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Jeannine Brant, PhD, APRN, AOCN, FAAN

Dr. Brant is an oncology clinical nurse specialist, pain consultant and a nurse scientist for the Billings Clinic in Montana. Dr. Brant's repertoire blends her clinical expertise in pain and symptom management with her program of research that includes improving patient symptoms, and nursing sensitive indicators that lead to quality nursing and interdisciplinary care. Dr. Brant's current studies focus on patient-reported outcomes, clinical algorithms for pain and symptom management, and testing a dynamic symptoms model. In addition, Dr. Brant has more than 100 contributions to the literature on cancer, palliative care, pain and symptom management, and other research topics. She is the editor for the *Oncology Nursing Society Standards of Oncology Nursing Practice*, the *Oncology Nursing Society Core Curriculum in Oncology* text book, and the *Oncology Nurse Advisor*. She is an associate editor for the *Journal of Advanced Practitioners in Oncology*. She was a guest editor for the 2018 October/November issue of the *Journal of Palliative Care & Medicine*, which featured two supplements on Palliative Care Nursing.



Dr. Brant is also an internationally recognized speaker and has lectured at more than 200 national and international seminars and symposia. She also serves as adjunct faculty for the University of Montana Geriatric Education Center and Montana College of Nursing in Bozeman. Dr. Brant earned a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing from Montana State University, a Master's of Science in Physiological Nursing from the University of California, San Francisco, a PhD in Cancer Nursing from the University of Utah in Salt Lake City, and was inducted into the American Academy of Nursing in 2014.

Robert H. Coker, PhD, FACSM, FTOS



Dr. Coker received his PhD in Exercise Science from the University of Mississippi and completed research fellowships in Molecular Physiology and Clinical Physiology at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and the Bispebjerg Hospital in Copenhagen, Denmark, respectively. He has studied the regulation of metabolism during hypoglycemia, diabetes, obesity and bed rest in humans throughout his career.

Previously affiliated with the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences for over a decade, Dr. Coker joined the faculty in the Institute of Arctic Biology at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks to establish a program in Translational Biomedicine. As part of his passion to translate his research in clinical nutrition, he co-founded Essential Blends, LLC that has led the state of Alaska in Small Business grants from the National Institutes of Health. Dr. Coker's research interests also include environmental physiology and occupational resilience. He

is a Fellow of the American College of Sports Medicine and The Obesity Society and was inducted into the Alaska Innovators Hall of Fame in 2020.

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Jay Evans, PhD

Dr. Evans is a Research Professor in the Department of Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Sciences and Director of the Center for Translational Medicine at the University of Montana. Prior to joining the University of Montana, Dr. Evans worked in the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industry for 15 years at GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) Vaccines (formerly Corixa Corporation) where he held various positions including Senior Scientist, Investigator and Project Leader. While at GSK Vaccines, Dr. Evans worked on the discovery and development of novel vaccines, adjuvants and immunotherapeutics. Dr. Evans completed his Postdoctoral Fellowship at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital working HIV immunology, stem cell transplantation and lentiviral-based gene therapy systems. Dr. Evans holds a Ph.D. in Molecular and Cellular Biology from Oregon State University and a B.S. in biology from Pacific Lutheran University.



Dr. Evans is also the President and CEO of Inimmune, a biotech company in Missoula, MT focused on the discovery and development of new immunomodulatory therapeutics for treatment of oncology, allergic diseases, upper respiratory tract infection and other diseases targeted through innate immune receptor activation or inhibition.

Claudia Flores, RN, BSN, CCRC



Ms. Flores is a Nurse Clinical Research Manager at Providence Medical Research Center in Spokane, WA, and a Patient Interview Coordinator with the University of Washington Medicine and Gonzaga University Regional Health Partnership, a position she has held for over ten years. Ms. Flores has also served as a Nurse Clinical Research Coordinator at Providence Medical Research Center, a Clinical Nurse Educator at the Heart Institute of Spokane, an Assistant Nurse Manager for the Advanced Cardiac Care Unit at Sacred Heart Medical Center, and a staff nurse. Ms. Flores has been a Certified Clinical Research Coordinator since 2007, and she is a member of the Association of Research Professionals. She received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from the University of Phoenix in Phoenix, AZ, an Associate's Degree in Nursing from Spokane Community College in Spokane, WA, and attended Eastern Washington University in Cheney, WA.

