

# Jane Cooke Wright, M.D., Cancer Disparities Symposium & Poster Walk

*Updated Strategies for Addressing  
Disparities in Cancer Care and Screening*

A Collaboration between Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson Health, the NMA Oncology Section, NMA Internal Medicine Section, the W. Montague Cobb/NMA Health Institute, and the International Myeloma Foundation

**Date & Time:** Monday, August 5, 2024, 3:30-5:30 PM

**Venue:** Sheraton Hotel - Metropolitan Ballroom West, level 2

**Continuing Medical Education (CME) Credits:** 2

# Event Details

## Overview

The Annual Jane Cooke Wright, MD Cancer Disparities Symposium addresses disparities in cancer care and screening. This year's program includes a tribute to Dr. Edith P. Mitchell, a keynote address on current strategies, and panel discussions on lung, breast, and colorectal cancer care and screening disparities. Updates on multiple myeloma will also be provided, concluding with remarks and a research poster walk focused on myeloma research.

## Learning Objectives

After participating in this activity, learners will be able to:

1. Discuss current advancements in cancer screening methodologies and their relevance for addressing disparities in cancer incidence and mortality rates.
2. Describe the predominant cancers affecting target communities, examining key outcomes and underlying factors contributing to disparities in diagnosis, treatment, and outcomes.
3. Develop tailored implementation strategies for reducing cancer disparities, prioritizing current guidelines and research from the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN), the United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF), the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO), the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR), and other leading scientific organizations.
4. Explore updated therapeutic interventions for cancer treatment, including emerging modalities and precision medicine approaches, and discuss their implications for improving patient outcomes and reducing disparities.
5. Convey the significance of preparing the next generation of cancer providers, emphasizing the

importance of education, training, and diversity in the healthcare workforce to address disparities and ensure equitable access to quality cancer care.

## Continuing Medical Education Accreditation

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providership of the National Medical Association (NMA) and the W. Montague Cobb/ NMA Health Institute. The NMA is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The NMA designates this educational activity for a maximum of *2 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of participation in the activity. The NMA has been reviewed and approved as an Authorized Provider by the International Association for Continuing Medical Education and Training (IACET), 8405 Greensboro Drive, Suite 800, McLean, VA 22102-5120. The NMA will award 2 hours of CEUs to participants who successfully complete the program.

## Disclosure

ACCME Standards for Commercial Support require that we collect commercial interest information from faculty for identifying conflicts of interest, and for resolving those conflicts. Accordingly, all persons in a position to affect the educational content of the activity must complete a full disclosure form prior to the activity. Additionally, we request copies of all speaker presentations (these aid in determining and resolving potential conflicts). Faculty disclosures, or lack thereof, must be made known to learners prior to the activity.

# Event Schedule

## Opening (3 minutes)

*Randall Morgan M.D., M.B.A.*  
*President & CEO W. Montague Cobb Health Institute*  
*(The Cobb Institute)*

## Tribute to Dr. Edith P. Mitchell (10 minutes)

*Peter O'Dwyer, M.D.*  
*Group Co-Chair – ECOG-ACRIN Cancer Research*  
*Group*

*Marie L. Borum, M.D., Ed.D., M.P.H.*  
*Editor in Chief, Journal of the National Medical*  
*Association*

## Keynote Address (20 minutes)

*Lisa A. Newman, M.D., M.P.H.*  
*Professor of Surgery*  
*Weill Cornell Medicine/New York Presbyterian*  
*Hospital Network*

## Panel Discussion: Disparities in Cancer Care and Screening (30 minutes)

### Moderator

*Doris Browne, M.D., M.P.H.*  
*Chair, NMA Hematology-Oncology Subspecialty/*  
*Internal Medicine Section*

## Panelists

Disparities in Lung Cancer Care and Screening  
*Harlan Pinto, M.D.*  
*Professor of Hematology, Medical Oncology, Stanford*  
*University Medical Center*

Disparities in Breast Cancer Care and Screening  
*Tiffany Avery, M.D., M.P.H.*  
*Chief Medical Officer, NantHealth*

Disparities in Colorectal Cancer Care and Screening  
*Luz Marie Rodriguez, M.D.*  
*Program Director and Medical Officer, National*  
*Cancer Institute (NCI), Division of Cancer Prevention*

## Panel Discussion / Audience Q&A (12 minutes)

### Impact of Respiratory Syncytial Virus Infections on Cancer Disparities (10 minutes)

*Virginia D. Banks, M.D., M.B.A.*  
*Northeast Ohio Infectious Diseases Associates*

## Update On Disparities In Multiple Myeloma (10 minutes)

*Joseph Mikhael, M.D., M.Ed.*  
*Chief Medical Officer, International Myeloma*  
*Foundation*

## Closing Remarks (3 minutes)

*Doris Browne, M.D., M.P.H.*

## Myeloma Research Poster Walk and Reception

Metropolitan Ballroom East | 5:30–6:30 PM

# Participant Biographies

## Lisa A. Newman, M.D., M.P.H.

Lisa A. Newman, M.D., M.P.H., FACS, FASCO, is a distinguished Professor of Surgery at Weill Cornell Medicine/New York Presbyterian Hospital Network. Dr. Newman specializes in surgical oncology, focusing on breast cancer management.



