

Concurrent Sessions

- 10:30 – 12:30 PM The Latest Advancements in the Diagnosis and Treatment of Head and Neck Cancers**
Our experts will cover important information on the range of head and neck cancers, including thyroid, cranial base, mouth, throat, and voice box. Get the latest information on diagnosis, surgery, reconstruction, chemotherapy, radiation therapy, and clinical trials for your particular cancer.
- Mouth, Throat, Voice Box and Cranial Base Cancers** **Versailles/G. Salon**
Jason Newman, MD, FACS – Moderator
Bert O'Malley Jr., MD – Otorhinolaryngology
Gregory Weinstein, MD, FACS – Otorhinolaryngology
Duane Sewell, MD – Otorhinolaryngology
Laurie Loevner, MD – Radiology
Kendra Schaefer, DMD – Prosthodontics
Eric Sherman, MD – Medical Oncology
Harry Quon, MD – Radiation Oncology
- Thyroid Cancers** **Borghese Garden**
Ara Chalian, MD – Moderator
Zubair Baloch, MD - Pathology
Rachel Kelz, MD – Endocrine and Oncologic Surgery
Virgina Livolsi, MD – Pathology
Susan Mandel, MD, MPH – Endocrinology
Douglas Fraker, MD – Endocrine and Oncologic Surgery
James Kearney, MD, FACS – Otorhinolaryngology
- 12:30 – 1:30 PM Lunch** **Renaissance**
- General Session**
- 1:30 – 1:45 PM Upcoming Cancer Center Events** **Versailles/Grand Salon**
Tricia Bruning, Medical Center Development, Abramson Cancer Center
- 1:45 – 3:00 PM Case Conference** **Versailles/Grand Salon**
Learn how your team works together to present you with the best treatment options.
Jason Newman, MD, FACS – Moderator
Ara Chalian, MD – Moderator
Zubair Baloch, MD - Pathology
Katrina Claghorn, MS, RD, LDN – Nutrition Services
Patricia Dooley, MS, CCC-SLP – Speech Language Pathology

Douglas Fraker, MD – Endocrine and Oncologic Surgery
Sarah Kagan, PhD, RN – Nursing
Susan Mandel, MD, MPH – Endocrinology
Nina Mirarchi, BA – Patient and Family Services
Laurie Loevner, MD – Radiology
Bert O'Malley Jr., MD – Otorhinolaryngology
Harry Quon, MD – Radiation Oncology
Kendra Schaefer, DMD – Prosthodontics
L. Matthew Schwartz, MD – Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
Eric Sherman, MD – Medical Oncology
Erica Thaler, MD – Otorhinolaryngology
Gregory Weinstein, MD, FACS – Otorhinolaryngology

Concurrent Workshops

3:10 – 4:10 PM

Survivorship: Moving Toward Wellness

Effective symptom management can be the key to feeling better again. These workshops will provide valuable information on what you can do to manage and cope with the physical and emotional side effects of head and neck cancer and its treatment.

(please select one of the following workshops)

Speech, Swallowing, and Nutrition

Borghese Garden

For those with head and neck cancer, treatments can make speech and swallowing difficult. Problems with swallowing can also impact the ability to maintain a healthy weight and nutritional status. A speech therapist and a nutritionist, who specialize in cancer, will provide valuable information to help you manage and cope with these challenges.

Lauren Campe, MA, CCC-SLP

Katrina Claghorn, MS, RD, LDN

Patricia Dooley, MS, CCC-SLP

Pain Management and Rehabilitation

Versailles/Grand Salon

For those who experience pain, weakness, stiffness or other symptoms as a result of head and neck cancer and its treatment, there are ways to get relief. Our experts will discuss the latest advancements in managing pain and other symptoms such as swelling, tightness, dry mouth, neck and shoulder problems, and fatigue.

Dell Burkey, MD

L. Matthew Schwartz, MD

Coping with Body Image and Sexuality Concerns

Overbrook

The effects of head and neck cancer and its treatments can often affect one's sense of self and sexuality. Our experts will offer strategies to help you integrate altered appearance and function with your self-image and personal relationships.

