

AACR VIRTUAL PATIENT ADVOCATE FORUM

THE SCIENCE OF CANCER SURVIVORSHIP

Speakers

-in order of appearance



LISA M. COUSSENS, PHD, FAACR

**President, American Association for Cancer Research
Hildegard Lamfrom Endowed Chair in Basic Science
Chair, Department of Cell, Developmental and Cancer Biology
Associate Director, Basic Research OHSU Knight Cancer Institute
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Portland, Oregon**

Dr. Coussens serves as the current president of the American Association for Cancer Research. She is the associate director for Basic Research at the Knight Cancer Institute at Oregon Health & Science University, where she is also professor and chair of the Cell, Developmental, and Cancer Biology Department as well as the Hildegard Lamfrom Endowed Chair in Basic Science. An internationally renowned cancer biologist, Dr. Coussens has made seminal contributions to the fundamental understanding of the functions of innate immune cells in fostering neoplastic progression while also suppressing T-cell functionality. Her research has also defined the importance of chronic inflammation in cancer, thus identifying therapeutic targets for intervention and providing the basis for several clinical trials evaluating myeloid cell modulation in combination with chemotherapy.

An AACR member since 2001, Dr. Coussens previously served as a member of the AACR's Board of Directors from 2008-2011. She currently serves as a member of the Frederick National Laboratory Advisory Committee for the National Institutes of Health/National Cancer Institute's Division of Extramural Activities; as a scientific review board member for the V Foundation for Cancer Research; and as a scientific review board advisory committee member for the Cancer Research Institute. Dr. Coussens received her doctoral degree from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1993. She was a postdoctoral fellow at the University of California, San Francisco from 1993 to 1997.



ADAM HAYDEN

**Patient Advocate, AACR Scientist↔Survivor Program®
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Adam Hayden is a writer, speaker, and organizer. Adam Hayden is a philosopher of science, a champion of the humanities in medical education, an advocate for palliative care, and a person living with brain cancer (glioblastoma). Diagnosed with brain cancer in 2016 while completing his requirements for his graduate degree in philosophy, Adam blogs about philosophy, illness, and healthcare

(www.glioblastology.com). He serves on multiple national advisory councils

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focused on patient engagement and advocacy, he is a member of the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) Scientist↔Survivor Program®, and he co-moderates a monthly social media chat and a virtual support group for the brain tumor community. Adam is a co-investigator for the Brain Cancer Quality of Life Collaborative, and serves as research assistant in the Department of Philosophy at the Indiana University School of Liberal Arts at IUPUI.



GREGORY J AUNE, MD, PHD

**Associate Professor of Pediatrics with Tenure
Greehey Distinguished University Chair for Cancer Survivorship in Children
Stephanie Edlund Distinguished Professorship in Pediatric Cancer Research
UT Health San Antonio
San Antonio, TX**

Dr. Gregory J. Aune is the Greehey Distinguished University Chair for Cancer Survivorship in Children, the Stephanie Edlund Distinguished Professor of Pediatric Cancer Research, and a tenured Associate Professor of Pediatrics. He directs the Greehey Children’s Cancer Research Institute Shared Resource for Cardiac Function Assessment. His laboratory has successfully developed a novel pediatric mouse model of anthracycline-induced cardiac toxicity.

Dr. Aune is also the director of survivorship research for the South Texas Pediatric Cancer Survivorship program at University Hospital, San Antonio, Texas. In this role, he has established a cohort of long-term survivors of pediatric cancer. He serves as Co-principal investigator and clinical director of the first investigator-initiated survivorship study in the South Texas region. His expertise in the clinical arena is further supported by active participation in national task forces focusing on the cardiac effects of chemotherapy and radiation. (National Cancer Institute Community Cardiotoxicity Task Force and the Children’s Oncology Cardiometabolic Task Force). Dr. Aune received his medical degree and doctoral degree in biomedical science at the University of Texas at Houston and his residency in pediatrics at Johns Hopkins Hospital.



