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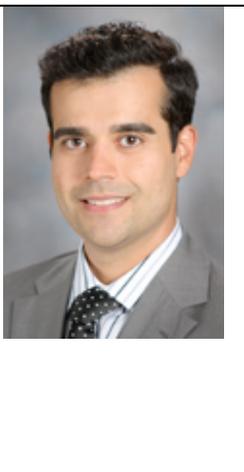
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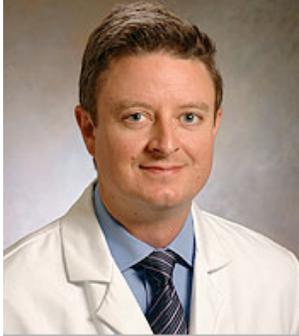
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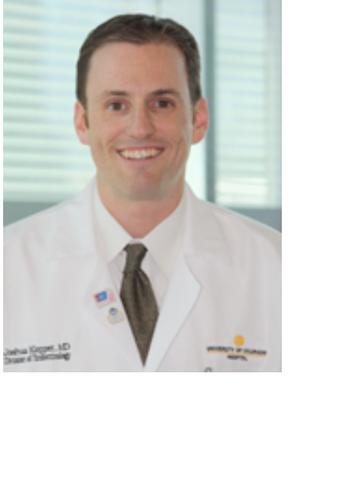
	<p>Maria Albuja-Cruz, M.D., is Assistant Professor, Surgery-GI Tumor and Endocrine Surgery at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, Department of Surgery, Denver, Colorado. Her specialties include surgery and endocrine surgery. She earned her M.D. at Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Ecuador, and completed an internship at the University of Colorado, followed by residency at the University of Colorado, where she was Chief Resident in Surgery and a fellowship in Endocrine Surgery at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine. Conditions and treatments she specializes in include cancer surgery and head and neck cancer. Her journal article topics include reliability of fine needle aspiration for thyroid nodules of a certain size and the extent of modified radical neck dissection for papillary thyroid cancer.</p>
	<p>Daniel Bowles, M.D., Medical Oncologist, is Assistant Professor at the University of Colorado School of Medicine's Division of Medical Oncology in Denver, Colorado. He has particular interest in aggressive thyroid cancers as well as salivary gland cancers. He earned his M.D. at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, followed by residency and fellowship training at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. He has authored many peer-reviewed journal articles on treatments for head and neck squamous cell carcinoma, therapeutic resistance in head and neck cancer, and new kinase inhibitors for cancer.</p>
	<p>Monica Fawzy Bryant, Esq., is a Cancer Rights Attorney and Adjunct Law Professor at the John Marshall Law School in Chicago, Illinois. She previously was the Midwest Regional Director of the Cancer Legal Resource Center. Ms. Bryant graduated from the University of California at Santa Barbara in 2003, earning a Bachelor of Arts both in Law and Society and in Psychology. Ms. Bryant earned her law degree in 2006 from The George Washington University Law School.</p>

	<p>Naifa Busaidy, M.D., is an Endocrinologist and Assistant Professor in the Department of Endocrine Neoplasia and Hormonal Disorders at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas. She is a graduate of Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. She completed postgraduate training at The Royal Hospital and the Sultan Qaboos University Hospital, Oman; Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas; and University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas. She is the author of numerous research articles and book chapters. Dr. Busaidy is also the recipient of a ThyCa thyroid cancer research grant. She is a ThyCa Medical Advisor.</p>
	<p>Maria E. Cabanillas, M.D., Endocrinologist, is Assistant Professor in the Department of Endocrine Neoplasia and Hormonal Disorders at The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas. Dr. Cabanillas's clinical focus is metastatic thyroid cancer, and her research interests include targeted therapy for metastatic thyroid cancer, as well as supportive care in cancer. She is a graduate of The University of Puerto Rico Medical School. She completed a Residency in Internal Medicine at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, Houston, Texas, and a Fellowship at Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas. She has authored many peer-reviewed journal articles.</p>
	<p>Richard C. Cardoso, D.D.S., M.S., Dentist, is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Head and Neck Surgery at The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, in the Section of Oral Oncology and Maxillofacial Prosthodontics. He obtained his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from the New York University College of Dentistry, and completed a Clinical Residency in Combined Prosthodontics at the Michael E. DeBakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Houston, Texas. He then undertook a Clinical Fellowship in Oral Oncology and Maxillofacial Prosthodontics at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, and completed his M.S., in Prosthodontics at the University of Texas Dental Branch, also in Houston, Texas. His clinical interests include implant dentistry and prosthetic rehabilitation, while his research focuses on radiation-induced oral morbidities and Trismus.</p>
	<p>Gilbert J. Cote, Ph.D., Researcher, is Professor in the Department of Endocrine Neoplasia and Hormonal Disorders at The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas. In 2010 he was named F1000 Faculty Member of the Year. He is co-author of numerous peer-reviewed journal articles on molecular and genetic aspects of medullary thyroid cancer. Dr. Cote is a member of ThyCa's Medical Advisory Council</p>