In August 2018, she assumed leadership of the breast program for the Weill Cornell Medicine-New York Presbyterian Hospital Network, spanning Manhattan, Queens, and Brooklyn. Previously, Dr. Newman directed the breast program at the Henry Ford Health System, overseeing multiple hospitals across Michigan since 2015. She is also the Founding Medical Director of the International Center for the Study of Breast Cancer Subtypes, now based at Weill Cornell Medicine following her recruitment. Throughout her career, Dr. Newman has conducted extensive research on ethnicity-related variation in breast cancer risk and outcome, with a focus on disparities in breast cancer risk and outcome. Her research has been published in numerous peer-reviewed medical journals and featured in media outlets such as CNN's documentary *Black in America 2*, NBC's *Today Show*, and CBS *Nightly News*. Dr. Newman's editorial board service includes roles in prestigious medical journals such as *Annals of Surgical Oncology*, *Cancer*, *Journal of Clinical Oncology*, and *JAMA Surgery*. Dr. Newman earned her Master's Degree in Public Health from Harvard University and completed her undergraduate education in chemistry at Harvard University. She received her medical degree and completed her general surgery residency training at the State University of New York Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn. Dr. Newman pursued fellowship training in surgical oncology at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center.

### Moderator

## Doris Browne, M.D., M.P.H.

Doris Browne, M.D., M.P.H. is President/CEO, Browne and Associates, LLC, a health consulting company that addresses national and global health inequities, a medical oncologist, and the 118th President of the National Medical Association. As President of the NMA, she focused on a Collaborative



Approach to Health Equity entitled "The Urgency of Now: Creating a Culture for Health Equity. She tirelessly champions causes that significantly contribute to improving the health status of vulnerable populations. She achieved national and international recognition as an expert educator and speaker and has been either featured or quoted in many news articles, Podcasts, and Op-Eds in addition to publishing scientific articles, book chapter and textbook. Her public health background includes health education programs on women's health, cancer, climate health and environmental justice, sickle cell disease, HIV/AIDS, and radiation casualties, including participating in an international disaster preparedness and humanitarian assistance program for 17 West African Nations. She is passionate about achieving health equity through increased participation of underrepresented populations in clinical trials research. She is a retired Colonel from the U. S. Army, Medical Corps and retired from National Institutes of Health, National Cancer Institute where she managed the breast cancer portfolio. Dr. Browne is a graduate of Tougaloo College (BS), UCLA (MPH), and Georgetown University (M.D.) and completed an internship, residency, and fellowship at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Hematology-Oncology. She is a member of numerous professional organizations, Trinity Episcopal Church and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. She is the recipient of plentiful awards including the NIH Merit Award and Top Blacks in Healthcare Award.

## Tiffany Avery, M.D., M.P.H.

Tiffany Avery, M.D., M.P.H., serves as the Chief Medical Officer at NantHealth, where she provides clinical strategic direction. Specializing in oncology, Dr. Avery initially joined NantHealth in 2019 as the Medical Director of



Oncology, bringing her expertise in breast cancer and addressing disparities in cancer survival. Prior to her role at NantHealth, she held positions as an Assistant Professor of Oncology at both Thomas Jefferson University and Wake Forest Baptist Health. Her contributions include conducting clinical trials, securing grant funding to study survival differences among breast cancer patients, and delivering lectures on various oncology topics. With numerous peer-reviewed publications, conference abstracts,

and editorials to her name, Dr. Avery has also served as an investigator on several breast cancer clinical trials. Beyond her professional endeavors, Dr. Avery is deeply committed to patient education and empowerment. She is the founder of CancerCall, a company dedicated to addressing cancer disparities through patient education. Additionally, Dr. Avery holds certification in Lifestyle Medicine and co-hosts 3 Black Docs, a podcast focused on health and cancer disparities. Dr. Avery earned her BS and MPH in Epidemiology from Tulane University and her MD from LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans. She completed fellowship training in Hematology and Medical Oncology at MD Anderson Cancer Center where she focused on clinical research and patient care in breast cancer.

