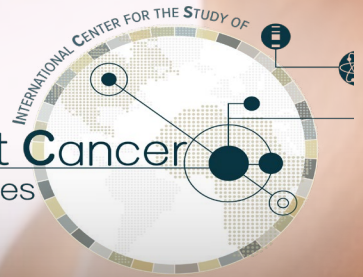




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Breast Cancer
Subtypes



INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF BREAST CANCER SUBTYPES (ICSBCS)
PRESENTS THE 10TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

Transforming Breast Cancer Care: Advancing Equity, Access, and Outcomes

Monday, November 9th & Tuesday, November 10th
Workshop Sessions at Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital

Wednesday, November 11th & Thursday, November 10th
Scientific Presentations at Lancaster Kumasi City Hotel

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM DAILY

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Dear Colleagues and Friends:

On behalf of the Weill Cornell Medicine (WCM) and Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital (KATH), we are honored and pleased to welcome you to the International Center for the Study of Breast Cancer Subtypes (ICSBCS) 10th Annual Symposium being held in Kumasi, Ghana.

The theme for our symposium is “Transforming Breast Cancer Care: Advancing Equity, Access, and Outcomes.” We aim to achieve this goal through robust multidisciplinary discussion and interaction, as well as through enhanced collaboration between the oncology professionals that are affiliated with the ICSBCS network. The mission of the ICSBCS is to reduce the global breast cancer burden through advances in research and delivery of care to diverse populations worldwide. Through research programs such as our “International Breast Registry,” the ICSBCS improves insights regarding the biology of breast cancers in diverse populations. Through educational projects such as our immunohistochemistry (IHC) training program and through clinical efforts such as our telemedicine tumor board conferences, the ICSBCS strengthens resources that are available for direct patient care.

We are profoundly grateful for the dedication and devotion that our colleagues have provided in order to make this dynamic symposium a reality. We would like to thank the leadership of the WCM, specifically Prof. Timothy Ryan Donahue, Surgeon-in-Chief, WCM Department of Surgery, and Dr. Paa Kwasi Baidoo CEO of Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital, for supporting this important international symposium and allowing us to coordinate its ambitious program content.

We are extremely excited about the presentations and workshop that will take place here in Kumasi over the next four days, and we enthusiastically look forward to the productivity of the enhanced multidisciplinary, international partnerships that will emerge as a consequence of the activities during our time together.

Yours sincerely,



Dr. Ernest K. Adjei
Co-Chair Planning Committee



Dr. Kofi K. Gyan
Co-Chair Planning Committee

DAYS ONE & TWO

Monday & Tuesday, November 9th & 10th, 2026

SYMPOSIUM WORKSHOPS

GENOMICS:

- Introduction to **R** for Bioscientists: From Laboratory to Biological Insight
- REDCap: Clinical Data Management
- Blood Processing
- Tissue Processing for Patient-Derived Organoids and T Cell Culture
- DNA/RNA Extraction from Saliva, Blood and FFPE Samples

SURGERY:

- Live Surgery Focusing on Mastectomy
- Axillary Node Dissection and Clearance
- Breast Conservation
- Breast Reconstruction
- Sentinel Lymph Node Dissection

PLASTIC SURGERY:

- Immediate Vs Delayed Post-Mastectomy Breast Reconstruction
- Pedicled Autologous Flap Reconstruction Techniques
- Implant Reconstruction Techniques

RADIOLOGY:

- Core Needle Biopsy Training
- Ultrasound-Guided Breast Biopsy Techniques
- Breast Imaging

PATHOLOGY:

- Interpretation of breast core biopsies
- Quality control in biopsy evaluation
- Uses of Cell Blocks for IHC
- Use of SLN & FNAC

Oncology:

- Current Trends in Management of Metastatic Triple Negative Breast Cancer

DAY THREE

Wednesday, November 11th, 2026

8:00 AM – 8:40 AM	Registration
8:45 AM – 8:55 AM	Introductions of Invited Dignitaries and Opening Ceremonies
8:55 AM – 9:00 AM	Welcome & Opening Remarks Prof. Lisa A. Newman, MD, MPH, FACS, FASCO, FWACS, FGCS <i>Weill Cornell Medicine – New York Presbyterian Hospital Network, Professor of Surgery Chief, Breast Surgery Section and Director, Interdisciplinary Breast Disease Prog. Founder and Executive Director, Int'l Ctr. for the Study of Breast Cancer Subtypes Adjunct Professor, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center</i>
9:00AM – 9:15 AM	Welcome & Opening Address Dr. Paa Kwasi Baidoo <i>Chief Executive Officer, Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital, Kumasi – GHANA</i>
9:15 AM – 9:30 AM	Address by Guest of Honor Mayor of Kumasi Hon. Richard Ofori Agyeman <i>Kumasi Metropolitan Assembly, Kumasi – GHANA</i>
9:30 AM – 9:45 AM	Address by Special Guest of Honor Ashanti Regional Director of Health Service Hon. Dr. Fred Adomako Boateng <i>Ghana Health Service, Kumasi – GHANA</i>
9:45 AM – 10:15 AM	Group Photograph