	<p>Aime T. Franco, Ph.D., Researcher, is Assistant Professor of Physiology and Biophysics at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. Her research examines the role of oncogenes, hormones, and microbes in the development of thyroid cancer and other cancer. Studies focus on cancer initiation, progression, and metastasis, as well as the impact of cancer on the entire body, including skeletal consequences of cancer. Dr. Franco earned her Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University. She is a past recipient of a ThyCa research grant.</p>
	<p>Marla Friedman, Ed.D., is Co-Founder and Co-Facilitator of the ThyCa South Florida Support Group and a longtime ThyCa volunteer. She is a survivor of papillary thyroid cancer with treatment involving two surgeries, a paralyzed vocal cord, and radioactive iodine. She is a certified professional coach, principal in Think Forward Coaching, Inc., founder of Weekend Getaways for Women, and contributing author to the newly published book <i>Conversations that Make a Difference</i>. She has also completed a 150-mile bike rally for charity, the Disney 10k, and Bike New York to prove to herself and the world that thyroid cancer wouldn't stop her life.</p>
	<p>Robert F. Gagel, M.D., Endocrinologist, is Director, Division of Internal Medicine, and Professor, Department of Endocrine Neoplasia and Hormonal Disorders at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas, as well as Adjunct Professor at Baylor College of Medicine. A graduate of Ohio State University Medical School, he completed postgraduate training at Tufts-New England Medical Center, Harvard Medical School, and Harvard School of Public Health. He is a frequent faculty member at medical meetings, serves on numerous committees and advisory groups for professional organizations, and has authored hundreds of peer-reviewed journal articles and other publications. His studies have focused on transcriptional regulation of the calcitonin gene. He and his colleagues identified the new variant of MEN2. Dr. Gagel has also been active in studies of the development of strategies for treatment of medullary thyroid carcinoma. Dr. Gagel is a member of ThyCa's Medical Advisory Council.</p>
	<p>Thomas J. Giordano, M.D., Ph.D., received his B.A. from Johns Hopkins University in 1983 and earned his M.D. and Ph.D. through a combined program at Rutgers University and UMDNJ - Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. His graduate studies in the Department of Microbiology involved regulation of gene expression by phage T3 and T7 RNA polymerases. He completed residency training in Anatomic Pathology at the National Cancer Institute and fellowship training in Oncologic Pathology at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. After AP training, he joined the faculty of the Department of Pathology at the University of Michigan Medical School as Assistant Professor, was promoted to Associate Professor in 2001, and Professor in 2008. He also holds a joint appointment in the Metabolism and Endocrinology Division of the Department of Internal Medicine. Dr. Giordano is board-certified</p>

