

# Early Career & New Investigator Committee Roundtables Session



**Thursday, January 16, 2025**

**2:30 - 4:00pm MT**  
**Room: West 301AB**

## Session Co-Chairs



**Vinai Gondi, MD**  
*ECNI Chair*



**Priya Rastogi, MD**  
*ECNI Vice Chair*



**Angeles Secord, MD**  
*ECNI Vice Chair*

## Roundtables Format

In a novel interactive format, attendees will be able to circulate to various roundtables, where they can interact with NRG Oncology leaders, learn more about the roundtable topic, and ask questions of the NRG Oncology leaders. We will run four periods, with time in between periods for attendees to walk to another roundtable whose topic may be of interest.

**2:30-2:35p** Welcome & Introductions

**2:40-2:58p** Session 1

**3:00-3:18p** Session 2

**3:20-3:38p** Session 3

**3:40-3:58p** Session 4

**3:58-4:00p** Closing Remarks

**Join us for the Networking Session that will immediately follow in the West 301AB foyer from 4:00-5:00pm MT**

# Roundtable Topics and Discussion Facilitators

## TABLE 1 - STATISTICS

- 1) Understand how the NRG Biostatistics team supports the development, conduct and reporting of a clinical trial.
- 2) Learn how best to collaborate with NRG Biostatisticians to support your research/trial.



Kathryn Winter

Kathryn Winter, M.S., has over 25 years of experience in multi-center clinical trial design, conduct, monitoring, and analysis, serving with NRG Oncology since 2014 and previously with the Radiation Therapy Oncology Group (RTOG) from 1995 to 2014. She is currently the NRG senior statistician responsible for the Gastrointestinal (GI) Non-colorectal Cancer Subcommittee trials.

## TABLE 2 - NCORP

- 1) Familiarize yourself with the Division of Cancer Prevention(DCP)/NCI Community Oncology Research Program (NCORP) and their research priorities.
- 2) Understand how to advance a clinical trial and/or apply for research funding through the DCP/NCORP mechanism.



Deborah Bruner, RN, PhD

Deborah Watkins Bruner, RN, PhD, FAAN, is Senior Vice President for Research at Emory University. Dr. Bruner is also Professor and Robert W. Woodruff Chair in Nursing, Professor of Radiation Oncology, and a member and past associate director for mentorship at Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. She is the Co-PI for NRG NCORP. Dr. Bruner is an internationally renowned researcher and clinical trialist with a focus on patient reported outcomes (PROs), symptom management and comparative effectiveness of radiotherapy modalities.



Erica Field

Erica Field, MPH, MHA, serves as the NCORP Administrator at NRG Oncology, where she manages protocol development and oversees pilot project solicitations for Cancer Care Delivery Research (CCDR) and Cancer Prevention and Control (CPC) initiatives.

## TABLE 3 - ANCILLARY PROJECTS

- 1) Explore how the NRG Ancillary Project program can support your research interests.
- 2) Understand the application and selection processes for the NRG Ancillary Project program and the role of external funding.



Steve Waggoner, MD

Dr. Steven Waggoner is a gynecologic oncologist and Chair of the Ancillary Projects Committee for NRG Oncology, where he oversees collaborative initiatives that enhance the impact of clinical trials. With over 40 years of experience in treating cancers of the female reproductive system, Dr. Waggoner has been instrumental in advancing research protocols and fostering multidisciplinary approaches to improve patient outcomes.



## TABLE 4 - DISEASE SITE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

- 1) Learn how to become a General Member and a Core Committee Member of the NRG Disease-Specific Scientific Committees.
- 2) Understand the roles, responsibilities and opportunities associated with these Scientific Committees.



Sue Yom, MD

Dr. Sue S. Yom is the Irwin Mark and Joan Klein Jacobs Distinguished Professor in Head and Neck Cancer Radiation Oncology at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), holding professorships in both Radiation Oncology and Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery. At UCSF, Dr. Yom serves as Vice Chair for the Strategic Advisory Committee and Chief of the Radiation Oncology Head and Neck, Cutaneous, and Thoracic Services. Dr. Yom chairs the NRG Oncology Head and Neck Cancer Committee.