SYMPOSIUM PLENARY SESSION AND KEYNOTE ADDRESS

10:15 AM – 10:35 AM	Oncologic Anthropology: History of ICSBCS and Introduction of Keynote Speakers Prof. Lisa A. Newman, MD, MPH, FACS, FASCO, FWACS, FGCS <i>Weill Cornell Medicine – New York Presbyterian Hospital Network, Professor of Surgery Chief, Breast Surgery Section and Director, Interdisciplinary Breast Disease Prog. Founder and Executive Director, Int'l Ctr. for the Study of Breast Cancer Subtypes Adjunct Professor, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center</i>
10:35 AM – 11:05 AM	Race-Related Breast Cancer Disparities and the Immune Landscape Prof. Angela R. Omilian, PhD, MPH <i>Department of Cancer Prevention and Control, Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center Buffalo, New York – USA</i>
11:05 AM – 11:35 AM	Evolutionary Immunogenomics and Genetic Ancestry (via Zoom) Prof. Luis Barreiro, PhD <i>Professor of Medicine and Chair, Comm. on Genetics, Genomics & Systems Biology University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois – USA</i>
11:35 AM – 11:50 AM	Q&A

PUBLIC HEALTH EPIDEMIOLOGY & CAPACITY BUILDING

11:50 AM – 12:10 PM	State of Breast Cancer in Ghana & ICSBCS Country Opportunity Report Prof. Ishmael Kyei, MD, FWACS, FGCS <i>Assoc. Professor of Surgery – KNUST School of Medical Sciences, Directorate of Surgery Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital, Kumasi – GHANA</i>
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12:10 AM – 12:30 PM **State of Breast Cancer in Nigeria & ICSBCS Country Opportunity Report**
Prof. Emmanuel R. Ezeome, MD, MA, FWACS, FACS
*Professor of Surgery, University of Nigeria Teaching Hospital
University of Nigeria, Nsuka College of Medicine, Enugu, NIGERIA*

12:30 PM – 12:50 PM **State of Breast Cancer in Ethiopia & ICSBCS Country Opportunity Report**
Prof. Mahteme Bekele Muleta, MD
*Professor of Surgery and Director, Directorate of Research and Development
St. Paul's Hospital Millennium Medical College
Addis Ababa – ETHIOPIA*

12:50 PM – 2:10 PM **Lunch Break**

PUBLIC HEALTH, ADVOCACY & IMPLEMENTATION

2:10 PM – 2:30 PM **From Awareness to Access: Building a Patient Navigation Network for Breast Cancer Care in Ghana**
Ms. Isabella Naana Asante, RN, BSN, BEMBA
*Founder, Embrace Society
Founder & CEO, Isabella HealthCare Services Ltd., Accra – GHANA*

2:30 PM – 2:50 PM **Breast Cancer Patient Advocacy in the African American Community**
Ms. Karen E. Jackson
Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Sister Network Inc., Houston, Texas - USA

TRANSLATIONAL GENOMICS/PRECISION MEDICINE

2:50 PM – 3:10 PM **Application of Novel Research Technologies Understanding Breast Cancer Disparities (via zoom/pre-recorded)**
Dr. Shuibing Chen
*Department of Surgery, Weill Cornell Medicine
New York, NEW YORK – USA*

3:10 PM – 3:30 PM **Breast Cancer Genomic Research in Africa**
Dr. Yaw Bediako, PhD
Chief Executive Officer, Yemaachi Biotech, Accra – GHANA

PATHOLOGY

3:30 PM – 3:50 PM **Updates in the 6th Edition Classification of Breast Tumors- What's new with the World Health Organization**
Prof. Paula S. Ginter
*Professor of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine – Breast Pathology
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (formerly), New York, NEW YORK – USA*

3:50 PM – 4:10 PM **Capacity Building Breast Cancer Pathology and Research Programs in Africa**
Dr. Ernest Adjei
Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital, Department of Pathology, Kumasi – GHANA

PANEL DISCUSSION

4:10 PM – 5:00 PM **The Next 20 Years: What SHOULD ICSBCS BUILD TOGETHER**
*Prof. Lisa A. Newman – New York, USA
Prof. Emmanuel R. Ezeome – Enugu, Nigeria
Prof. Ishmael Kyei – Kumasi, Ghana
Prof. Mahteme Bekele Muleta – Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Prof. Godwin Ebughe – Calabar, Nigeria
Prof. Ernest Adjei- Kumasi, Ghana
Prof. Vivian Bea- New York, USA
Prof. Angela Omilian- Buffalo, USA
Prof. Bediako Yaw- Accra, Ghana
Prof. Paula Ginter- New York, USA
Prof. Luis Barreiro- Chicago, USA
Ms. Isabella Naana Asante- Accra, Ghana
Ms. Karen Jackson- Houston, Texas*