## Marie L. Borum, M.D., Ed.D., M.P.H., MACP

Marie L. Borum, M.D., Ed.D., M.P.H., MACP, FACG, AGAF, FRCP

currently serves as the Director of the Division of Gastroenterology and Liver Diseases and a professor at The George Washington University School of Medicine & Health Sciences. Dr. Borum also oversees the Gastroenterology fellowship program and holds an associate professorship in public health at The George Washington University School of Public Health & Health Services. With an extensive scholarly portfolio, Dr. Borum has authored over 100 abstracts, articles, and chapters, and contributed to four textbooks, including *Women's Health Issues Part I and II* and *Gastroenterology Clinics in Geriatric Medicine*. She is highly regarded as a reviewer for numerous peer-reviewed journals. Dr. Borum's research interests encompass diverse areas such as physician decision-making, women's health, health disparities, acid-peptic disorders, inflammatory bowel disease, irritable bowel syndrome, colon cancer, and liver disease. Dr. Borum is esteemed as a fellow of the American College of Physicians and the American College of Gastroenterology, and she actively participates in professional organizations such as the American Gastroenterology Association, American Public Health Association, American Medical Women's Association, and the National Medical Association, where she now serves as the Editor in Chief of the *Journal of the National Medical Association*. Dr. Borum's academic journey includes an undergraduate degree from Princeton University, a medical degree from UMDNJ-Rutgers Medical School (Robert Wood Johnson Medical School), and master's and doctorate degrees from The George Washington University. She completed her residency in Internal Medicine and subspecialty training in gastroenterology at The George Washington University.



## Joseph Mikhael, M.D., M.Ed.

Joseph Mikhael, M.D., M.Ed. is the Chief Medical Officer of the International Myeloma Foundation (IMF) and a Professor at the Translational Genomics Research Institute (TGen), affiliated with the City of Hope Cancer Center. He



conducts phase 1 clinical trials as Director of Myeloma Research at the HonorHealth Research Institute. With a distinguished career, Dr. Mikhael recently led ASCO guidelines for multiple myeloma and served as a hematologist at Mayo Clinic Arizona. Recognized for his educational contributions, he was named one of the Top 100 Doctors in the United States and received induction into the Mayo Clinic Resident and Fellow Association Hall of Fame. Trained in Ottawa, Canada, Dr. Mikhael specializes in plasma cell disorders, particularly multiple myeloma, and leads numerous clinical trials in this field. He has authored over 150 peer-reviewed articles and is a member of the IMF's International Myeloma Working Group and the editorial board of the *Journal of Clinical Oncology*. Dr. Mikhael leads the IMF's M-Power Project, focused on improving myeloma care for African Americans, and advocates for increased access to myeloma therapies globally.

## Randall C. Morgan Jr., M.D., M.B.A.

Randall C. Morgan Jr., M.D., M.B.A. is an orthopedic surgeon achieving a career of excellence through service to his patients as a visionary leader in group medical practice, as an avid participant in community involvement, in youth mentorship, and in national medical leadership. He currently serves as the President and CEO of the W. Montague Cobb/NMA Health Institute, the research arm of the National Medical Association. He also serves as Senior Executive of the J. Robert Gladden Orthopedic Society. Dr. Morgan continues to be engaged in the practice of orthopedic surgery with Sarasota Orthopedic Associates in Sarasota, FL.



Dr. Morgan graduated from Roosevelt High School in Gary, IN, as co-valedictorian. He earned a Bachelor

of Arts in Chemistry from Grinnell College, in Iowa, and began a long career of medicine after acceptance at Howard University College of Medicine in Washington, DC. He served an internship and orthopedic surgery residency at Northwestern University in Chicago, IL, where he was recognized as Resident of the Year and also as Chief Resident of Orthopedic Surgery. He then served as Resident Physician at the prestigious Rancho Los Amigos Hospital in Downey, CA.

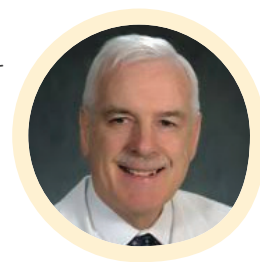
Dr. Morgan joined two of his Northwestern faculty members in their private practice in Evanston, IL, and then practiced in his hometown of Gary, IN, for 30 years. He completed a fellowship in pediatric orthopedics at the Children's Hospital of Cincinnati. He served as Assistant Professor of Orthopedic Surgery at Indiana University School of Medicine and as a Clinical Associate at Northwestern University. He later earned his Master of Business Administration from University of South Florida in 2001.

In addition to his contributions to community service, Dr. Morgan is a Diplomate of the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery, a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, and is certified by the American Board of Managed Care Medicine. He received an Honorary Doctorate of Science from his alma mater, Grinnell College, in 1992. He was elected President of the Indiana Orthopedic Society in 1999. He is a life member of National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and served as Chair of the Life Membership Dinner of the Gary Branch for several years. In 2003, Dr. Morgan was elected to the Steel City Hall of Fame in Gary, IN. He received the Joseph Pitts Award for Community Service from the NAACP in 2005. He was named a distinguished alumnus of Howard University College of Medicine. He was also inducted into Alpha Omega Alpha Honorary Medical Society at Howard University.

