



**Fall 2020 Family Cancer Retreat  
ALL ABOUT OUR  
Speakers and Panel Members**

**William Adler, MD**

***Memorial Medical Center***

Dr. Adler is the Associate Professor of the Medical Oncology/Hematology program at the Memorial Medical Center Cancer Program in Las Cruces. He oversees the clinical research program there and maintains a full patient practice as well. He is an Assistant Professor in the UNM Department of Internal Medicine, Division of Hematology & Oncology at UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center. He successfully completed his 10-year board recertification in Medical Oncology. Dr. Adler was educated at Cornell University, UNM Medical School, and did his fellowship at the UNM Cancer Center. He coordinated a successful effort by Memorial Medical Center Cancer Program to obtain full *Accreditation with Commendation* by the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer. He steered the organization successfully through re-accreditation in 2018. Dr. Adler oversees the General and Breast Tumor boards at MMC and serves as co-Chair of the blood utilization committee at MMC.

**Frances Alba, MD**

***UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center, Sandoval Regional Medical Center***

Dr. Alba is a board certified urologist and Associate Professor at the University of New Mexico. She currently practices at UNM Hospital, UNM Cancer Center and serves as the Director of Urology at Sandoval Regional Medical Center. Dr. Alba received her medical degree from the University of New Mexico School of Medicine. She completed residency training at University of Texas Houston Medical School and M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. Her practice interests encompass all aspects of general Urology, with a particular expertise in bladder, kidney and testis cancer.

**Ethan Binder, MD**

***Presbyterian Cancer Care***

Dr. Binder is a hematologist/ oncologist who specializes in the examination, diagnosis and treatment of blood diseases and cancers including hemophilia, sickle-cell disease, myeloma, leukemia and lymphoma. He is trained in both medical oncology and benign and malignant hematology. Dr. Binder believes all patients should have access to timely, compassionate and thoughtful cancer care. Dr. Binder received a bachelor's degree in political science at New York University in New York City. He earned his medical degree at St. George's University School of Medicine in Grenada, West Indies. Dr. Binder completed both an internship and residency in internal medicine at Drexel University College of Medicine/Hahnemann University Hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He completed a fellowship in hematology and oncology at the University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore. Dr. Binder is board certified in internal medicine, oncology and hematology. In his spare time, he enjoys the outdoors, traveling and spending time with his family.

**Anjanette Cureton, PsyD**

***UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center***

Dr. Cureton is the Clinical Psychologist at the UNM Cancer Center. She provides individual, family, and group support services for cancer survivors and their loved ones. She is a 25-year cancer survivor. Her interests include post-traumatic growth and expressive writing as a means of coping with and healing through cancer diagnosis and treatment.

**Michelle DuVal, MA**

***The Mindful Center***

Michelle is the director of The Mindful Center, as well as the leading provider of Mindfulness Training in the Southwest United States, with her ongoing programs appearing in such top organizations as Presbyterian Hospitals, the University of New Mexico, Sandia National Laboratories, the New Mexico Heart Institute, the Albuquerque Public School system, the City of Albuquerque, the Department of Energy, and more. All of her programs and guided meditations are evidence based, steeped in research, and skillfully interweave the profundity of the practice with the humor of insight every step of the way. She has brought mindfulness

meditation training into both clinical and hospital settings, cardiac rehab programs, various counseling and psychotherapy facilities, workplace environments as well as government agencies throughout the state. Michelle has been a meditation practitioner for years and has taught thousands of people the skills of mindfulness meditation to help cope with stress, especially the high-level stress associated with major illnesses and healing processes. Her programs have also been clinically proven to aid with sleep issues, pain management, and anxiety and/or depression.