DAY FOUR

Thursday, November 12, 2026

8:00 AM – 8:55 AM

Registration Continues

8:55 AM – 9:00 AM

Welcome & Overview Remarks Day 1

From Capacity to Clinical Care: Framing Day Two

Prof. Lisa A. Newman, MD, MPH, FACS, FASCO, FWACS, FGCS

Weill Cornell Medicine – New York Presbyterian Hospital Network

Professor of Surgery and Chief, Breast Surgery Section and Director, Interdisciplinary Breast Disease Prog., Founder and Executive Director, Int'l Ctr. for the Study of Breast Cancer Subtypes

Adjunct Professor, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center

SYMPOSIUM PLENARY SESSION & KEYNOTE ADDRESS

9:00 AM – 9:30 AM

From Guidelines to Access: Policy Levers That Change Breast Cancer Outcomes

Dr. Baffour Awuah, MBChB, FCRADOnC (SA), FGCS, FWACS

Consultant Radiation/Clinical Oncologist

Visiting Consultant, Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital

Oncologist International Maritime Hospital, Tema – GHANA

BREAST IMAGING/RADIOLOGY

9:30 AM – 10:00 AM

Breast Imaging Across the Disease Continuum: High-Value Imaging in Resource-Limited Settings

Prof. Katerina Dodelzon, MD, FSBI

Associate Professor of Clinical Radiology

Weill Cornell Imaging – New York Presbyterian Hospital Network, New York, NEW YORK – USA

EARLY-STAGE BREAST CANCER

Case Vignette: Early-Stage Breast Cancer in a Resource-Limited Setting

10:00 AM – 10:35 AM

What is New in Early-Stage Breast Cancer: Medical Oncology

Prof. Haythem Y. Ali, MD

Henry Ford Cancer Institute/Wayne State University School of Medicine

Department of Medical Oncology, Detroit, MICHIGAN – USA

10:35 AM – 11:00 AM

What is New in Early-Stage Breast Surgery

Prof. Vivian J. Bea, MD, MBA, MS, FACS

Chief, Division of Breast Surgery, NewYork-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital

Weill Cornell Medicine/Weill Cornell Medical College of Cornell University, Brooklyn, NEW YORK – USA

11:00 AM – 11:30 AM

What is New in Early-Stage Breast Radiation Oncology

Prof. Eleanor M. Walker, MD

Director, Breast Radiation Oncology and Medical Director, HFHS Integrative Services

Henry Ford Cancer Institute/Dept. of Medicine Michigan State University

Department of Radiation Oncology, Detroit, MICHIGAN – USA

PANEL DISCUSSION

11:30 AM – 12:20 PM

Early-Stage Breast Cancer: Current Practice, Progress & Opportunities

Prof. Lisa A. Newman – Weill Cornell Medicine

Prof. Vivian J. Bea – Weill Cornell Medicine

Prof. Katarina Dodelzon – Weill Cornell Medicine

Prof. Emmanuel R. Ezeome – University of Nigeria Teaching Hospital

Prof. Ishmael Kyei – Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital

Prof. Mahteme Bekele Muleta – St. Paul's Hospital Millennium Medical College

Prof. Godwin Ebughe – University of Calabar Teaching Hospital

Prof. Haythem Y. Ali – Henry Ford Health

Prof. Eleanor Walker – Henry Ford Health

Prof. Katerina Dodelzon – Weill Cornell Imaging

LOCALLY ADVANCED AND METASTATIC BREAST CANCER

Case Vignette: Locally Advanced and Metastatic Breast Cancer in a Resource-Limited Setting

1:30 PM – 2:05 PM

What is New in Locally Advanced Breast Cancer: Medical Oncology

Prof. Evelyn (Toyin) Taiwo, MD

*Department of Hematology and Oncology, New York-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital
Weill Cornell Medicine/Weill Cornell Medical College of Cornell University
New York, NEW YORK – USA*

2:05 PM – 2:30 PM

Surgery After Neoadjuvant Therapy

Prof. Lisa A. Newman, MD, MPH, FACS, FASCO, FWACS, FGCS

*Weill Cornell Medicine – New York Presbyterian Hospital Network
Professor of Surgery and Chief, Breast Surgery Section and Director, Interdisciplinary Breast Disease Prog.
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Adjunct Professor, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center*

2:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Reconstruction After Locally Advanced Breast Cancer

Prof. Adeyiza O. Momoh, MD

*Professor of Plastic Surgery, University of Michigan Medical School/Michigan Medicine
Ann Arbor, MICHIGAN – USA*

3:00 PM – 3:40 PM

Radiation for Locally Advanced Breast Cancer

Prof. Eleanor M. Walker, MD

*Director, Breast Radiation Oncology and Medical Director, HFHS Integrative Services
Henry Ford Cancer Institute/ Dept. of Medicine Michigan State University
Department of Radiation Oncology
Detroit, MICHIGAN – USA*

