments for lung cancer and mesothelioma. Dr. Kucharczuk is certified by the American Board of Surgery, the American Board of Thoracic Surgery and is a Fellow in the American College of Surgeons. Dr. Kucharczuk remains an active participant in the research program and is the primary investigator on a number of clinical trials for the evaluation of adjuvant therapies for lung. His primary focus is on the management and surgical treatment of locally advanced lung cancer. He performs a high volume of open and minimally invasive thoracic surgical procedures.

Hope Kushner, MEd is a Patient Support Specialist with the Patient and Family Services Department. She has been working with the Lung Cancer population for 3 years. Prior to working at HUP she worked at MossRehab Hospital for 17 years where she assisted people

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with Traumatic Brain Injuries re-enter the community and return to school and work. Ms. Kushner received both her undergraduate and Master's degrees from Penn State University.

Margaret Lazar, MS, MSW, LCSW is the Administrative Director of Patient and Family Services at the Abramson Cancer Center and a licensed social worker. Margaret has provided psychotherapy to patients and family members at the Cancer Center for over thirteen years. She has worked in a variety of treatment settings, providing individual, couple and group therapy for people with both psychiatric and medical illness and has worked at the University of Pennsylvania Health System since 1989.

Alexander Lin, MD is Assistant Professor of Radiation Oncology at the Penn Medicine. Dr. Lin received his undergraduate degree from Yale University, and his medical degree from the University of Michigan. His focus is on the interdisciplinary management of patients with lung cancer, and his research interests include novel methods of radiation delivery, as well as combined modality lung cancer therapy.

Patricia Madison RN, BSN is a Clinical Research Nurse in the Clinical Research Unit at the Abramson Cancer Center. Ms. Madison received her undergraduate degree at the LaSalle University of Pennsylvania and is currently enrolled in the MBE program at the University of Pennsylvania. She currently practices with Dr. Corey Langer screening and enrolling patients for clinical trials.

Fern Nibauer-Cohen is the Associate Director of Strategic Marketing Services at Penn Medicine. Prior to joining Penn in August 2008, Fern was the Senior Director of Physicians Services at Fox Chase Cancer Center for 18 years. She completed her yoga teacher's training certification at Yoga on Main in Manayunk in 2003 and completed a specialty certification in teaching yoga to cancer patients from the Integral Yoga Institute in Virginia in 2006. She is currently structuring a yoga program for cancer patients at the Abramson Cancer Center.

Taine Pechet, MD is Assistant Professor of Surgery at the University of Pennsylvania and is Vice Chief of Surgery at Penn Presbyterian Medical Center. He trained in Boston and St. Louis prior to moving to Philadelphia. Dr. Pechet is a Thoracic surgeon, and focuses his cancer care on chest malignancies, particularly lung and esophageal cancer. He has a particular interest in minimally invasive approaches to surgery.

Elizabeth Reimet, MD, PT is Assistant Professor of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and the Director of the Cancer Rehabilitation Program at the Abramson Cancer Center. Dr. Reimet received her undergraduate degree in physical therapy from Boston University, she is Board Certified in Internal Medicine, and she completed a Cancer Rehabilitation Fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania. Her clinical areas of interest and expertise include cancer fatigue, chemotherapy induced peripheral neuropathy, and cancer related lymphedema.

Robert Schnoll, PhD is Associate Professor at the Transdisciplinary Tobacco Use Research Center in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Schnoll directs an independent and collaborative research program designed to evaluate methods for improving treatments for tobacco dependence. Dr. Schnoll completed a post-doctoral fellowship in Cancer Prevention and Control at Fox Chase Cancer Center and remained there as a faculty member in the Division of Population Science until September, 2005, when he moved to his current position at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Schnoll's research focuses on the study of new methods for treating tobacco dependence, the examination of novel ways to use existing treatments for tobacco dependence to improve their efficacy, and the study of methodological issues relevant to smoking cessation clinical trials.

Kava Schafer, MDiv, MA is staff oncology chaplain and bone marrow transplant chaplain at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. Kava received her MDiv is from Harvard Divinity School. Holding a graduate degree in Holistic Spirituality and certified as a spiritual director, she incorporates holistic strategies in her accompaniment of people living with cancer. Chaplain Schafer is also a Reiki master. She has written numerous articles on the role of spirituality, healing and the cancer experience.

James Stevenson, MD is Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine at Penn's Abramson Cancer Center and is the Director of Thoracic Oncology at Penn Presbyterian Medical Center. He received his B.A. from the University of Notre Dame and M.D. from Jefferson Medical College. Dr. Stevenson's research interests include the investigation of novel therapies and biomarkers for lung cancer and malignant mesothelioma.

Andrew Strasser, PhD is Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Pennsylvania. He completed his doctoral degree in August 2002 in Biobehavioral Health at Penn State University followed by a training fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania Transdisciplinary Tobacco Use Research Center (TTURC). Dr. Strasser's research interests include behavioral variations and individual differences in cigarette smoking. His focus is on investigating the effect smoking behavior and topography have on biomarkers of exposure. Dr. Strasser's current research includes examining how smokers use potential reduced exposure products and if compensatory smoking of these products relates to increases in carcinogen exposure.

Joseph Straton, MD, MSCE is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Family Medicine and Community Health at the University of Pennsylvania and is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Anesthesiology and Critical Care. He is the Associate Director of the

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department's research-focused Faculty Development Fellowship program. He is actively engaged in research, clinical, and educational initiatives at the University and the health system that focus on improving symptom management and end-of-life care for people with advanced disease. Dr. Straton is the President of the Board of Directors for the American Cancer Society's Southeast Region of the Pennsylvania Division.

Morris Swartz, MD is a Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine in the Pulmonary and Critical Care Division. He is an esteemed clinician with 25 years of practice experience and a special interest in lung cancer diagnosis.