Nicole Holland, MSN, CRNP
Ruth Steinman, MD
Stefanie Washburn, MSW, LSW

Survivor Issues: Surviving and Coping for Those with Mouth, Throat, and Voice Box Cancers **Bala**

For those who have completed their initial treatment, this session will provide information about follow-up care, lifestyle factors that affect head and neck cancer, managing any side effects that may remain, cancer recurrence, moving on and finding your new “normal.”

Gregory Garber, MSW, LSW
Michelle Macaluso, MSN, CRNP
Faith Mutale, MSN, CRNP

Thyroid Cancer Survivor Issues **Merion**

Whether you have recently started or completed thyroid cancer treatment, or are a long-time thyroid cancer survivor, you’ll benefit from the advice of our experts who will address your special concerns. Discussion topics will include thyroid hormone levels, healthy lifestyle strategies, and cancer recurrence.

Susan Mandel, MD, MPH
Janet Walsh, RN

4:10 PM

Closing

Questions?

If you have any questions regarding today’s information, please raise your hand and a microphone will be brought to you during the Question and Answer sessions.

Evaluations

At the end of the day, please return evaluations to the tables in your workshop or the Registration Table

Photographs will be taken during the conference for the Abramson Cancer Center Newsletter and website. If you do not want to be included, please let the photographer know.

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Grand Salon*

*Ellen Rotman - Reiki Master
Susan Budenstein - Massage Therapist*

*Conference Faculty from the Abramson Cancer Center
of the University of Pennsylvania*

Zubair Baloch, MD, PhD is Associate professor in the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine. His clinical expertise is in the diagnosis of thyroid cancer and head and neck cancers. Dr. Baloch completed his residency at the Hahnemann University of Philadelphia and had fellowships in Surgical Pathology at the University of Pennsylvania and the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. His research interest is in the role of various molecular markers (RET oncogene) and immunohistochemical markers in the cytologic and surgical pathology diagnosis of thyroid cancer.

Dell Burkey, MD is Clinical Associate Professor of Anesthesiology and Critical Care for the University of Pennsylvania. Following 20 years in private practice, Dr. Burkey has spent the past six years at the University of Pennsylvania. Over that time he has also served on various committees for the Philadelphia County Medical Society (PCMS) and the Pennsylvania Medical Society. He served as chairman of the Pennsylvania Medical Society's Political Action Committee. Dr. Burkey was elected to be the 145th president of the PCMS, one of the oldest medical societies in the state, boasting over 3,500 members, including residents and medical students. Dr. Dell Burkey received his medical degree from Temple University and completed his residency in anesthesia at Temple. He is board-certified in anesthesia and pain medicine and is also a licensed acupuncturist. His specialty areas are musculoskeletal pain and conditions amenable to acupuncture treatment.

Lauren Campe, MA, CCC/SLP is a Senior Speech-Language Pathologist in the Department of Otorhinolaryngology: Head and Neck Surgery Division and the Penn Center for Voice and Swallowing. She has four years of clinical experience diagnosing and treating adults with voice, speech, and swallowing disorders. Her clinical interests include speech and swallowing rehabilitation following head

and neck cancer, with particular emphasis on partial laryngectomy as well as tracheoesophageal speech production following laryngectomy.

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 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.

Ara Chalian MD, FACS is Associate Professor of Otorhinolaryngology: Head and Neck Surgery at the University of Pennsylvania, where has been on faculty since 1994. Dr. Chalian is nationally and internationally regarded for his surgical expertise in ablative and reconstructive head and neck oncology with particular focus on complex microvascular restorations in skin cancers of the head and neck as well as oropharyngeal and laryngeal cancers. His clinical research and program improvement work in safety and quality of care and administrative and clinical roles in surgical patient safety undergrid his clinical practice. Dr. Chalian extends this matrix of clinical and academic work with a particular focus on care of older adults and geriatric surgical management. He is the current chair of the American Academy of Otolaryngology Geriatric Otolaryngology Committee. Dr. Chalian has authored over 55 peer reviewed clinical and scientific papers and over 15 book chapters.