PANEL DISCUSSION

3:40 PM – 4:40 PM

Locally Advanced and Metastatic Breast Cancer: Current Practice, Progress & Opportunities

*Prof. Lisa A. Newman – Weill Cornell Medicine
Prof. Vivian J. Bea – Weill Cornell Medicine
Prof. Emmanuel R. Ezeome – University of Nigeria Teaching Hospital
Prof. Ishmael Kyei – Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital
Prof. Mahteme Bekele Muleta – St. Paul's Hospital Millennium Medical College
Prof. Godwin Ebughe – University of Calabar Teaching Hospital
Prof. Evelyn (Toyin) Taiwo – Weill Cornell Medicine
Prof. Katerina Dodelzon – Weill Cornell Imaging
Prof. Adeyiza O. Momoh – University of Michigan Medical School
Prof. Haythem Y. Ali – Henry Ford Health*

4:40 PM – 5:00 PM

Closing Remarks

Prof. Ishmael Kyei, MD, FWACS, FGCS

*Consultant Surgeon
ICSBCS Local PI
KNUST School of Medicine & Dentistry
Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital*

Prof. Lisa A. Newman, MD, MPH, FACS, FASCO, FWACS, FGCS

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Adjunct Professor, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center*

5:00 PM – Till....

Relaxation, Networking & Continue the Conversation!

PRESENTERS BIOGRAPHIES



Dr. Ernest Kwasi Adjei is a consultant pathologist at the Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital (KATH), Kumasi, Ghana. He is currently the Head of Directorate of the Laboratory Services Directorate, KATH. He received his medical education at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) school of Medical Sciences (SMS) in Kumasi Ghana, in 2003. He later completed his specialist training at the University Hospital of North Norway (UNN), Tromsø, in Norway in 2010. He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Pathologist in London, UK. He also has subspecialty training in uropathology, gynaepathology and forensic pathology from USA and South Africa respectively. He has membership with various professional associations, the major ones being Ghana Medical Association, Royal College of pathologists and African Society of Forensic Medicine (ASFM). He was a lecturer at KNUST-SMS from 2010 to 2016. He has special interest in breast pathology and have some peer-reviewed publications in this area.



Dr. Haythem Ali, MD graduated from the University of Baghdad in 1988. He completed his rotating internship at the medical city teaching hospital and one year of residency at the neurosurgical hospital in Baghdad before joining the internal medicine residency program at Providence Hospital in Southfield Michigan. He completed his internal medicine residency in 1996 and obtained his Internal Medicine board certification the same year. He completed his medical oncology training at Providence Hospital and at the University of Michigan completing his Fellowship in 1998 and obtained his Medical Oncology Board certification the same year. Dr. Ali practices medical oncology at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit Michigan. He has an active clinical practice, and he is an active faculty member of the Hematology and Oncology fellowship program at Henry Ford Hospital as well as a clinical assistant professor at the Wayne State University School of Medicine. Dr. Ali's Clinical and academic interests are in the fields of breast cancer, lung cancer and head and neck cancer. Dr. Ali has a special interest in the use of targeted agents in the treatment of cancer as well as the

integration of targeted agents with chemotherapy. Dr. Ali is an active participant in national and international trials through his active participation with the national cancer institute cooperative group research mechanism and numerous industries supported clinical trials. He is an active member of both the Southwest Oncology Group (SWOG) and NRG Oncology. Dr. Ali is an active member of the American Medical Association, American Society of Clinical Oncology, European society of clinical oncology and the Michigan Society of Hematology and Oncology.



Ms. Isabella Naana Akyaa Asante, RN, BSN, GEMBA is a registered nurse, breast cancer survivor, healthcare entrepreneur, and patient advocate with over 30 years of experience spanning nursing, healthcare leadership, entrepreneurship, and advocacy in Ghana and the United States. Drawing on her own breast cancer experience, including the invaluable support of a patient navigator during her treatment, Ms. Asante experienced firsthand the difference that early detection, timely care, navigation, support, and advocacy can make in a patient's cancer journey. Inspired by this experience, she founded Embrace Society in 2019, which established Ghana's first structured patient navigation programme to help patients navigate the complexities of the healthcare system, overcome barriers to care, and access timely treatment, support, and resources. Her work has since expanded through strategic partnerships with national and international organizations focused on strengthening cancer care and improving the patient journey. Ms. Asante serves as Vice President of the Healthcare Federation of Ghana and is the Immediate Past Board Chairperson of Ghana's Nursing and Midwifery Council. She previously served on the Board of Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital, one of Ghana's leading

teaching hospitals. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Howard University and a Global Executive MBA from China Europe International Business School (CEIBS) and has completed executive education in leadership at Harvard Kennedy School.