**J. Scott Fowler, MA, LPCC**  
***MMC Cancer Center***

J. Scott Fowler was raised in New Mexico and received his Master's Degree in Counseling and Educational Psychology in 1993. He has worked in the counseling/social services field with Head Start, as a community mental health counselor in Roswell, college career counselor at NMSU- Alamogordo, geriatric counselor in Las Cruces at the MMC Heritage Program, and currently works with cancer patients as the Oncology Services Coordinator at the MMC Cancer Center in Las Cruces. Scott has worked in cancer services for the past 9 years and is a member of the NM Counseling Association and the affiliated Assoc. for Spiritual & Religious Values in Counseling. He has participated in community and statewide cancer services/support organizations like the NM Patient Navigation Network, Cancer Support Now, and Cowboys for Cancer Research.

**Gregg Franklin, MD, PhD**  
***New Mexico Cancer Center***

Dr. Franklin, a board-certified radiation oncologist, has been working at the New Mexico Cancer Center, a multi-specialty group practice, since 2005 after completing his residency at the Mallinkrodt Institute at Washington University/Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, MO. He is currently medical director in the radiation oncology department. Prior to his MD degree, Dr. Franklin earned a Ph.D. in condensed matter physics at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He was also a postdoctoral fellow at Harvard University and a scientist with Sandia Labs in Albuquerque, NM.

**Ramesh Gopal, MD, PhD**  
***Presbyterian MD Anderson Radiation Treatment Center***

Dr. Gopal received his medical degree from Grant Medical College, Mumbai, India. He was awarded a PhD in Molecular Pharmacology and Biological Chemistry by Northwestern University in Chicago. He completed a residency in Radiation Oncology at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. Dr. Gopal is board certified in Radiation Oncology. He is currently an Associate Professor of Radiation Oncology at MD Anderson and the Physician Site Lead for New Mexico MD Anderson Radiation Treatment Centers at Presbyterian, and practices at the Kaseman Hospital campus in Albuquerque.

**Fei Gu, MD**  
***New Mexico Cancer Care Associates***

Dr. Gu is a medical oncologist who has joined the New Mexico Cancer Care Associates in Santa Fe, NM since the beginning of 2016. She finished her Internal Medicine residency and Hematology/Oncology fellowship training at Tufts Medical Center in Massachusetts, followed by working at University of Massachusetts Memorial Medical Center as an Assistant Professor and Hematology/Oncology Attending. She also holds a PhD in Biophysics with years of experience in cancer drug discovery research prior to her clinical training. Dr. Gu loves the diverse patient population in her current practice. She is interested in clinical research in the community setting to truly reflect patient care needs and to promote better access to care in the communities.

**Lisa Gulotta, MS**  
***Yoga Instructor***

Lisa Gulotta is a Dancer, Yoga Teacher E-RYT 500, Personal Trainer, Cancer Exercise Specialist and Yoga for Scoliosis Trainer in Santa Fe, NM. She teaches yoga and movement classes to cancer survivors at Christus-St. Vincent Holistic Health & Wellness, as well as variety of other yoga and fitness classes and private sessions in the Santa Fe area. She is currently studying to be a Yoga Therapist.

**Kim Hoffman, RN*****Memorial Medical Cancer Center***

Kim has worked on clinical research trials since 1978. She began her career at the Norris Cotton Cancer Center at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in New Hampshire. Kim developed the Hematology/Oncology clinical trials program that conducted multiple NCI (National Cancer Institute) funded studies. While at Dartmouth, she was also involved for many years in the gastroenterology arena on colon cancer preventative studies as well as device trials for control of heartburn (GERD). Kim was able to continue in the clinical trials field when she moved to Las Cruces in 2008. This was right at that time when UNM had opened a new cancer center in Las Cruces and was looking for a nurse who had experience in developing a clinical trials research program in the southern New Mexico area. Memorial Medical Cancer Center has a robust clinical trials research program today.

**Kathleen Kreider*****Cancer Services of New Mexico***

Kathleen Kreider is President of Cancer Services of New Mexico (CSNM) and oversees day-to-day operations of the organization as a volunteer. Previously as the Vice-President and Grants Director, Ms. Kreider coordinated Cancer Services of New Mexico's grant writing activities and outreach activities. She became involved with the organization when she attended the Fall 2003 Family Cancer Retreat with her sisters. She started out as a volunteer as the Photography Team Leader for the Family Cancer Retreats from 2004 until 2010, and has been a CSNM Board Member since 2007. Kathy is a New Mexico native and is employed by a Federal Government agency.