	<p>in Anatomic Pathology. Dr. Giordano has interests in the molecular biology of endocrine neoplasia and maintains an active translational research program in endocrine and other tumors. His research is focused on using contemporary molecular and genomic profiling techniques to address problems in oncologic pathology. For the last several years, he has become active in several projects of The Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA) of the NCI and NHGRI, where he serves as Co-Chair of the Thyroid and Adrenocortical TCGA Projects and a member of the Pheochromocytoma/Paraganglioma Analysis Working Group. He is also Director of the Tissue Core of the Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center, Director of the Molecular Pathology Research Laboratory in the Department of Pathology, Director of the Biosample Core for the Michigan GI Spore, a former member of AP Test Committee for the American Board of Pathology.</p>
	<p>Jessica Godoff, A.N.P. is an Oncology Navigator at the Rose Medical Center, H.C.A, in Denver, Colorado.</p>
	<p>Sue Goodin is Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Progressive Health Center in Denver, Colorado. Previously she was Director of Development for the Colorado Neurological Institute (CNI) and consultant to HealthONE's Swedish Medical Center. Currently, she also serves as chair of the advisory committee for the Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Institute.</p>
	<p>Ann W. Gramza, M.D., Oncologist, is Staff Clinician in the Endocrine Oncology Branch at the National Cancer Institute in the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland. Her translational laboratory research has focused on the molecular genetics of thyroid malignancies, in particular as targets for therapeutic agents. She is currently in pursuit of translational clinical research studies of new therapeutics for patients with thyroid cancers. She received her M.D. from The Ohio State University, followed by clinical training in internal medicine and palliative care at the University of New Mexico, and fellowships in hematology and oncology at Oregon Health and Sciences University (OHSU). Following further work at OHSU and the Portland Veterans Affairs Medical Center, she joined the staff of the National Cancer Institute in 2010.</p>
 <p data-bbox="188 1814 412 1864">  Dr. Grogan talks about his work </p>	<p>Raymon Grogan, M.D. is an Endocrine Surgeon at the University of Chicago Medical Center in Chicago, Illinois, where he is also Professor of Surgery and Director of the Endocrine Surgery Research Program. Dr. Grogan specializes in the surgical management of thyroid, parathyroid, and adrenal gland diseases. He is involved in clinical, translational, epidemiological, and basic science research. He is currently working on identifying genetic and proteomic biomarkers in thyroid and adrenal tumors. The ultimate goal is to translate research findings into everyday clinical practice.</p>

	<p>Elizabeth Grubbs, M.D., is a Surgeon at the University of Texas, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, in Houston, Texas. She is also Assistant Professor, Department of Surgical Oncology. She earned her M.D. at Duke University School of Medicine in North Carolina, followed by postgraduate training at Duke and at the University of Texas, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. She is author of numerous peer-reviewed original research articles. Dr. Grubbs is a member of ThyCa's Medical Advisory Council.</p>
	<p>Bryan R. Haugen, M.D., Endocrinologist, University of Colorado School of Medicine, Denver, Colorado, is Professor of Medicine and Pathology, as well as Head, Division of Endocrinology, Metabolism & Diabetes, and Chair of Endocrine Neoplasms Research. Dr. Haugen's clinical and research interests focus on thyroid cancer, including molecular therapeutic targets. Specific areas of research include nuclear hormone receptors (RXR, TR, PPAR) and kinase signaling pathways as therapeutic targets in thyroid cancer, as well as proteomic approaches to molecular markers in thyroid neoplasms. He presented a ThyCa Webinar on Thyrogen in September 2012, available on ThyCa's web site. Dr. Haugen is Past President of the American Thyroid Association. He is a ThyCa Medical Advisor.</p>
	<p>Eric M. Hink, M.D., Ophthalmologist, is Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, Denver, Colorado. His research and clinical interests include thyroid eye disease, eyelid and orbital tumors, eyelid and orbital trauma and reconstruction, and cosmetic facial surgery. Dr. Hink graduated from the University of Colorado Health Science Center, where he was elected in Alpha Omega Alpha, the national medical honor society, followed by postgraduate training at Presbyterian St. Luke's Medical Center and the University of Colorado. He has given national and international lectures and courses, and presented his research at national and international meetings. He received the Fellow Teaching Award in 2010.</p>
	<p>Julie Hunsaker has been one of the leaders of the Hypoparathyroidism Association for many years and is participating in the hypoparathyroidism session at this year's conference, as she has for several years.</p>