Dr. Baffour Awuah is a Specialist/Consultant Radiation/Clinical Oncologist for over 25 years. Has previously served as Consultant oncologist at Korle Bu Teaching Hospital Radiotherapy and Nuclear Medicine Center, Head of Oncology Directotat at Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital, Medical Director Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital, Director Technical Coordination Directorate and Chief Program Officer Medical and Dental at Ministry of Health. At International level he was long time member of Executive Committee Breast Health Global Initiative, WHO Strategic Advisory Group member on NCDs, Technical Advisory Group member for the development of WHO cancer control plan Modules. He has served on several local, national and international committees on cancer management and control. He is a fellow of South African College of Medicine, Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons and West African College of Surgeons as well as UICC fellow.



Prof. Luis Barrero, PhD research focuses on linking functional genomic studies of the immune system to an evolutionarily informed understanding of human variation in immune responses to infection and susceptibility to immune-related disorders. His research has generated landmark papers showing that genetic ancestry and natural selection drive population differences in immune responses in humans and describing how the social environment and epigenetic changes play a key role in the regulation of innate immune responses to infection. Dr. Barreiro's lab is funded by the NIH, the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and the Helmsley Foundation.

Dr. Barreiro received his undergraduate and master's degrees in Biotechnology at Lusófona University, Lisbon, Portugal, and earned his PhD in Human Population Genetics from the University of Paris VII. He joined the faculty at the University of Chicago in 2018, after being an Assistant Professor at the University of Montreal from 2011 to 2018. Since his arrival at UChicago, he has been an active member of the GGSB Committee, chaired the development of a new computational track in the Committee on Immunology graduate program, and has also served on several committees focused on mentoring and training of graduate students.



Prof. Vivian J. Bea, MD, MBA, MS, FACS is a board-certified breast surgical oncologist, was recently named section chief of breast surgical oncology at NewYork-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital. She also serves as assistant professor of surgery at Weill Cornell Medicine. She is a breast disparities researcher, educator, community outreach leader, entrepreneur, and best-selling children's book author. Dr. Bea attended Morehouse School of Medicine whose mission was to serve the underserved. After her matriculation from Morehouse, Dr. Bea continued to the Medical University of South Carolina General Surgery Residency training program in Charleston, SC. Dr. Bea was then awarded the highly coveted Breast Surgical Oncology fellowship position at the UT MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, TX. She then served as a breast surgical oncologist in the division of breast surgery at MD Anderson Cancer Center at Cooper in Camden, NJ where she chaired the Inflammatory Breast Cancer Program. Dr. Bea's primary research efforts have focused on modifiable risk factors and outcomes in ethnic populations. In the community, her primary initiative has been to bridge

the gap between multidisciplinary breast cancer treatment and community barriers.



Dr. Yaw Bediako, PhD is a Ghanaian immunologist and biotech entrepreneur. Dr. Bediako obtained a PhD at Northwestern University, Chicago, IL, and undertook post-doctoral fellowships at the KEMRI-Wellcome Trust Programme in Kenya and subsequently at the Francis Crick Institute in London. In 2019 he took up a faculty appointment at the West African Centre for Cell Biology of Infectious Pathogens (WACCBIP) at the University of Ghana and was one of five scientists selected in the inaugural round of the prestigious Crick Africa Network Fellowship. Soon after returning to Ghana, Yaw became increasingly concerned about the almost complete lack of biotech industry across the African continent. Convinced that private biotech is crucial to the establishment of a sustainable R&D ecosystem, in June 2020 Yaw founded Yemaachi Biotech (www.yemaachi.com) an immunogenomics research company. Yemaachi's vision is to leverage Africa's unrivalled genetic diversity to develop novel diagnostic and therapeutic targets for cancer, that work uniformly well irrespective of genetic background. In November 2021, Yaw was selected as a Calestous Juma Science Leadership Fellow

by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Yaw is also a fellow of the Ghana Young Academy and an Affiliate member of the African Academy of Sciences. In 2022, Yaw was recognized as one of the top 40 under 40 business people in Ghana, and in January of 2023, was selected as one of the 100 most influential Africans by the New African magazine.



Dr. Shuibing Chen, PhD is the Kilts Family Professor and Vice Chair of Innovation in the Department of Surgery and the Director of the Center for Genomic Health (CGH). Dr. Chen was trained as a biochemist in Dr. Peter Schultz's lab at Scripps. Following her postdoctoral training in Dr. Doug Melton's lab at Harvard, she transitioned to the stem cell field and began her independent career at WCM in 2011. Early in her career, Dr. Chen conducted chemical screens to identify compounds that control stem cell differentiation. In recent years, she has focused on using human stem cell-derived organoids for disease modeling and drug screening. Dr. Chen actively collaborates with Dr. Francis Collins to systematically evaluate diabetes-associated genes and genetic variants using a human stem cell platform. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she led a large consortium to apply human stem cell-derived organoids to study the tropism, host response, and immune-mediated host damage in COVID-19 patients. In 2022, Dr. Chen founded CGH, with one of its goals being the development of stem cell tools for the biochemistry and biophysics community, including building numerous reporter