**David Lang, LMT 1442, COMT, MTPT, RMTI*****UNM Center for Life***

David is a Certified Oncology Massage Therapist and has been working as a Massage Therapist since 1992. After 20 years of teaching Dance & Movement in New York City he made a progression to massage and movement therapy. He practices Myotherapy, Visceral/Neuro manipulation, Lymphatic Drainage, Active Isolation Stretching and is well-versed in many Energy Healing Techniques. He is the staff Massage Therapist at UNMH's Preventative and Integrative Medicine Clinic, with adults and pediatric patients. He is founder of Kids Supporting Kids New Mexico, (KSKNM), an initiative of the UNM Center for Life, raising funds for integrative pediatric care for children fighting and thriving through cancer. He is also the co-founder of Gateway Healing which provides education and services in Integrative Palliative Care for adults and children.

**Blaire Larson*****Cancer Services of New Mexico***

Blaire co-founded Cancer Services of New Mexico with her husband, Richard Larson, MD, PhD, in 2001, and served as President until 2013. She continues on the board as Past President in an advisory role. Prior to launching CSNM, Blaire spent over fifteen years consulting to a wide variety of corporations and government agencies. She was President of Larson Consulting, LLC, where she specialized in helping CEO's and other senior executives design and lead large-scale change efforts and Vice President and Partner with CSC Consulting, where she developed extensive experience in business process reengineering, new venture development and large-scale program management. She holds an A.B. in Applied Mathematics from Harvard University, an S.M. in Management from M.I.T.'s Sloan School of Management, and a Certificate in Nonprofit Management from the University of New Mexico. She is a founding member of the Executive Committee of the NM Cancer Council, the group that coordinates development and implementation of the NM state cancer plan.

**Shiva Kumar R. Mukkamalla MD, MPH**  
***PMG Hematology/Medical Oncology***

Shiva Kumar R. Mukkamalla joined PMG Hematology/Medical Oncology in July 2018. He received his medical degree from Osmania Medical College in Hyderabad, India and his master's degree in public health from East Tennessee State University in Johnson City, TN. He then went on to complete his residency in internal medicine at Queens Hospital Center through the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in Jamaica, NY, where he also served as the chief resident. Dr. Mukkamalla is a board certified hematologist and medical oncologist, who completed his fellowship in Hematology/Oncology at Roger Williams Medical Center through Boston University School of Medicine in Providence, RI.

**Devon Neale, MD**  
***UNM Department of Internal Medicine***

Dr. Neale is an Associate Professor in the Division of Palliative Medicine, Department of Internal Medicine at UNM. She graduated from Stanford University School of Medicine and came to UNM for Residency Training in Internal Medicine. Subsequently she pursued fellowship training in both Geriatric Medicine and Palliative Medicine at The Mount Sinai School of Medicine, NY, NY. She returned to UNM in 2008 to join the Geriatrics and Palliative Care faculty. In 2014, Dr. Neale focused her practice exclusively in Palliative Medicine. She sees patients admitted to the hospital with serious illness as a member of the Palliative Care Inpatient Consult Service and she leads medical student education in Palliative Care.

**Sonya Pierce**  
***Cancer Services of New Mexico***

Sonya Pierce is the Program Manager for Cancer Services of New Mexico's Legal, Insurance, and Paperwork Assistance (LIPA) Program. She brings 26+ years of experience from the Human Services Department. She was a caseworker with Income Support Division and interviewed clients for eligibility related to SNAP, CASH and Medicaid. She transitioned to lead worker and then supervisor of the Institutional Care/ Waiver Unit in Bernalillo County. She held that position for 10 years supervising up to 10 employees and acting as Officer in Charge of the NW Bernalillo ISD office when needed. She was promoted to a Staff Manager at Medical Assistance Division where she oversaw the Disabled and Elderly Medicaid Programs which included policy revisions, answering questions from the ISD Field Offices. She partnered with Federal and sister agencies to maintain a great working relationship. She recently retired from the State of NM and comes to Cancer Services of NM with a wealth of knowledge.