Katrina Claghorn, MS, RD, LDN is Advanced Practice Clinical Dietician Specialist 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 chemotherapies. Her practice also includes counseling on cancer prevention nutrition, complementary and alternative nutritional therapies, and weight management.

Patricia Dooley, MS, CCC-SLP is the Director of the Division of Speech Language Pathology in the Department of Otorhinolaryngology: Head and Neck Surgery at the University of Pennsylvania. She is a Clinical Specialist in the area of head and neck cancer, with 11 years experience in the diagnosis and rehabilitation of dysphagia, speech, and voice disorders. Her area of clinical interest is in the rehabilitation of dysphagia and voice after partial laryngectomy and chemoradiation therapies.

Douglas Fraker, MD is the Chief of the Division of Endocrine and Oncologic Surgery in the Department of Surgery at the University of Pennsylvania. He was a senior investigator at the National Cancer Institute. Dr. Fraker's research efforts have focused on regional perfusion to treat melanoma and soft tissue sarcomas of the extremities and metastatic tumors of the liver. His clinical practice deals primarily with surgical oncology (including melanoma, sarcoma, liver tumors and breast cancer) and endocrine surgery of the thyroid, parathyroid, adrenal and pancreas. Clinical research protocols include isolated limb perfusion for melanoma and sarcoma, intra arterial chemotherapy for liver tumors, photodynamic therapy for intra peritoneal disease, and lymph node mapping for melanoma and breast cancer. Research interests include mechanism of action of tumor necrosis factor, treatment strategy

targeting tumor angiogenesis, regional gene therapy, and photodynamic therapy. He was recognized in *Philadelphia Magazine's* May 2002 Top Docs issue and in *The Best Doctors in America 2002*.

Gregory Garber, MSW, LCSW is a Cancer Counselor at the Abramson Cancer Center. Greg has 18 years of experience in both cancer and non-cancer settings working with patients and families coping with chronic and acute illness. For the past 8 years he has worked as part of an innovative outpatient counseling service at the Abramson Cancer Center of the University of Pennsylvania during which he developed an interest in working with patients and families affected by cancers of the head and neck. He co-founded and has co-led the Head and Neck Cancer Support group at the Abramson Cancer Center. Greg has spoken both locally and nationally on a variety of cancer related topics and provides psychosocial consultation and training to physicians, nurses, and allied health professionals at the Abramson Cancer Center as well as other major cancer centers.

Nicole Holland, MSN, CRNP is an Advanced Practice Nurse in the Department of Otorhinolaryngology: Head and Neck Surgery at the University of Pennsylvania. She has worked as a staff nurse on the inpatient otorhinolaryngology floor for over 4 years, and has been a nurse practitioner in the Department for over two years. Nicole specializes in caring for patients in head and neck surgery.

Sarah Kagan, PhD, RN is Professor of Gerontological Nursing at Penn with appointments as Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and in the Department of Otorhinolaryngology: Head and Neck Surgery. Since arriving at the University of Pennsylvania in 1994, she has built a program of cross disciplinary, clinical scholarship aimed at understanding the needs and experiences of older adults who have cancer, particularly those who have head and neck cancer. This has resulted in two single authored books - the second forthcoming from Penn Press in 2008; more than a dozen book chapters; and some 35 peer reviewed papers. Dr. Kagan has held numerous visiting professorships at many notable institutions including the University of Washington, Harvard University and the Dana Farber Cancer Center, the University of Hong Kong, and the Karolinska Institute. She was named the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Fellow in 2003. Dr. Kagan is the second nurse and second gerontologist ever to be awarded a MacArthur Fellowship.

James Kearney, MD is Chief of the Department of Otorhinolaryngology at Pennsylvania Hospital. He completed his residency at Thomas Jefferson University in 1995, and joined the Penn Faculty in 1998. Dr. Kearney is also the Associate Program Director for the Penn Otorhinolaryngology Residency Program. His current research interests include the treatment of voice problems due to Parkinson's disease. He is a member of the American Board of Otolaryngology, the American Medical Association, the Philadelphia County Medical Society, the Delaware County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania Medical Society, and the American Academy of Otolaryngology.