lines. Earlier this year, she received a U24 grant (dkNET) from NIDDK to develop AI/ML tools for basic scientists. Her laboratory has published in top peer-reviewed journals, including Nature, Nature Medicine, Nature Cell Biology, Cell Stem Cell, Cell Metabolism, etc. Dr. Chen serves on the Board of Directors for the International Society of Stem Cell Research and the International Chemical Biology Society. She is the President-Elect of the Chinese American Diabetes Association. She also serves on the editorial boards of leading stem cell journals, including Cell Stem Cell and Stem Cell Reports. Her exemplary contributions have been recognized by numerous prestigious awards, including New York Stem Cell Foundation Robertson Investigator, American Diabetes Association (ADA) Innovative Award, NIH Director's New Innovator Award, and ISSCR Dr. Susan Lim Award for Outstanding Young Investigator, etc



Dr. Katerina (Katia) Dodelzon is a breast radiologist at Weill Cornell Medicine, where she serves as Chief of Breast Imaging and Vice Chair of Clinical Operations in the Department of Radiology. She completed her diagnostic radiology residency at NYU Langone Medical Center, serving as a chief resident, followed by a dedicated breast imaging fellowship. Dr. Dodelzon's academic work focuses on optimizing breast cancer screening strategies, advancing access to care, and integrating patient-centered approaches into radiology practice. She is actively involved in education and research initiatives aimed at improving patient outcomes. Dr. Dodelzon is deeply engaged in global breast imaging education, partnering with the International Society of Radiology, the International Atomic Energy Agency, and the World Health Organization to deliver national breast imaging training courses abroad. She also contributes to practice guideline development through her involvement with the American College of Radiology and the Society of Breast Imaging, reflecting her commitment to advancing breast imaging and patient outcomes both nationally and internationally.



Prof. Godwin A. Ebughe is a Professor of Anatomic Pathology at the Department of Pathology, University of Calabar Teaching Hospital, Calabar. He received his medical degree from the College of Medical Sciences, University of Calabar. He subsequently undertook his fellowship training in Anatomic Pathology at the National Post Graduate Medical College of Nigeria. During this training, he studied at the Obafemi Awolowo University Teaching Hospital in Ile Ife Osun State; Lagos University Teaching Hospital and the University of Calabar Teaching Hospital. His research interest is in the area of Endocrine related cancers with specific interest in Breast and Prostate Cancers. For these he has joined international research consortia International Center for the Study of the Study of Breast Cancer Subtypes (ICSBCS), based in Weill Cornell Medical Center of Cornell University in New York, and MADCap, also based in Dana Faber Cancer Centre in Boston, Massachusetts. Prof. Ebughe teaches undergraduate and post-graduate learners at the University of Calabar and National Postgraduate Medical College. He has authored and contributed to more than 80 articles in peer reviewed journals.



Prof. Emmanuel R. Ezeome MB; BS, MA, Bioethics, FWACS, FACS is the Director of the Oncology Center and the Head, General Surgery Division, University of Nigeria Teaching Hospital, Enugu, Nigeria. A Professor of Surgery at the College of Medicine, University of Nigeria Enugu and a Consultant Surgical Oncologist with the University of Nigeria Teaching Hospital Enugu, Dr Ezeome has in the past been the Associate Dean of the Faculty of Medical Sciences, University of Nigeria Nsukka. His medical education was at the University of Nigeria Medical School, and the Surgery Residency program of the University College Hospital Ibadan, Nigeria. He holds a Masters degree in Bioethics from Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio. He was an International Guest Scholar of the American College of Surgeons, an ICRETTI grant recipient and Fogarty Fellow in Bioethics. Dr. Ezeome was the Chairman and Chief Examiners in Surgery, West African College of Surgery from 2015 to 2019 and currently is the 2nd Vice President, West African College of Surgeons. In his role as the Director of the Oncology Center of the University of Nigeria Teaching Hospital, he has pioneered the development of the first multidisciplinary comprehensive cancer treatment facility in Nigeria and the development of the Enugu Population

based Cancer Registry. He is a member of the Nigerian national system of Cancer Registries and also the National Steering Committee of the 2nd Nigerian Cancer Control plan. His areas of research interests are cancer epidemiology and cancer control in resource limited environments. Currently, he is involved as a site principal investigator in the African Female Breast Cancer Epidemiology (AFBRECANE) Study, an NIH funded study under the H3 Africa project to study the molecular epidemiology of breast cancer in African women. He has recently completed work as site PI on Nigerian Integrative Breast cancer study, a TRAPING supported NCD grant on different aspects of the molecular biology breast cancer in Nigeria.