**Surya Pierce, MD**  
***UNM Dept. of Family and Community Medicine***

Surya Pierce is an integrative family physician and Assistant Professor at UNM School of Medicine. In addition to providing primary care at the 1209 University Clinic, he provides consultations at UNM Center for Life, UNM's Integrative Medicine specialty clinic. UNM. Dr. Pierce's approach to medicine has been greatly influenced by yoga therapy (yoga *chikitsa*), Ayurveda and Traditional Tibetan Medicine. As a certified and registered yoga teacher, he brings over 20 years of yoga and meditation practice to his patient encounters.

**Dulcinea Quintana, MD**  
***UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center***

Dr. Quintana was born and raised in New Mexico. She earned her medical degree from the University of New Mexico and did her residency in Internal Medicine as well as her fellowship in Hematology/Oncology at UNM. Dr. Quintana has a special interest in hematologic malignancies and is the adult physician for the Ted R. Montoya Hemophilia Program.

**Jess Quiring, CN-BA, OPN-CG**  
***New Mexico Oncology Hematology Consultants / New Mexico Cancer Center***

As the Oncology Navigation and Outreach Manager for New Mexico Oncology Hematology Consultants, Ltd. (New Mexico Cancer Center), Jess oversees clinical patient navigation processes, patient advocacy, as well as supportive care programming and referrals for patients and their families at all NMOHC locations. Jess is the Senior Program Coordinator and Facilitator for CLIMB© a program of the Children's Treehouse Foundation. Jess also developed and leads the teen program for the live Cancer Services of New Mexico Family Cancer Retreat. Other professional activities include: Executive Member New Mexico Cancer Council;

Chair NMCC Rural Health Equity Workgroup; Academy Oncology Nurse & Patient Navigators – Foundation for Learning, OPN-CG Exam Writing Committee; National Navigation Roundtable; and National Speaker on Patient Engagement. Once a cancer caregiver to her late husband while raising two young children, Jess is a passionate advocate for patients and whole family support in cancer care.

**Vinay Rai, MD**

***UNM Department of Surgery***

Dr. Rai is an Associate Professor of Surgery at UNM He practices colorectal surgery at UNM Cancer Center and hospital. His clinical interests include Colorectal cancers and other benign Colorectal disease. He specializes in laparoscopic resection for colon and rectum cancers and benign diseases. Dr. Rai completed his medical school training at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences. He went on to perform his Surgery residency at the University of Texas Health Sciences Center in San Antonio. His specialty training in colorectal surgery was completed at Cook County and University of Illinois Hospitals in Chicago, IL.

**Ingrid Reyna, DOM, LMT**

***UNM Truman Health Services***

Dr. Reyna began her career in the holistic health field 20 years ago after attending and completing massage therapy school in Chicago. After completion she had the opportunity to practice at various wellness and integrative medicine clinics, which ultimately led her path into a comprehensive educational and clinical program in Oriental medicine at the Southwest Acupuncture College in Albuquerque, New Mexico. With her combined years of experience as a provider to diverse clientele, Ingrid has developed a passion in Oriental medicine and bodywork modalities for the diagnosis and treatment of conditions associated with chronic disease, as well as psycho-emotional aspects associated with chronic illness. She holds a special interest in oncology acupuncture and obtains trainings on this topic when offered. Ingrid is also Nationally Board Certified in Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine and is board certified as a Doctor of Oriental Medicine by the State of New Mexico.

**Leah Fox Roberts, MD**

***Independent Consultant***

Dr. Roberts is a physician educator dedicated to teaching patients, other medical providers, and community members about medical cannabis. She is the former Medical Director of the Medical Cannabis Program for the New Mexico Department of Health. She is also a board-certified Emergency Medicine physician who received her medical degree from West Virginia University and completed residency at East Carolina University's Vidant Medical Center. She has also completed coursework developed by the Portland, Oregon based Sativa Science Club. She speaks on Medical Cannabis for conferences hosted by Cancer Services of New Mexico and the University of New Mexico, among others.