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Maxine Hayes, MD, MPH



Dr. Hayes served the Washington State Department of Health from 1988 to 2013—25 years of public service; 16 of those years, as State Health Officer. As the state's top public health doctor, her role included advising the Governor and Secretary of Health on issues ranging from health promotion and chronic disease prevention to emergency response, including pandemic influenza preparedness. She also worked closely with the medical community, local health departments, and community groups.

She is the recipient of many awards and honors for her work in maternal and child health, including the American Medical Association's Dr. Nathan Davis Award, the Heroes in Health Care Lifetime Achievement Award through the Washington Health Foundation, American Public Health Association Helen Rodriguez-Trias Social Justice Award and the Martha May Eliot Award for

Exceptional Health Services to Mothers and Children, and the Vince Hutchins Award for Leadership in Maternal and Child Health through the Association of Maternal Child Health Programs in Washington, DC. Recently, Dr. Hayes was recognized as the 2021 Alumna of the Year for the 175th anniversary of the University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.

Dr. Hayes is a Clinical Professor Emeritus of Pediatrics at the University of Washington School of Medicine and Clinic Professor Emeritus of Health Services the University of Washington School of Public Health, and she holds three honorary doctoral degrees (Spelman College, State University of New York, and Bastyr University).

Dr. Hayes is a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics, a founding member of the Washington State Academy of Science, and member of the National Academy of Medicine.

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Allison Lambert, MD, MHS



Dr. Lambert is a practicing pulmonary and critical care physician, NIH-funded investigator, and clinical researcher within the Providence Medical Research Center. Dr. Lambert's research focuses on chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder, cystic fibrosis and other pulmonary disorders, including COVID-19. She is the Director of the Adult Cystic Fibrosis Program at Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center and co-leads the Therapeutic Development Network program. In these roles, she determines strategic direction, oversees daily operations and program evaluations, and conducts clinical trials.

Currently, Dr. Lambert is daily involved in both clinical care and clinical trialism related to the care of patients with COVID-19. She participates in daily meetings to determine clinical trial eligibility of COVID-19 admissions, serves on the scientific review committee for all incoming research proposals, and performs sub-investigator or principal investigator duties on all COVID-19 trials operating locally. She is dedicated to increasing access to clinical and translational research for rural and remote dwelling populations, and is acutely aware of the need for evidence-based approaches to reduce long-term morbidity among survivors of COVID-19 severe infection.

A graduate of Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York, NY, and of the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in Baltimore, MD, Dr. Lambert serves on the Regional Executive Committee for the University of Washington Institute for Translational Health Sciences and is the incoming Co-Director of the Northwest Participant and Clinical Interactions Network in March 2022.

Cindi Laukes, MA, MFA

Ms. Laukes is Director and Chief Operations Officer of the Neural Injury Center at the University of Montana, where she directs a multidisciplinary brain injury research and clinical team. She has worked in the field of medical/clinical research for 30 years, and has directed or managed over 300 research projects in multiple clinical specialties, including: neuroscience and neurological disease, neurosurgery, brain injury, psychiatry, oncology, cardiology, internal medicine, and pharmacogenomics. She has conducted community-engaged research in underserved populations, with over 14 years working on various projects in Montana's tribal communities and seven years working with veteran populations. She was selected as one of nine regional Patient Centered Outcomes Research Scholars at UW (2015-2017). Prior to her work with the Center, she directed or managed clinical research programs at Providence St. Patrick Hospital-Missoula (2001-2014), The University of Arizona Health Sciences Center-Tucson (1991-2000), and the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics-Iowa City (1989-1990). She has her own research consulting business.