	<p>Nick Isenberg, Documentary Filmmaker, has been a news reporter and photographer for 35 years, with credits in television, radio, and print. He is a thyroid cancer survivor. He developed his documentary, “Thyroid Cancer’s Magic Bullet,” which educates patients and caregivers about what to expect before, during, and after radioactive iodine, in cooperation with specialist physicians and other professionals and numerous thyroid cancer survivors. Nick facilitates ThyCa Western Slopes Support Group in Glenwood Springs, Colorado. His experience in photography and writing includes travel to Mount Everest.</p>
	<p>David Kalish, a two-decade survivor of medullary thyroid cancer, is a novelist and playwright. His debut book <i>The Opposite of Everything</i>, a comic twist on his struggles with cancer and divorce, was named top literary novel in the Somerset Fiction Awards. He led a seminar on “Turning Personal Pain into Entertaining Fiction” at the Grubstreet Writing Conference in Boston. He has also completed a second novel, as well as a musical comedy, <i>The Gringo Who Stole Christmas</i>, that will be performed at Proctors Theater in upstate New York in December. He earned his M.F.A. in fiction writing at Bennington College in Vermont and was a journalist at The Associated Press for 12 years in New York City. He lives in upstate New York with his wife, teen-age daughter, and two dogs.</p>
	<p>Joshua Klopper, M.D., Endocrinologist, is Associate Professor at the University of Colorado School of Medicine in Denver, Colorado. His research interests focus on treatment of poorly differentiated thyroid cancer, focusing on molecular targets in the nuclear hormone receptor superfamily and the activation of retinoid, PPARγ, and Vitamin D receptors to inhibit cell growth and potentially induce redifferentiation in aggressive thyroid cancers. He received his medical degree from the Emory University School of Medicine, completed postgraduate training at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. Among his publication topics are molecular testing for mutations in improving the fine needle aspiration diagnosis of thyroid nodules, DNA profiling analysis of human thyroid cancer cell lines, and inhibiting anaplastic thyroid carcinoma tumor growth. Dr. Klopper is a member of ThyCa’s Medical Advisory Council.</p>
	<p>Kimi Kondo, D.O., Interventional Radiologist, is Associate Professor of Radiology-Interventional at the University of Colorado School of Medicine in Denver, Colorado. Her specialties are Diagnostic, Vascular, and Interventional Radiology. She earned her D.O. at Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine, followed by internship at Mount Clemens General Hospital and residency and fellowships at the University of Colorado. She received the University of Colorado Hospital, President's Award for World Class Care in 2012, and the University of Colorado School of Medicine, Golden Stethoscope Award as Best Specialty Preceptor in 2014.</p>

	<p>Jennifer Kwak, M.D., is a Nuclear Medicine Physician at the University of Colorado School of Medicine in Denver, Colorado. She earned her M.D. at Tufts University School of Medicine in Massachusetts, followed by postgraduate training at Baylor University Medical Center in Texas and Brigham and Women's Hospital/Children's Hospital/Harvard Medical School in Massachusetts.</p>
	<p>Michael A. Levine, M.D., Pediatric Endocrinologist, is Chief of Endocrinology/Diabetes as well as Medical Director of the Center for Bone Health at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He is a graduate of Drexel University College of Medicine, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and completed postgraduate training at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland; and at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland. His research interests include the molecular basis for embryological development of the parathyroid glands. Dr. Levine has published more than 250 manuscripts, chapters and reviews. He is a founding executive editor for the Journal of Clinical and Translational Science and a member of the Executive Board of the Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism.</p>
	<p>Cheri Lindle, M.Ed., of Tulsa, Oklahoma, is a Trainer, Educator, and CEO of C3 Consulting. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology from Oklahoma State University and Master's Degree in Experiential Education from Minnesota State University at Mankato. She has worked in the field of experiential training and development for 25 years. Her experience includes challenge course facilitator with high-risk youth, challenge course director at an acute care adolescent psychiatric hospital, HR Director, Senior Management Trainer, and Corporate Consultant. Cheri has also taught Sociology/ Psychology at Tulsa Community College since 1999. Cheri founded and co-moderates the Anaplastic Thyroid Cancer E-Mail Support Group.</p>
	<p>Robert C. McIntyre, M.D., is a Surgeon at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, as well as Professor, Surgery-GI Tumor and Endocrine Surgery at the University of Colorado School of Medicine in Denver, Colorado. He is also the Medical Director of the Surgical Intensive Care Unit and Present of the University of Colorado Hospital Medical Board. He earned his M.D. at Tulane University School of Medicine in Louisiana, followed by postgraduate training at the University of Colorado Hospital. He has been named University of Colorado Hospital Physician of the Year.</p>