**MJ Rodriguez, DPT**

***Cancer Services of New Mexico***

MJ Rodriguez currently serves as the Family Cancer Retreat Director for Cancer Services of New Mexico. MJ attended her first Family Cancer Retreat in the Spring of 2007 as a cancer patient and has been an active volunteer with CSNM since 2008. Her personal experiences with cancer coupled with her professional experiences in healthcare as a physical therapist sparked her passion for CSNM's mission to bring services and support to New Mexico families dealing with cancer. In 2009, MJ transitioned from a 20-year career in physical therapy to a career in education and currently serves as a Learning Architect for Pima Medical Institute, a health career college.

**Shawnia Ryan, MS, CGC, Licensed Genetic Counselor**

***UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center***

Shawnia Ryan received her Master of Science degree from the University of Colorado. She is a Diplomate of the American Board of Genetic Counseling and has practiced as a Certified Genetic Counselor for more than 20 years. Ms. Ryan is the Program Operations Director of the Hereditary Cancer Assessment Program at the UNM Cancer Research and Treatment Center. Ms. Ryan's interests are in genetic counseling for hereditary cancer syndromes and expanding services to rural individuals in New Mexico.

**Carmel Sanchez-Busby**  
***Wells Fargo, Learning and Development Facilitator***

Carmel and her husband, Ross live in Albuquerque with their 2 daughters, Kathryn and Julia. Carmel is 5 ½ years from her breast cancer diagnosis, 5 years post treatment, and was confirmed 5 years cancer-free. Since 2016, she has been a Committee Member for the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer events in Albuquerque, and Honorary Survivor for the 2016 Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Fundraising campaigns. She is Board of Director for the Deputy James McGrane Office Street Survival Training Fund.

**Bob Scanlon, MBA, BSE**  
***ClearSky Health***

Bob was born and raised right here in New Mexico. He attended college at Arizona State University where he received his Bachelor's in Engineering and Master's in Business Administration. He spent a significant part of his career working in Engineering and Finance before gravitating to Healthcare in early 2000's. Bob took a job with Presbyterian as a Manager at the Cancer Center at Presbyterian. He worked as Admissions Director with HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital, he was Provider Relations Executive with Humana and he is currently with ClearSky Health. Bob's wife Heather was diagnosed in 2008 with Stage IV Metastatic Breast Cancer. Her battle with cancer ended in 2014. Bob and his two daughters are standing strong and always looking for ways to give back to the Oncology Community.

**Eleanor Schick**  
***Cancer Support Now***

Eleanor Schick is a breast cancer survivor. She answers the Helpline for Cancer Support Now, providing referrals to support groups and to one-on-one peer support, as well as immediate and ongoing support to cancer survivors and/or their loved ones. She co-facilitates three journaling support groups each week on the Zoom platform in collaboration with Cancer Support Now. She is the author and illustrator of "When Mama Wore a Hat."

**Thomas M. Schroeder, MD**  
***UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center, Dept. of Radiation Oncology***

Dr. Schroeder is a radiation oncologist at UNM, and currently serves as the Medical Director of Radiation Oncology. He completed his residency at the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas. One focus of his studies was advanced radiation techniques for treating prostate cancer after prostatectomy. He also completed a fellowship sponsored by the American Brachytherapy Society to study radioactive seed implantation at the Seattle Prostate Institute. His interests include image guided radiation therapy and stereotactic body radiation therapy. Dr. Schroeder grew up in Santa Fe, and attended UNM medical school where he also completed an internship in internal medicine. Prior to medical school he earned a bachelor in physics at the Colorado College and a master's degree in aerospace engineering from Stanford University. He and his family, including twin daughters & a son, are thrilled to live in New Mexico where they occasionally get to enjoy hiking, camping, and fly fishing.