Rachel Kelz, MD is Clinical Assistant Professor of Endocrine and Oncologic Surgery at the University of Pennsylvania. A board certified general surgeon, Dr. Kelz interests include minimally invasive adrenal surgery, parathyroid and thyroid surgery. In addition to endocrine surgery, she also has an interest in nutrition support and works with our clinical nutrition support services to provide optimal nutrition to hospitalized patients while providing surgical access for nutrition support when necessary. She is a member of the Society of American Gastrointestinal Endoscopic Surgeons and the American College of Endocrinology.

Virginia Livolsi, MD, FASCP is Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. She completed her medical degree and residency in pathology at Columbia University-College of Physicians and Surgeons. Dr. Livolsi also completed a fellowship in Surgical Pathology at Columbia University. She is an internationally renowned expert in thyroid pathology. Her research interests include tumor markers, growth factors, and receptors and oncogenes in thyroid neoplasms and their prognostic implications. Dr. Livolsi was recognized in *Philadelphia Magazine's* May 2005 Top Docs issue and by *Best Doctors in America 2005-2006*. She is the editor of various textbooks on surgical pathology, and is the Chair of the Pathology Panel of the Chernobyl Tissue Bank.

Laurie Loevner, MD, is Professor of Radiology at the University of Pennsylvania, and has joint appointments in the Departments of Otorhinolaryngology:Head and Neck Surgery, and Neurosurgery. Dr. Loevner received her medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, completed her residency in Diagnostic Radiology at the University of Michigan, and completed a 2 year fellowship in neuroradiology at the University of Pennsylvania, where she has been on faculty since then. Dr. Loevner is board certified in Diagnostic Radiology, and has subspecialty board certification in Neuroradiology. Her area of clinical and research interests for which she is nationally and internationally recognized is in head and neck diseases with a focus on head and neck cancers. Dr. Loevner's research interests evaluate applications of advanced anatomical and functional imaging techniques in diagnosing cancer, assessing tumor metabolism, and in assessing response to chemotherapy and irradiation. She was the recipient of RSNA Scholar Award for her work in head and neck cancer. Dr. Loevner is a member of and holds leadership positions in numerous professional societies, including the American Society of Head and Neck Radiology, the American Society of Neuroradiology, the Radiological Society of North America, the Eastern Neuroradiological Society, the American Roentgen Ray Society, and the International Society of Magnetic Resonance in Medicine. She is Past-President of the Eastern Neuroradiological Society, currently Treasurer of the American Society of Head and Neck Radiology, and President-elect for the American Society of Head and Neck Radiology in 2009-2010. She also Chairs the head and neck program for the Radiological Society of North America, and will Chair the neuroradiology scientific program for the American Roentgen Ray Society in 2008. Dr. Loevner has numerous peer-reviewed publications, book chapters, a "best-selling" book on brain imaging, and over 250 national and international invited lectures. Dr. Loevner was recognized in *Philadelphia Magazine's* May 2002 Top Docs issue and by *Best Doctors in America 2005-2006*.

Michelle Macaluso, MSN, CRNP is an Advanced Practice Nurse in the Department of Otorhinolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery at the Abramson Cancer Center of the University of Pennsylvania. She specializes in caring for patients with head and neck cancers.

Susan Mandel, M.D., M.P.H. is an Associate Professor of Medicine and Radiology at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, where she also directs the fellowship program in Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism. She serves as the Associate Chief for Clinical Affairs of the Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and is the Director of the Thyroid Nodule Clinic. She attended medical school at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University and completed her medical residency at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center in New York City. After finishing a fellowship in endocrinology at the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, she was a faculty member at the Brigham prior to moving to the University of Pennsylvania in 1997. At Penn, she founded the Thyroid Nodule Clinic, which she co-directs, where

over 500 patients with nodular thyroid disease are evaluated annually. She is a member of the Endocrine Society, the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologist, and the American Thyroid Association, where she has served on several committees in leadership positions. Her research interests include the use of sonography in the evaluation of patients with thyroid nodules, the novel introduction of I-123 imaging in differentiated thyroid cancer, and thyroid disease during pregnancy. She has authored papers in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, the *Annals of Internal Medicine*, *JAMA*, as well as publications in the endocrine and nuclear medicine journals. Most recently, she was a member of the American Thyroid Association task force that authored the most recent guidelines for the treatment of patients with thyroid nodules and thyroid cancer. She has been recognized both by *Philadelphia Magazine's* Top Doctors' issue and by *Best Doctors in America* for the last several years.