## TABLE 5 - PATIENT ENROLLMENT

- 1) Learn about strategies to enroll patients on clinical trials and to serve as trial Principal Investigator at your site.
- 2) Explore how your support and accrual to an NRG trial can avail opportunities for authorship and other research.



Stephen Chun, MD

Dr. Stephen G. Chun is an Associate Professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, specializing in the treatment of lung and head and neck cancers. He earned his medical degree from the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine in 2010 and completed his residency and fellowship in Radiation Oncology at MD Anderson. Additionally, Dr. Chun co-hosts the NRG Oncology Podcast, engaging with experts to discuss advancements in oncology.

## TABLE 6 - PROTOCOL DEVELOPMENT (PERSPECTIVE OF NRG HEADQUARTERS)

- 1) Learn about the roles/responsibilities of NRG Oncology staff and headquarters in helping you develop a clinical trial concept and protocol.
- 2) Understand the various steps to developing a clinical trial protocol within NRG Oncology.



Nancy Soto

Nancy Soto is the Director of Protocol Development at NRG Oncology, where she plays a pivotal role in the protocol development and submission process. With extensive experience in protocol operations, she ensures the efficient development and management of trials that advance cancer research and improve patient outcomes.

## TABLE 7 - PROTOCOL DEVELOPMENT (PERSPECTIVE OF NRG DISEASE SITE CHAIRPERSON) - DR. KATHLEEN MOORE

- 1) Learn from a highly experienced Disease Site Chairperson and clinical trialist about how you can develop a research idea into a successful NRG clinical trial.
- 2) Delve into the nuts and bolts about the multiple ways you can build your research interests through NRG Oncology.



Kathleen Moore, MD

Dr. Kathleen N. Moore is the Virginia Kerley Cade Endowed Chair in Cancer Developmental Therapeutics and a Professor of Gynecologic Oncology at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. Dr. Moore chairs the Ovarian Cancer Subcommittee for NRG Oncology and is the Associate Director for GOG Partners, contributing significantly to advancements in gynecologic cancer research and clinical trials.



## TABLE 8 - PROTOCOL DEVELOPMENT (PERSPECTIVE OF NRG DISEASE SITE CHAIRPERSON) - DR. MINESH MEHTA

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**Minesh Mehta, MD**

Dr. Minesh P. Mehta is the Deputy Director and Chief of Radiation Oncology at Miami Cancer Institute, part of Baptist Health South Florida, where he oversees the region's first proton therapy center. He also serves as Chair of the Department of Radiation Oncology at Florida International University's Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine. Dr. Mehta has chaired the Brain Tumor Committee for NRG Oncology since its inception.

## TABLE 9 - TRANSLATIONAL/LABORATORY RESEARCH

- 1) Explore the multiple ways that Translational research is incorporated into NRG Oncology clinical trials.
- 2) Learn about the NRG Biospecimen Bank and understand how you can explore your research interests through biospecimens from NRG Oncology clinical trials.



**Victoria Bae-Jump, MD, PhD**

Dr. Victoria L. Bae-Jump is a Professor in the Division of Gynecologic Oncology at the University of North Carolina (UNC) at Chapel Hill and a leading expert in gynecologic cancer research. Her research focuses on translational studies to understand the molecular mechanisms driving endometrial and ovarian cancer, with an emphasis on developing targeted therapies such as mTOR inhibitors and immunotherapies.



**Katherine Fuh, MD, PhD**

Dr. Katherine Fuh, MD, PhD, is an Associate Professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), where she holds the John A. Kerner Chair in Gynecologic Oncology and serves as the Director of Basic and Translational Research in Gynecologic Oncology. Dr. Fuh has led numerous clinical trials and is the principal investigator on multiple grants from federal and foundation sources.

## TABLE 10 - CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED MEDICAL RESEARCH PROGRAMS

- 1) Learn about how the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP) can provide research opportunities for early career investigators.



**Sagar Ghosh, PhD, MBA**

Dr. Sagar Ghosh is a Health Science Program Manager at the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP) under the U.S. Army Medical Research & Development Command. In this capacity, he oversees research initiatives aimed at advancing medical solutions for military personnel and the broader public.