**Linda Ann Smith, MD**  
***Breast Surgery Associates of New Mexico***

Dr. Linda Smith wanted to be a physician since childhood. She began studying a pre-medical curriculum in high school and qualified for a six-year medical program at Northwestern University. Following graduation from Northwestern, Dr. Smith attended a 5-year General Surgery Residency and then completed a one-year Burn and Trauma Fellowship at the University of New Mexico. She entered private practice in New Mexico in 1984 and began her career as a General Surgeon. From the beginning of her practice, Dr. Smith has concentrated on breast care and in 1994, she elected to sub-specialize in the treatment of breast disorders. Since 1994 her practice has been 100% dedicated to the treatment of breast disease.

**Bob Stice, LPCC**  
***Psychotherapist***

For the past 39 years Bob Stice has maintained a comprehensive practice in counseling and psychotherapy in addition to filling various clinical and administrative positions in behavioral healthcare. His practice has included extensive work with cancer patients and families at M.D. Anderson Cancer Hospital in Houston, TX, and in Albuquerque. Along with a clinical practice, he keeps a busy schedule as a speaker and facilitator for

workshops, retreats, and conferences. A Clinical Member of the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy, Bob also serves as CEO/Clinical Director for Outcomes, Inc., in Albuquerque, and is on the mental health faculty for the CREDO Institute, a national comprehensive wellness program. His academic background includes undergraduate and graduate degrees in the fields of theology, education, and counseling psychology.

**Bernard Tawfik, MD**

***UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center***

Bernard Tawfik is board certified in medical oncology and hematology. He completed medical school at the Wake Forest University in North Carolina before staying there for internal medicine residency. He completed his medical oncology and hematology fellowship at University of Texas Southwestern in Dallas, Texas before moving to Albuquerque to join the UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center. He specializes in breast cancer, gastrointestinal tumors and neuroendocrine tumors. His research focuses included cancer care delivery, quality improvement, health disparities and clinical trials. He strives to achieve the best outcomes with the lowest toxicity in a way that is accessible to all patients. He lives with his wife, also a physician at UNM, and their two young boys. They all enjoy hiking and going to the aquarium.

**John Trotter, PhD**

***Cancer Services of New Mexico***

Dr. Trotter is professor emeritus of Cell Biology and Physiology, and Vice Chancellor Emeritus at the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center. He has served as the Retreat Coordinator for CSNM's semi-annual family retreats. He is currently directing the Caregiver Support Program that uses CSNM volunteers to provide one-on-one support for those newly in the role of caregiver to a cancer-survivor. Dr. Trotter received his BA degree from Johns Hopkins University and his Ph.D. from the University of Washington. He retired from UNM in 2005 to have more time to spend with his family and to devote to photography, music, and doing volunteer work. He is a cancer survivor (2004).

**Ernestine Trujillo, MS, RD, LD**

***UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center***

Ernestine Trujillo is a Licensed and Registered Dietitian in practice since 2001. A native New Mexican, she completed both her Bachelors and Master of Science degrees at the University of New Mexico. She has also earned her Certificate of Training in Adult Weight Management with the American Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics. Over the years, Ernestine has cared for patients with varying degrees of nutritional needs including hospital Intensive Care Unit, Cardiac care, Long term care, Outpatient counseling, Home Health & Hospice as well as transitioning patients on and off of enteral and parenteral feedings. Through these experiences she has developed a passion for oncology nutrition and is currently serving as the Senior Clinical Nutritionist at the UNM Cancer Research & Treatment Center.

**Valerie Valdez**

***NM Aging and Long-Term Services Department***

Valerie is a State Health Insurance Program (SHIP), Director working with Aging & Long-Term Service Department. She graduated from New Mexico Highlands University and has a Bachelors in Social work. Previously she managed the Sandoval County Senior Program at Meadowlark Senior Center in Rio Rancho where she provided valuable services which included congregate meals and transportation to aging seniors who were homebound, to improve their quality of life., in her spare time she spends time traveling, cycling and spends quality time with grandchildren.