Anil Vachani, MD is Assistant Professor in the Pulmonary, Allergy, and Critical Care Division at the University of Pennsylvania. He practices at the Penn Lung Center. Dr. Vachani's clinical focus is the care of patients with lung cancer and mesothelioma. His research interests include the study of genetic risk factors for thoracic cancers and on the development of blood based tests for early detection of lung cancer and mesothelioma.

Carolyn Vachani, MSN, RN, AOCN is an oncology advanced practice nurse at the University of Pennsylvania's Abramson Cancer Center. She has worked in the areas of medical hematology and oncology, bone marrow transplant, clinical research, radiation therapy and staff development. In her current role, she serves as the nurse educator for OncoLink, the Abramson Cancer Center's award winning cancer information website. She serves as the project leader in the development and maintenance of the LIVESTRONG Care Plan and has a strong interest in oncology survivorship care.

Suzanne Walker, CRNP, MSN, AOCN is a nurse practitioner and coordinator for thoracic malignancies at Abramson Cancer Center at Penn-Presbyterian Medical Center. She is also a faculty member at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing. Ms. Walker obtained her undergraduate degree from Pennsylvania State University and her graduate degree from the University of Pennsylvania. She has been working with patients with thoracic malignancies for more than 10 years.

Jared Weiss, MD is a senior fellow in Medical Oncology at Penn's Abramson Cancer Center. He received his undergraduate degree from Brown University and medical degree from Yale University. Dr. Weiss completed his internal medicine residency at Harvard University's Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. He is actively involved in both clinical practice and research under the mentorship of Dr. Corey Langer. His research focuses on improving chemotherapy and outcomes for patients with lung cancer and cancer of the head and neck.

GUEST EXPERTS

Andrew Cohen, AIF is a Registered Principal and Financial Advisor with Vantage Point Financial Services, Inc, provides unbiased comprehensive financial advice and services to individuals, families, and small businesses. These services include financial and retirement planning, insurance (long-term care and life) analysis, mortgage and banking services and portfolio review. Andy serves as the President of the Marjorie B. Cohen Foundation, a Foundation dedicated to educating the public about cancer genetics since 2001 and serves as a member of the Abramson Cancer Center Director's Leadership Council.

Kimberly Fleisher, MEd, RMT is the founder and director of The Reiki School and Clinic in Philadelphia. She has been practicing Reiki for 14 years and running the school for 10. Kim specializes in Reiki education, particularly in the healthcare field. She is part of the collaborative group creating a Reiki volunteer program for The Abramson Cancer Center, and is a member of The Integrated Oncology Working Group at HUP.

Greg Heller, Esq is a trial attorney who practices in Philadelphia. He graduated from Williams College with a BA in physics in 1986 and graduated *cum laude* from the University of Michigan Law School in 1990. He practices with Young Ricchiuti Caldwell & Heller. He has considerable experience using the courts to hold insurance companies accountable for misconduct, and otherwise protecting the rights of patients, insureds, and their families. He serves on the board of the Legal Clinic for the Disabled. In addition to his work representing individuals, he is regularly called upon to advise patient advocacy groups about proposed health insurance legislation, at both the state and federal level.

Rodney Warner, Esq is the project attorney for the Law & Health Initiative for Cancer Survivors at the Legal Clinic for the Disabled, Inc., in Philadelphia which provides free legal services to those with physical disabilities in Philadelphia, Bucks, Montgomery, Delaware and Chester counties. Mr. Warner worked for the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities, where most of his time was spent investigating and mediating claims of employment discrimination. The Law & Health Initiative for Cancer Survivors is funded by a grant from the Lance Armstrong Foundation. Mr. Warner is a cancer survivor, having been treated for Hodgkin's lymphoma. He is an active volunteer at Gilda's Club Delaware Valley in Warminster.

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Lung Cancer, Mesothelioma & Related Disorders Treatment at the Abramson Cancer Center

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Important Facts about Penn's Lung Cancer Program

- Penn thoracic oncologists have developed new surgical procedures to treat previously inoperable lung cancer.
- Penn thoracic surgeons have led the way nationally in developing minimally invasive surgery that speeds recovery and have created surgical tools now used nationally.
- Penn radiation oncologists established current treatment standards for lung cancer.
- Penn has developed a treatment for mesothelioma based on work in the laboratory and continues to test its effectiveness through a National Cancer Institute grant.

Education and Supportive Care Services at the Abramson Cancer Center

Patient Support Specialists

Patient Support Specialists are available to support and assist cancer patients and their families throughout the cancer experience. They provide emotional support to patients and families as well as locate educational and community resources.

Nutrition Counseling

The Cancer Center's Dietitians assess individual nutritional status, review personal nutrition practices, provide advice on diet and nutrition therapies, and can provide education about herbs, cancer diets, and supplements.

Psychosocial Counseling

A diagnosis of cancer and its treatment can be stressful for both patients and their families. Cancer Counselors provide support, coping techniques and interventions to address personal and relationship issues during the cancer experience.

Integrative Medicine & Wellness

Our Cancer Center sponsors a range of services and educational workshops throughout the year that help patients and families cope with the cancer experience and improve their overall sense of well being. Examples include acupuncture and stress management.

Pain and Symptom Management

Our Penn pain and symptom management experts are experienced in helping people with cancer address problems such as pain, nausea and fatigue.

Rehabilitation

During the course of your care, Penn's Cancer Rehabilitation team is here to help your recovery if needed. The team is comprised of physiatrists and physical and occupational therapists that specialize in treating people with cancer.

Penn Home Care and Hospice Services

The University of Pennsylvania Health System has dedicated home care and hospice services available to all cancer patients should the need arise during your course of treatment

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