Nina Mirarchi, BA is a Social Work Intern in the Department of Patient and Family Services at the Abramson Cancer Center of the University of Pennsylvania. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Health and Societies from the University of Pennsylvania in May of 2006. She is currently pursuing two Master's degrees (a Master of Social Service as well as a Master of Law and Social Policy) at Bryn Mawr's Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research.

Faith Mutale, MSN, CRNP is an Advanced Practice Nurse in the Department of Hematology-Oncology at the Abramson Cancer Center of the University of Pennsylvania. She specializes in caring for patients with head and neck cancers.

Jason Newman, MD, FACS is Conference Chair and Assistant Professor of Otorhinolaryngology & Head and Neck Surgery at the University of Pennsylvania. After receiving his medical degree from Jefferson Medical College, Dr. Newman completed residencies in Otolaryngology at Manhattan Eye, Ear & Throat Hospital, New York Presbyterian Hospital, The University Hospital of Columbia and Cornell, and Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. Dr. Newman also completed a fellowship in Head and Neck Surgery/Oncology and Microvascular Surgery at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Newman is board certified in Otorhinolaryngology and holds membership in the American Academy of Otolaryngology. His areas of expertise include head and neck cancer surgery, anterior cranial base surgery, and thyroid surgery. Dr. Newman has special interest in minimally invasive surgery and endoscopic cranial base surgery.

Bert O'Malley, Jr., MD is Chair of the Department of Otorhinolaryngology and Co-Director of the Center for Head and Neck Cancer at the Abramson Cancer Center of the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. O'Malley is an accomplished surgeon, specializing in sinus surgery, removal of head and neck tumors, and skull base surgery. His current research examines the use of a gene transfer technique to make cancer cells more susceptible to chemotherapy and radiation. Dr. O'Malley is a member of numerous professional societies, including the American Academy of Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery, American Society for Gravitational and Space Biology, and the Maryland Society of Otolaryngology. He is a founding member of the Cell Transplant Society and a fellow in the International College of Surgeons, American College of Surgeons, and the American Head and Neck Society. Dr. O'Malley also serves as the Editor-in-Chief of an international journal, the *Journal for Oto-Rhino-Laryngology*. He has numerous peer-reviewed publications, book chapters, national and international presentations, and is the editor of a textbook entitled "Atlas of Skull Base Surgery". Dr. O'Malley was recognized in *Philadelphia Magazine's* May 2005, 2006 Top Docs and by *Best Doctors in America 2005-2006*.

Harry Quon, MD is Assistant Professor of Radiation Oncology, Director of Head and Neck Radiation Oncology, and Associate Director of the Center for Head and Neck Cancer at the Abramson Cancer Center of the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Quon specializes in the use of radiation therapy to treat head and neck malignancies.

Kendra Schaefer, DMD is Assistant Professor and Clinician Educator in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Division of Prosthodontics at the University of Pennsylvania. She focuses her research activities on "Quality of Life for Head and Neck Cancer Patients." In addition to her clinical teaching responsibilities, Dr. Schaefer is a PCU leader at Penn Dental Medicine and runs the externship program in prosthodontics at HUP. She maintains an active practice Maxillofacial Prosthodontics at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania.