Prof. Paula Ginter, MD is a board certified Anatomic and Clinical pathologist with a subspecialty interest in breast pathology. Her research interests are focused on the pathogenesis, diagnosis, and treatment of breast malignancies. Along with clinical responsibilities and research pursuits, Dr. Ginter is actively involved in resident and medical student education. Prior to joining the faculty of the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, Dr. Ginter completed residency training in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology at New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center, where she served as Chief Resident. She subsequently pursued subspecialty fellowship training in breast pathology at Weill Cornell under leading breast pathologists Dr. Syed A. Hoda and Dr. Sandra J. Shin. Dr. Ginter has contributed 20+ publications some of which in peer-reviewed journals and co-authored several chapters in the field of Pathology.



Ms. Karen Eubanks Jackson is the founder and CEO of Sisters Network® Inc. (SNI). She laid the foundation for the National Black breast cancer movement. She is its founding architect and a 32-year, four-time survivor. Facing breast cancer with no sisterhood to lean on, she founded SNI in 1994 to confront the silence, shame, and stigma surrounding breast cancer in the Black community. Today, SNI is the oldest and largest national Black breast cancer survivorship organization in the country, with 30+ survivor-run affiliate chapters. Under her leadership, SNI built a national outreach infrastructure, including the National Black Breast Cancer Summit, and in 2025 launched its national podcast, SIS: Sisters in Survivorship. In 2026, she builds higher still with the SNI Center for Public Policy, mobilizing SNI's network across 14 states toward the movement's next frontier: policy change. She has told her own story in her memoir, *In the Company of My Sisters: My Story, My Truth*. Her influence has reached the highest levels of health leadership – from a White House invitation by President

Joe Biden for the Cancer Moonshot relaunch, to ASCO's 2025 Patient Advocate of the Year award. Jackson is an honorary

member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, and a member of the Houston, Texas chapter of The Links, Incorporated.



Prof. Ishmael Kyei, MBChB, FWACS, FGCS is a General Surgeon/Breast Surgeon and an Associate Professor with the Department of Surgery, College of Health Sciences of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology and the Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital. He received his undergraduate training from the School of Medicine and Dentistry KNUST. He holds a Fellowship in General Surgery with both the Ghana and the West African College of Surgeons. He has received some training in Breast Cancer Management at the Weill Cornell Medicine NY. His research interest is Breast Cancer in African women and has co-authored over 30 peer reviewed articles spanning areas in General Surgery and Breast Cancer. He was on the expert panel for the development of the Breast Cancer guidelines for the Kumasi City Cancer challenge C/CAN. He is a member of the Breast Society of Ghana and the American Society of Clinical Oncology.



Prof. Adeyiza O. Momoh, MD is an Associate Professor of Surgery at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. He received his medical degree from Northwestern University in Chicago and completed his surgical training at the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. He subsequently went through fellowship training in microsurgery at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center of Harvard University. He specializes in breast reconstruction and microsurgery. His research interests are in optimizing outcomes of breast reconstruction and more recently, the role of breast reconstruction in global surgery. He has published over 60 papers in peer-reviewed journals and presents regularly at national surgical meetings. As an educator, he has won multiple teaching awards for his work in training plastic surgery residents. He currently serves as the program director for one of the top ranked plastic surgery training programs in the United States.



Prof. Mahteme Bekele Muleta, MD attended his undergraduate medical education and postgraduate general surgery training at Addis Ababa University, College of Health Science, and School of Medicine. He graduated in January 2011 as general surgeon and served the rural part of the country. He joined St. Paul's Hospital Millennium Medical College (SPHMM) Department of Surgery in 2012 as assistant professor. Prof. Muleta is a highly motivated surgeon who has served the college in different position as Emergency Directorate Director, Inpatient Directorate Director, and postgraduate program director of surgery. He has shown high leadership quality and brought changes in the different service areas. Prof. Muleta has led the postgraduate general surgery curriculum development and realization of the program. He is among the hospital team who has realized kidney transplant in the country. Prof. Muleta was promoted to a rank of full professor of surgery in 2022 and now he is the head of the Directorate of Research and Development,

a member of the AC and medical senate. Prof. Muleta is a compassionate and respectful surgeon who is always trying to bring quality improvement in all areas of surgical care in the country. He is actively engaged in clinical service, breast cancer care and research. Prof. Muleta has been awarded the Best clinician and teacher/researcher award of the college in the year 2014/15.