**Usha Venkatraj, MD**

***Presbyterian Cancer Care***

Dr. Venkatraj joined Presbyterian in March, 2018. She has over 30 years of experience in hematology and oncology. Her goal is to provide a high standard of comprehensive patient-centric care, compassionate care focused on the mental, emotional, and physical well-being of the patient coupled with the latest approaches to cancer treatment. Dr. Venkatraj earned her medical degree at the Kilpauk Medical College in Madras, India. She completed her medical residency at Interfaith Medical Center in Brooklyn, NY, and went on to complete fellowships in oncology and hematology at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in Bronx, NY. She

is board certified in internal medicine, oncology, and hematology. In her spare time she enjoys spending time with her family, traveling, cooking, music and meditation.

### **Karen Waconda-Lewis**

#### ***Native Healer***

Karen Waconda-Lewis is a native from Isleta/Laguna Pueblo. After initiation, she brought the native medicine into an urban American Indian health clinic in Albuquerque, NM and continues to expand the program to local hospitals, Indian Health Service, VA Hospital and surrounding organizations. She is a graduate of Spirit Rock Community Dharma Leader and regularly provides dharma teachings with integration of native teachings throughout NM, nationally and through Insight Meditation Society-staff and teacher training. She has interconnected the native teachings with Vipassana teachings into ceremonies and sweat lodges. She is co-founder of the Annual Indigenous and Native Healer's Silent Retreats and Albuquerque POC and Allies Sangha. Karen Waconda-Lewis is Director of the Center for Native American Integrative Healing, LLC, and appointed volunteer Faculty, UNM, School of Medicine, Family and Community Medicine. She is also the Director of Wa'Kanda Retreat and Spa.

### **Daniel Weishampel**

#### ***UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center***

Daniel has been a Research Scientist/Coordinator at the UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center (UNMCCC) for four years. He started his career on the sponsor side of research working for a global pharmaceutical company in Pennsylvania as a clinical safety assistant. He received reports from doctors all around the world detailing adverse events from patients on investigational drug trials. He became a clinical trials assistant and helped to compile study data and build trial master files. Ultimately, he wanted to work and interact directly with patients, so he became a Research Coordinator at UNMCCC. Now Daniel speaks with patients every day to offer the opportunity to participate in clinical trials. He guides patients through the informed consent process and helps them follow the requirements of their study protocol.

### **Debra Winkeljohn, RN, MSN, AOCN, CNS**

#### ***New Mexico Cancer Center***

Debra received her Bachelor Science of Nursing in 1987 from the College of Nursing at the University of New Mexico. She completed her Masters Science of Nursing in 1996 from the College of Nursing also at the University of New Mexico. Since graduating from her BSN program she has worked solely in oncology. For 14 years, she worked on the oncology unit at St. Joseph Medical Center with some of that time spent working part time in gynecology oncology. She previously worked with Lovelace Oncology for 17 years and recently transitioned to New Mexico Cancer Center. Debra has her Advanced Oncology Certification. She is a Clinical Nurse Specialist. She is a member of the Oncology Nursing Society. She has been past Associate Editor for Clinical Journal of Oncology Nursing and is published.

### **Preya Wisner, DO**

#### ***Southwest Women's Gynecologic Oncology***

Dr. Preya Wisner has years of experience guiding patients from diagnosis to recovery. Her caring nature and her strength allow her to find the best possible solutions for her patients. In joining Southwest Women's Oncology, Dr. Wisner continues to help fulfill the promise of the care that goes *above and beyond*. An expert in sentinel lymph node mapping and minimally invasive surgery, Dr. Wisner brings experience with the most advanced techniques. She is at the forefront of her field, having received awards from the Florida Society of Clinical Oncology and the Medical Education Foundation of the American College of Osteopathic Obstetricians & Gynecologists. Devoted to researching the treatment of cancer, Dr. Wisner has had her work published in scientific journals including the Journal of Clinical Oncology, the Journal of Surgical Oncology and Best Practice and Research: Clinical Obstetrics & Gynecology.