	<p>Bryan McIver, M.D., Ph.D., F.R.C.P., Endocrinologist, is with the Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa, Florida. He has extensive experience treating patients with thyroid diseases, specifically those faced with aggressive thyroid cancers. He has received numerous awards and honors. He graduated Summa Cum Laude in Medical Sciences from the University of Edinburgh in Scotland, received his Ph.D. in Physiology and Biophysics from the University of Vermont; and his medical degree at the University of Edinburgh. He is a member of the American Thyroid Association's Thyroid Cancer Guidelines Development Group. He has spoken at many ThyCa conferences and is a member of ThyCa's Medical Advisory Council.</p>
	<p>Kristin McKinney, M.D., is a Radiologist at the University of Colorado, Denver, Colorado. She is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati School of Medicine in Ohio and is board certified in diagnostic radiology. Her areas of clinical focus include Ultrasound and body CT/MRI.</p>
	<p>Bill McClain is a writer and businessman who lives with his wife, Galina, in North Andover, Massachusetts. He was diagnosed with sporadic medullary thyroid cancer in 2008. Bill has responded to thousands of online postings in MTC groups, mainly to new meddies as they go through initial searching. Bill writes under the pen name William Kenly and has published three books about demonstrating that art is an effective therapy. They are <i>The Dogs of Divorce: The Journey out of a Dark Marriage</i>, <i>The Dogs of Luck: Comic Confessions from Warren PA</i>, <i>Corporate America and Family Life</i>, and <i>The Dogs of Cancer: Dancing with Medullary Thyroid Cancer</i>, which was in the top 25 books on cancer on Amazon in 2013. The next one is a murder mystery set in Industrial Revolution mills in Massachusetts and is due out in late 2015. Bill explains "art as therapy" like this: "Following each of the threads of my unfolding life through my writing has helped me to grow through these experiences. Writing has been a wonderful therapy."</p>
	<p>Bev McLaughlin is the Patient Affairs Coordinator for the Endocrine Neoplasm Programs at the University of Colorado in Denver, Colorado.</p>
	<p>Erin Meyerhoff, F.N.P., is a Nurse Practitioner at the University of Colorado in Denver, Colorado. Ms. Meyerhoff earned her bachelor's degree in Nursing from the University of Rochester in New York. She completed her Master's preparation as a Nurse Practitioner from the University of Colorado Denver. In her nursing career, she worked in the Surgical Intensive Care Unit and then as a diabetes educator and insulin pump trainer. She works clinically with patients with thyroid disorders and diabetes. Her research interests include Thyroid Disease and Thyroid Cancer.</p>

	<p>David Myssiorek, M.D., F.A.C.S., Otolaryngologist, is Professor of Otolaryngology at the New York University Clinical Cancer Center in New York City, New York. He is also Secretary of the New York Head and Neck Society. Previously he was on the staff of Long Island Jewish Hospital. A graduate of New York University School of Medicine, Dr. Myssiorek did his internship at Lenox Hill Hospital and was Chief Resident at New York University/Bellevue. He is the author of numerous articles on thyroid cancer surgery and other head and neck surgery. His survey on voice issues, conducted in cooperation with ThyCa, received more than 6,000 responses. Dr. Myssiorek is a member of ThyCa's Medical Advisory Council.</p>
	<p>Kim Oliva is a Certified Yoga Teacher at Progressive Health Center, in Denver, Colorado. She received her Yoga Alliance Certification in 2007 and is also certified to teach a K-8 curriculum and Tools for Teachers in the classroom for professional development. She recently created an after-school program for elementary schools in Denver and Centennial titled "Mind, Body, & Fun." Kim also teaches for The Wellness Initiative at Brown Elementary in Denver, as well as Family Yoga classes at Progressive Health Center and a Gentle Restorative class at the Denver Athletic Club.</p>
	<p>Nayana Patel, M.D., is a Radiologist and Associate Professor of Radiology-Abdominal Imaging at the University of Colorado School of Medicine in Denver, Colorado. She attended Medical School at Gujarat University, BJ Medical College in Ahmedabad, India, did her internship at University of Louisville School of Medicine Program and completed her residency program at University of Louisville School of Medicine Program, Radiology – Diagnostic. She completed her fellowship at Washington University/Barnes-Jewish Hospital/ St. Louis Children's Hospital in Radiology and Abdominal Radiology. Clinical interest areas include abdominal imaging-ultrasound, CT and MRI. Special interests include Thyroid and GU Imaging, ultrasound-guided percutaneous biopsy of thyroid nodules or neck lymph nodes in thyroid cancer patients. She has authored many peer-reviewed journal articles to include topics on transitional zone prostate cancers, controlled ovarian hyperstimulation and the challenges involved in imaging for cancer in patients with diabetes and obesity.</p>
	<p>Christopher Raeburn, M.D., is a Surgeon and Associate Professor, Surgery-GI Tumor, Endocrine Surgery, and Trauma Surgery at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus in Denver, Colorado. His main clinical focus is Endocrine Surgery, including the surgical treatment of thyroid nodules/cancer, adrenal tumors, pheochromocytoma, parathyroid problems, and pancreatic endocrine tumors. He also performs robotic surgery, primarily for thyroid, parathyroid and adrenal disorders. Dr. Raeburn earned his M.D. at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine in Ohio, followed by internship, residency, and fellowships at the University of Colorado Hospital.</p>