PATTY SPEARS

**Patient Advocate, AACR Scientist↔Survivor Program®
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Ms. Spears is an over 20-year breast cancer survivor and cancer research patient advocate. She was diagnosed with locally advanced breast cancer at the age of 40 and after neoadjuvant chemotherapy, surgery and radiation therapy, she participated in a HER2 vaccine clinical trial. Ms. Spears has concentrated her advocacy on clinical trials and serves as an advocate on the Translational Breast Cancer Research Consortium (TBCRC). She has been an advocate for the National Clinical Trials Network (NCTN) since 2008, and is currently an advocate for the Alliance for Clinical Trials in Oncology as Associate Group Chair for Advocacy, Chair of the Alliance Patient Advocate Committee and a member of the Breast Committee. She is also a

member of several NCI Committees, including the Breast Cancer Steering Committee (BCSC), Investigational Drug Steering Committee (IDSC), and the Core Correlative Science Committee (CCSC).

Ms. Spears is currently working as a scientific research manager and patient advocate at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center where she leads the UNC Lineberger Patient Advocates for Research Council (PARC) and the UNC Breast SPORE Advocates. At UNC she focuses on communicating research to the public and facilitates the engagement of patient advocates with Lineberger researchers. She also has an interest in patient reported outcome measures (PROMs) in drug development and clinical trials.



SUSAN HONG, MD, MPH, FACP

**Director, Cancer Survivorship Program at the Massey Cancer Center
RGC Professorship in Cancer Research
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Dr. Susan Hong is the Director of Cancer Survivorship at VCU Massey Cancer Center where she also holds the RGC Professorship in Cancer Research and is an associate professor in the Division of Hematology, Oncology, and Palliative Care. Prior to this position, Dr. Hong served as the Director of Cancer Survivorship at the University of Illinois where she established the first cancer survivorship program in the country to be housed within a Federally Qualified Health Center. As Director, she built a clinical cancer survivorship program that addressed the needs of minority and underserved cancer survivors while promoting transdisciplinary research and education. As part of these efforts, she is currently one of the Co-PIs of a five-year CDC-funded grant to support young and metastatic breast cancer survivors.

Prior to joining the University of Illinois, Dr. Hong was an Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of Chicago where she established and led the first comprehensive breast cancer survivorship program in the state of Illinois. During her time there, she also served as the Associate Director of the University of Chicago's Center for Clinical Cancer Genetics. Dr. Hong received her medical degree at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai Hospital and her residency at the University of Chicago Medical Center.

Moderator



ANNA D. BARKER, PHD

Founder and Chair, AACR Scientist↔Survivor Program®
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Dr. Barker is the founder and chair of the AACR Scientist↔Survivor Program® and chief strategy officer of the Lawrence J. Ellison Institute for Transformative Medicine at USC and distinguished visiting fellow at Arizona State University. She develops information-based strategies through internal research and engagement of networks of leading experts in medicine, science, and engineering to solve complex problems in cancer and other diseases. Previously, Dr. Barker served as the principal deputy director of the National Cancer Institute (NCI) where she led the development of Foundational platforms (Clinical Proteomics and National Cancer Nanotechnology Centers) and national programs (e.g., TCGA, Physical-Sciences Oncology Centers) to support the emerging concept of precision medicine. Hallmarks of these strategic innovative programs were networks of global institutions, team science and publicly available data.

Post NCI, Dr. Barker served as director of Transformative Healthcare Networks, co-director of Complex Adaptive Systems -Biomedicine (CAS) and professor of practice, School of Life Sciences at Arizona State University (ASU), where she maintains a courtesy academic appointment. At ASU, she employed CAS approaches through “knowledge networks” to enable progress in areas ranging from clinical trial designs to biomarker discovery and applying concepts from the physical sciences to fundamentally understand and control complex diseases such as cancer.

Dr. Barker also spent several years at Battelle Memorial Institute, a nonprofit transdisciplinary research organization, where she progressed from a research scientist to serve in several senior executive roles. She has received numerous awards for her contributions to cancer research, cancer patients and patient advocates, professional organizations, and the ongoing national effort to prevent and cure cancer. Dr. Barker received her doctoral degree from the Ohio State University.