Robert Schnoll, PhD is Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Pennsylvania and a member of the Abramson Cancer Center at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Schnoll directs a collaborative research program designed to evaluate treatments for tobacco dependence. In particular, Dr. Schnoll's research focuses on the study of new treatments for tobacco dependence, the examination of novel ways to use existing treatments for tobacco dependence to improve their efficacy, and the study of issues relevant to smoking cessation clinical trials. Current studies involve the evaluation of depressive symptoms as a moderator for response to bupropion among cancer patients who smoke; the evaluation of smoker characteristics as moderators of response to nicotine replacement therapies; the examination of psychological and genetic factors related to continued tobacco use among cancer patients; and the examination of novel medications for smoking cessation. Currently, Dr. Schnoll serves as an Associate Editor for Annals of Behavioral Medicine and as a member of the NCI Small Grants for Behavioral Research and Cancer Control review committee.

Matthew Schwartz, MD, FAAPM&R is Clinical Assistant Professor of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation in the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. He is board certified in Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation and Pain Medicine. Dr. Schwartz specializes in cancer rehabilitation, musculoskeletal medicine, and pain medicine. Prior to coming to Penn, he was Medical Director of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Fox Chase Cancer Center and Clinical Director of Cancer Rehabilitation at MossRehab Hospital. He is experienced in the diagnosis and management of various cancer related pain syndromes, including post-thoracotomy and post-axillary dissection pain, as well as functional impairments related to breast cancer, head and neck cancer, skeletal metastasis, and lymphedema. Dr. Schwartz integrates complementary and alternative medicine approaches into his practice.

Duane Sewell, MD is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Otorhinolaryngology at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Sewell is also Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Department of Microbiology, and Staff Surgeon at the VA Hospital. He received his medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania, completed his residency in otolaryngology at Johns Hopkins University, and also completed a fellowship at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. He has been on the Penn faculty since 2002. Dr. Sewell's clinical interest is Head and Neck Cancer, and his research interests include novel cancer vaccines and cancer immunotherapy. He is a member of the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, the American Association of Cancer Research, and the American Head and Neck Society. In 2003, Dr. Sewell was awarded the Percy Memorial Research Award by the American Academy of Otolaryngology.

Eric Sherman, MD is Assistant Professor of Hematology/Oncology at the Abramson Cancer Center of the University of Pennsylvania. He received his medical degree from Columbia University and did his residency in internal medicine at New York University/Bellevue. He completed a fellowship in Medical Oncology at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. Dr. Sherman's research interests include head and neck neoplasms and outcomes research.

Nancy L. Snyderman, MD is a Clinical Associate Professor in Penn's Department of Otorhinolaryngology: Head and Neck Surgery, with expertise in treating patients with head and neck cancers. Dr. Snyderman served as medical correspondent for ABC News from 1987–2002, contributing to *Prime Time Thursday*, *Good Morning America* and *20/20*. In 2006, she returned to television as *NBC News*' Chief Medical Editor. Since 2003, she has served as the Vice President, Consumer Education at Johnson & Johnson where she headed a new educational initiative, *Understanding Health*, which focused on educating and informing the public about health and medicine. Dr. Snyderman attended medical school at the University of Nebraska and continued with residencies in Pediatrics and Ear, Nose, and Throat Surgery at the University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Snyderman has had appointments at the University of California-San Francisco and California-Pacific Medical Center. Her medical work has been widely published in peer review medical journals and she is the recipient of numerous research grants from the American Cancer Society, the Kellogg Foundation, and the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery. As a medical correspondent, Dr. Snyderman has reported on wide-ranging medical topics affecting both men and women. She has traveled the world and has reported from Eastern and Western Europe, Saudi Arabia during the Persian Gulf War, Russia, Somalia, Kosovo, Pakistan and Afghanistan. Her *ABC News* one-hour specials on alcoholism, women and stress, men and women's brains, and aging have sparked national debates. In 2000, Dr. Snyderman co-founded Luminari, a health education company that incorporates leading experts in women's health. Luminari currently advises Fortune 500 companies on health care issues and contributes to a monthly column in Oprah Winfrey's magazine, *O*. Dr. Snyderman has received numerous awards for her broadcasting and is the author of three books: *Dr. Nancy Snyderman's Guide to Good Health for Women Over Forty*, *Necessary Journeys*, and *Girl in the Mirror: Mothers and Daughters in the Years of Adolescence*. She also writes a monthly column for *Good Housekeeping* magazine.