	<p>Sharon Sams, M.D., is a Pathologist at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, Denver, Colorado, as well as Assistant Professor at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. She earned her M.P.H. at the University of Alabama at Birmingham and her M.D. at Meharry Medical College, followed by postdoctoral education in Anatomic Pathology and Cytopathology at the University of Colorado.</p>
	<p>Carol Sanders, Idaho Falls, Idaho, is a board member of the Hypoparathyroidism Association. ThyCa partners with the Hypoparathyroidism Association to provide education and support for people with all forms of hypoparathyroidism. Hypoparathyroidism can result from the removal of or damage to the parathyroid glands during thyroid surgery, as well as from other causes. ThyCa and the Hypoparathyroidism Association are working collaboratively with the goal of reducing the incidence of post-surgical hypoparathyroidism.</p>
	<p>Rebecca E. Schweppe, Ph.D., is a Researcher at the University of Colorado School of Medicine in Denver, Colorado, focusing on novel molecular targets relevant to papillary and anaplastic thyroid cancer with the goal of advancing these studies into clinical trials for thyroid cancer patients who may not respond positively to the standard set of available therapies. She earned her Ph.D. in Biochemistry from the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center where she also continued her post-doctoral studies. She's working on three projects related to thyroid cancer: 1) identifying signaling mechanisms associated with deregulated MAP kinase signaling and sensitivity and resistance to MAPK pathway inhibitors, 2) characterizing the mechanisms by which certain cell lines are sensitive to Src inhibition to help direct therapy and identify new therapeutic targets, and 3) applying global molecular and genomic approaches with novel computational analyses to new and existing thyroid cancer cells to uncover pathways critical in thyroid cancer development and progression.</p>
	<p>Patricia Scott, B.S., R.N., M.B.A., led caregivers sessions at the 6th and 8th International Thyroid Cancer Survivors' Conferences. She started her nursing/research career more than 20 years ago at the Cancer and Treatment Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She later specialized in women's and infants' health care at the University of Colorado Hospital, Denver, Colorado, until her husband David was diagnosed with Anaplastic Thyroid Cancer in March 2002. She turned her energy toward learning and researching about thyroid cancer and was her husband's primary caregiver and advocate, until his passing on February 28, 2003. Her article titled "Care of the Caregiver" is available on ThyCa's web site.</p>

	<p>Steven I. Sherman, M.D., Endocrinologist, is Chair of the Department of Endocrine Neoplasia and Hormonal Disorders at the University of Texas, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas, where he is also a Professor. He is also Adjunct Associate Professor of Medicine at Baylor College of Medicine. A Magna Cum Laude graduate of Harvard College, he received his M.D. from Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, followed by internship, residency, and fellowship at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland, and 3 years as a Clinical Associate Physician, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland. His research interests include novel therapies for thyroid carcinoma and recombinant human TSH. He is coauthor of the American Thyroid Association Guidelines on Differentiated Thyroid Cancer and a Board Member of the American Thyroid Association. Dr. Sherman is also a member of ThyCa's Medical Advisory Council.</p>
	<p>Joyce J. Shin, M.D., is an Endocrine Surgeon at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation in Cleveland, Ohio. She attended Medical School at State University of New York School of Medicine, Brooklyn followed by her residency at Montefiore Medical Center and fellowship at Cleveland Clinic. She specializes in diseases and conditions affecting the thyroid to include thyroid cancer, thyroid nodules, adrenal disorders, familial multiple endocrine neoplasia and parathyroid disease. She has conducted research in several areas to include, though not limited to, head and neck surgery and the impact of thyroid nodule size on prevalence and probability of malignancy.</p>
	<p>Peter Smibert, Ph.D., Regenerative Biologist, is a Senior Scientist in the Center for Personalized Cancer Therapeutics at the Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City, New York. Previously, he was a Research Fellow at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City for nearly five years. Educated at The Australian National University in Canberra, Australia, he also was a Research Fellow there for a year.</p>
	<p>Jeannie Smith is a Certified Gestalt Therapist and Advanced Tai Yi Practitioner at Progressive Health Center, Denver, Colorado. She received her B.S. degree in Counseling and Mental Health, graduating summa cum laude, and is a member of Colorado Association of Psychotherapists. She completed post-graduate work at Boulder Psychotherapy Institute and is a Certified Gestalt Therapist. She is in her 15th year of on-going training in Life Energy Flow Tai Yi and is a Certified Advanced Tai Yi Practitioner. She has been in private practice for over 10 years. Her counseling and Tai Yi energy work assists clients in understanding how body, mind, emotions, and spirit work together, and in identifying and working toward healing the causes that block joy and a sense of well-being.</p>