Prof. Lisa Newman, MD, MPH, FACS, FACSCO, FWACS, FGCS is a surgical oncologist with a practice dedicated to breast cancer management. In August 2018 she was appointed to oversee the breast program for the Weill Cornell Medicine-NewYork Presbyterian Hospital Network, serving its Manhattan, Queens, and Brooklyn sites. She is the Founding Medical Director for the International Center for the Study of Breast Cancer Subtypes, headquartered at Weill Cornell Medicine. Dr. Newman obtained her undergraduate and MPH degrees from Harvard University; she completed her surgical oncology fellowship training at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, where she continues to hold an Adjunct Professorship. Dr. Newman's primary research focuses on race/ethnicity-related variation in breast cancer risk and outcome, as well as management of high-risk patients and neoadjuvant chemotherapy. Her extensive disparities research has been published in numerous high-impact journals and was featured in CNN's documentary "Black in America 2". She maintains an active community service record and serves as Chief National Medical Advisor for the Sisters Network, Inc., a national African American breast cancer survivors advocacy organization. She holds leadership positions with the American Association for Cancer Research, the Society of Surgical Oncology, the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. She has been the recipient of numerous awards, including AACR 2020 Jane Cooke Wright Minority in Cancer Research Award; the ASCO 2024 Gianni Bonadonna Breast Cancer Research Award; the 2022 AACR-Pelotonia-Victoria's Secret Global Fund Meritorious Award for Research in Women's Cancer, and in 2023 she was named "Physician of the Year" for the New York Presbyterian Hospital Network. She was elected to the National Academy of Medicine in October 2023. Most recently, she received the Susan G. Komen 2026 Champion of Mission Award. She also serves on the Editorial Boards for JAMA Surgery and Annals of Surgical Oncology.



Dr. Angela R. Omilian, PhD is an Assistant Professor of Oncology in the Department of Cancer Prevention and Control at Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center. She is a population scientist who studies tumor immunology, cancer epidemiology, and breast cancer biology. Her work focuses on understanding why immune responses to cancer vary across diverse populations, and how these differences shape tumor behavior and patient outcomes. Dr. Omilian earned her PhD studying genomic evolution and genetic variation in natural populations of *Daphnia*, a model organism for ecology and evolution. She subsequently transitioned to pathology and oncology research at Roswell Park, where she served as the Scientific Director of the Pathology Shared Resource. In this role, she developed expertise in tissue-based research, including multispectral imaging and quantitative digital pathology. Her current research builds on this multidisciplinary training to investigate immune variation within breast tumors and its relationship to socioeconomic and environmental exposures, inherited genetic variation, and tumor evolution.



Mr. Brian R. Stonaker, MA is a Lab Manager in the Department of Surgery at Weill Cornell Medicine, where he supports research focused on breast cancer disparities and the biological factors contributing to differences in breast cancer outcomes across diverse populations. He manages research operations and coordinates multidisciplinary and multi-site projects spanning biospecimen collection and biobanking, tissue-based studies, molecular analyses, and translational research. Brian plays a key role in coordinating research activities across domestic and international partner sites, helping to develop and implement standardized workflows for biospecimen collection, processing, data management, and collaborative studies. His work integrates scientific research with program and project management to advance complex research initiatives from study design through execution. He holds a Master of Arts in Biology from Queens College, City University of New York.



Prof. Evelyn (Toyin) Taiwo, MD obtained her medical degree at Temple University School of Medicine in Philadelphia, following her residency at Boston University Medical Center, and she completed a three-year fellowship in hematology and oncology at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas in 2011. Dr. Taiwo served as Assistant Professor of Medicine at the State University of New York, Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn from July 2011-2019, and as Attending Physician and Hematology-Oncology Fellowship Program Site Director at Kings County Hospital. While at Kings County Hospital, she served in a leadership role as Director of the Breast Cancer Clinic, overseeing the operations, research activities, clinical care delivery, and education. As a researcher, Dr. Taiwo has contributed to a number of studies on cancer presentation in urban and minority patient populations.



Dr. Eleanor M. Walker, MD is a native of Brooklyn, NY and a Radiation Oncologist who believes in approaching cancer care holistically and is a nationally recognized leader. Dr. Walker has dedicated her career to advancing conventional and integrative oncology, patient center cancer care and health equity. She is very active in Integrative medical research. Dr. Walker has been the PI for many research projects, most notably a Komen study using acupuncture for vasomotor symptoms in breast cancer patients. Also, for the ExCITE (Exercise and Cancer Integrative Therapies Education) trial to study the effectiveness of lifestyle intervention during and after cancer treatment for Breast and Prostate Cancer Patients.

Recently, Dr. Walker completed a grant from Pfizer/American Cancer Society to reduce prostate cancer disparities among Black men. She is currently the Co-PI of the PAACT project funded by Genentech aimed at dramatically improving representation of the Black community and other minorities in cancer clinical trials. This community-based research initiative that will address various barriers to trust and participation in clinical trials. She earned her BS in BIO/MBio from the University of Notre Dame. Dr. Walker received her MD from Washington University in St. Louis. After graduating she proceeded to do her internship in Internal Medicine at Vanderbilt University and her residency in Radiation Oncology at the University of Maryland in Baltimore. After completing her RO residency Dr. Walker joined the Henry Ford Health System in Detroit, MI.

Dr. Walker holds many leadership roles at HFHS: Director, Breast Radiation Oncology, Medical Director, HFH Integrative Oncology, Henry Ford Cancer Council, Equity and Access representative, Institutional PI for NRG Oncology research group, HFHS Health Equity Scholar and Health Disparities Ambassador, Clinical Assistant Professor, Dept of Medicine, MSU.

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