He also serves as a life member of the Grinnell College Board of Trustees. Dr. Morgan presently serves as Clinical Assistant Professor of Orthopedic Surgery at Florida State School of Medicine and Clinical Assistant Professor of Community Medicine at the University of Connecticut Health Center. It is there that he continues to develop his research interest in health care and musculoskeletal disparities. He has had over 200 scientific publications and presentations during his career.

## Peter O'Dwyer, M.D.

Peter O'Dwyer, M.D. has served as the Group Co-Chair of the ECOG-ACRIN Cancer Research Group (ECOG-ACRIN) since May 2017, playing a pivotal role in its governance and contributing to various scientific committees. With



a focus on gastrointestinal and pancreatic cancers, he brings extensive expertise as a medical oncologist at Penn Medicine in Philadelphia and as a professor of medicine at the University of Pennsylvania since 1999. Dr. O'Dwyer also holds significant leadership roles, including CEO and Chair of the PrECOG, LLC Board of Managers, President of the ECOG-ACRIN Medical Research Foundation, and President of the ECOG Research and Education Foundation. Having obtained his medical degree from the University of Dublin, Trinity College, Dr. O'Dwyer completed his residency at the Hammersmith Hospital in London and pursued a fellowship at the Baltimore Cancer Research Center. He later served as a senior investigator in the Division of Cancer Treatment at the National Cancer Institute. Dr. O'Dwyer's distinguished career includes leadership positions in the Developmental Therapeutics Programs at Fox Chase Cancer Center and the University of Pennsylvania. With over 350 scientific papers published in medical literature, he remains actively engaged in numerous national and international organizations. Notably, Dr. O'Dwyer co-chaired the groundbreaking precision medicine cancer trial, NCI-MATCH.

## Harlan Pinto, M.D.

Harlan Pinto, M.D. is a Professor of Hematology, Medical Oncology, Stanford University Medical Center. His clinical expertise is centered on the diagnosis and treatment of various cancers, with a particular emphasis on head and neck cancer.



Dr. Pinto's research focuses on clinical investigations in head and neck cancer, with a particular interest in combined modality therapy. He leads clinical trials aimed at improving treatment outcomes for patients with head and neck cancer, employing innovative approaches such as immunotherapy, targeted therapy, and combination strategies. Dr. Pinto oversees multiple clinical trials evaluating novel treatments for various types of cancer, including head and neck cancer, lymphoma, melanoma, breast cancer, and lung cancer. These trials aim to assess the safety and efficacy

of new therapeutic agents and treatment regimens in diverse patient populations. Dr. Pinto earned his medical degree from Yale School of Medicine in 1983. He completed his fellowship in medical oncology at Stanford University School of Medicine in 1991, following his residency in internal medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital. Dr. Pinto is board-certified in both medical oncology and internal medicine by the American Board of Internal Medicine.

## Luz Marie Rodriguez, M.D.

Luz Marie Rodriguez, M.D. is a board-certified general surgeon and a dual fellowship-trained surgical oncologist and colorectal surgeon. Currently serving as a Program Director and Medical Officer in the Gastrointestinal and Other Cancers Research Group within the NCI Division of Cancer Prevention, she oversees the development and support of early Phase 0-II prevention clinical trials. Dr. Rodríguez's work aims to bridge the gap between preclinical studies and Phase III trials by focusing on intervention effects on at-risk tissue-intensive collections and invasive biomarker monitoring. She manages chemoprevention



and treatment trials in various organ sites, including the liver, pancreas, stomach, and colon, utilizing study agents such as vaccines, statins, lisinopril, berberine, curcumin, metformin, and aspirin. Previously, Dr. Rodríguez served as a translational physician-scientist in the NCI Genetics Branch at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland. Her research focused on genome-wide gene expression profiles in colonic mucosa of populations at risk, contributing to the foundation for biomarkers of early colon cancer detection and prevention. She also established a Clinical Cancer Genetics Program dedicated to risk surveillance, genetic testing, counseling, and prevention for individuals at increased cancer risk. With over 21 years of experience as a senior staff/faculty surgeon at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUS) and Walter Reed Military Medical Center, Dr. Rodríguez has provided care for domestic and foreign families, dignitaries, and military personnel. She is an Advance Trauma Life Support (ATLS) instructor at USUS and trains medical students, residents, and fellows in oncology, surgery, and cancer prevention. Dr. Rodríguez is trilingual in Spanish, French, and English and serves as an advisor on health disparities in the U.S., Latin America, and Africa, consulting with scientific and clinical groups focused on gastrointestinal diseases and cancer intervention