Julie Ann Sosa, M.D., M.A., is an Endocrine and Oncologic Surgeon at Duke University Medical School and Medical Center, Durham, North Carolina. She is principal investigator or co- principal investigator of studies of new drug treatments for differentiated thyroid cancer (papillary/follicular), medullary thyroid cancer, and anaplastic thyroid cancer. Following undergraduate education at Princeton University, she received a master's degree in Human Sciences at the University of Oxford in the United Kingdom and her medical degree from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, Maryland. She received postgraduate training at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland, as well as John Radcliffe and Churchill Hospitals, Oxford, England. She is a frequent invited lecturer and course leader/instructor for professional audiences. She is a member of ThyCa's Medical Advisory Council.



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Kimberly Vanderveen, M.D., is an Endocrine Surgeon at the Denver Center for Endocrine Surgery, P.C., Denver, Colorado. She earned her medical degree from Northwestern University in Chicago, Illinois, followed by surgical residency at University of California-Davis, where she also earned a Master's Degree in Clinical Research and was actively involved in cancer research and education. Dr. Vanderveen also completed a fellowship in Endocrine Surgery at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. She specializes in surgery for diseases of the thyroid, parathyroid, and adrenal glands and is experienced in minimally invasive techniques and advanced imaging. She has given many talks at local and national meetings, and has received an award for distinguished teaching.

	<p>Steven G. Waguespack, M.D., Endocrinologist, is an associate professor of internal medicine and pediatrics at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. A native of Louisiana, Dr. Waguespack graduated Summa Cum Laude from Loyola University in New Orleans, where he also participated in the presidential scholars honor program. He graduated from the University of Texas-Houston Medical School with honors and pursued training in internal medicine/pediatrics at Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis. He completed a combined adult and pediatric endocrinology fellowship at Indiana University and is board certified in both subspecialties. Recognized as one of “America’s Top Doctors for Cancer” in pediatric endocrinology, his major clinical and research interests are thyroid cancer, pituitary tumors, and metabolic bone disease. At M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Dr. Waguespack provides endocrine care to patients of all ages. Dr. Waguespack is a ThyCa Medical Advisor.</p>
	<p>Lynn Waldmann, L.C.S.W., has been Senior Social Work Counselor at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas since 2000. She conducts clinical counseling with individuals and families to promote positive adjustment to cancer diagnosis and treatment and facilitate adherence to treatment, self-determination, and exploring choices. Previously she has served as a clinical social worker with children, adolescents, adults, and families in hospital and community-based settings. She is a graduate of Good Counsel College and Hunter College Graduate School of Social Work.</p>
	<p>Tracy S. Wang, M.D., M.P.H., is a Surgeon at the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Her specialties are endocrine surgery, surgical oncology, and general surgery, for diseases that include thyroid tumors, multiple endocrine neoplasia, and pheochromocytoma. Dr. Wang earned her M.D. at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, New York, followed by Residency at Long Island Jewish Medical Center, New Hyde Park, New York, Fellowship in Endocrine Surgery at Yale-New Haven Hospital in Connecticut.</p>



Lori J. Wirth, M.D., Medical Oncologist, is Assistant Professor in Medicine at Harvard Medical School and at Massachusetts General Hospital, and clinician in the Head and Neck Oncology Program at the Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Center, all in Boston, Massachusetts, where thyroid tumors are one of her specialties. Dr. Wirth graduated from Brown University and received her M.D. from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York. She completed a residency in Internal Medicine at New York Presbyterian Hospital and then became a fellow in Medical Oncology at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. She is a member of the National Cancer Institute's Metastatic/Recurrent Disease Task Force/Head and Neck Steering Committee, as well as a Thyroid Cancer Guideline Panel Member of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network. Dr. Wirth has given numerous invited presentations at the regional, national, and international levels and has authored numerous publications. She is a reviewer for medical journals. Dr. Wirth is a member of ThyCa's Medical Advisory Council.