Ruth Steinman, MD is Clinical Associate Professor of Psychiatry at the Abramson Cancer Center of University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Steinman is board certified in adult and geriatric psychiatry. In private practice since 1991, Dr. Steinman specializes in the care of individuals with medical illness and its impact on emotional disturbance. Dr. Steinman combines individual psychotherapy with psychopharmacologic therapies in the care of her patients. She joined the cancer center's counseling service in 2005.

Erica Thaler, MD is Associate Professor of Otorhinolaryngology and the Chief of the Division of General Otolaryngology at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Thaler also serves as the Coordinator of the Clinical Research Division of the Department of Otolaryngology, and the Physician Lead of the Department of Otolaryngology, Radnor Office. Dr. Thaler received her AB from Princeton University and MD from Harvard Medical School. She completed residency in Otorhinolaryngology at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in 1995, and has been on the Penn faculty since then.

Janet Walsh, RN is a Clinical Nurse in the Department of Endocrinology at the University of Pennsylvania. She has worked in Endocrinology for over 6 years, and has specifically worked with Dr.

Mandel for five years. She received her nursing degree from Kings County Hospital Center School, and then spent two years in the Army Nurse Corps. Her vast nursing experience includes work in many nursing fields, such as critical care, emergency room, urology, student health, surgery, rehabilitation, burn unit, and air evacuations,. She served as head nurse in Labor & Delivery at Lourdes Perinatal Center.

Stefanie Washburn, MSW, LSW is a licensed social worker who joined the Abramson Cancer Center's Department of Patient and Family Services in 2003. The focus of her work as a Patient Services Coordinator is to serve as a consistent, reliable contact for patients and their family members throughout their diagnosis, treatment and follow-up care by addressing their needs for emotional support and resource information. Before coming to Penn, she practiced oncology social work for almost 10 years, in radiation oncology.

Gregory Weinstein, MD, FACS is the Founding Member and Co- Director of the Center for Head and Neck Cancer at the Abramson Cancer Center of University of Pennsylvania. He has an international reputation for expertise in organ preservation for cancers involving the voice box. Dr Weinstein was the first surgeon in the United States to perform the voice box preserving surgery, the Supracricoid Partial Laryngectomy, and has been the primary instructor of this procedure nationally. Dr Weinstein is the author of over 120 peer reviewed medical articles. His book entitled *Organ Preservation Surgery for Laryngeal Cancer* provides a guide for clinicians utilizing surgery to save the voice box. Between 1993 and 2006, Dr Weinstein has given over 55 invited lectures to institutions both nationally and internationally. Dr. Weinstein has expertise in the multidisciplinary management of head and neck cancers with special expertise in the management of thyroid, salivary gland, and minimally invasive surgical procedures for the management of head and neck cancers. Recently, Dr. Weinstein, working together with Bert W. O'Malley, Jr., M.D. at the University of Pennsylvania have developed Transoral Robotic Surgery (TORS), a surgical approach utilizing the da Vinci Surgical Robotic System to resect benign and malignant lesions from the oral cavity, pharynx and larynx.

Richard Weeder, MD, FACS is the Founder of the Aloha Cancer Education Institute and a prolific author of articles and books concerning medical and cancer education. Dr. Weeder received his medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1962. He completed an internship at the Germantown Hospital and his residency at Geisinger Medical Center, on the recommendation of I.S. Ravdin, MD. From 1969-2001, Dr. Weeder practiced at Hunterdon Medical Center of New Jersey as Director of General Surgery. He also taught students and residents from Rutgers Medical School. Dr. Weeder has written numerous articles on burn treatment (silicone immersion), gall bladder disease, gastrointestinal bleeding and cancer education. Dr. Weeder is the author of "Surgeon, the View From Behind the Mask," 1988 and 1991, and "The Key to Cancer," 2006. He is a member of the Hawaii Society of Clinical Oncologists, the Hawaii Consortium for Alternative and Complementary Medicine and the University of Hawaii Committee On Human Studies.

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