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Eun Jeong Lee, PhD



Dr. Lee is the founding president of the Asian American Resources and Information Network (AARIN), a nonprofit organization that promotes community-based participatory research, develop research-based practices, and provide resources and information in Asian communities. In the past 25 years, Dr. Lee has accumulated extensive experience in serving older adults, women, the disabled, children, and victims of domestic violence through social services, program development, nonprofit management, and research. Prior to AARIN, she served as the Executive Director of the Korean American Scholarship Foundation which is the national nonprofit organization to serve college-aged Korean American descendants in need to support their academic and personal achievements. Previously, she served as National Director of the National Asian Pacific Center on Aging in Seattle, WA and managed a federally funded employment program for low-income older adults in 7 states. In addition, Dr. Lee collaborated with academic institutes to conduct research studies about financial well-being, elder mistreatment, caregiver, and heart health in

Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities. One of her initiatives developed on evidence-based research, called “Healthy Eating Healthy Aging”, was recognized as innovative and awarded by the American Society on Aging (ASA) and Asian Pacific Islander Caucus for Public Health’s Community Organization Recognition Award (CORA).

Dr. Lee holds a B.A. in journalism and mass communication and an M.P.A. in social work policy from Hanyang University in Korea as well as a Ph.D. in Social Welfare from Yeshiva University in New York.

Ann Melvin, MD, MPH

Dr. Melvin is a Professor of Pediatrics in the Division of Pediatric Infectious Disease at Seattle Children’s Hospital. Dr. Melvin is director of the Pediatric HIV program at Seattle Children’s. Her research interests are in the antiretroviral management of HIV disease in children and prevention and management of complications of HIV treatment. Dr. Melvin is active in the International Maternal Pediatric Adolescent AIDS Clinical Trials network and a vice-chair of the Department of Health and Human Services Panel on Antiretroviral Therapy and Medical Management of HIV-Infected Children: Guidelines for the Use of Antiretroviral Agents in Pediatric HIV Infection. Additional research interests include diagnosis and management of viral infections in infants, particularly HSV and CMV. She is also the Faculty Director of the Recruitment Support Service and co-director of the Safety Monitoring Program of the Institute for Translational Health Sciences of the University of Washington.



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Joan Milton, MS, RDN, CCRC



Ms. Milton is a Clinical Research Dietitian / Coordinator at Providence Medical Research Center where she has worked for over 15 years. She has been the primary research coordinator for the Providence Cystic Fibrosis Center for the past 10 years. She also coordinates trials in type 1 diabetes, congenital heart disease, colorectal and gastrointestinal health conditions, and diabetic kidney disease. Prior to working in research, Joan worked as an educator, consultant dietitian and a home health care dietitian. She received a Bachelor's degree from Eastern Washington University and a Master's Degree in Human Nutrition from Washington State University.

Wayne C. McCormick, MD, MPH

Dr. McCormick is a Professor of Medicine and Head of the Division of Gerontology and Geriatric Medicine at Harborview Medical Center. He is a graduate of Washington University Medical School in St. Louis, Missouri, and of the University of Washington School of Public Health in Seattle. He completed his medical internship, internal medicine residency and chief residency at Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago, Illinois. He came to Seattle in 1987 for the Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program and residency in Preventive Medicine at the University of Washington, after which he also completed a fellowship in Geriatrics at the University of Washington. As a result of his training, he is board certified in medicine, preventive medicine and public health, hospice and palliative medicine, and geriatrics.



Dr. McCormick is Program Director for the University of Washington Palliative Medicine Fellowship. He attends and educates on the wards of UW Medicine hospitals, and has done so since 1990. He has served as a Board Member on the Executive Council of the American Geriatrics Society for years, and currently is serving as Chair of the Board. He also serves in committee leadership for the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine as Co-Chair of the Academic Palliative Medicine Committee, and recently chaired the Fellowship Directors Group.

Dr. McCormick spends his time in clinical and educational work, in clinics, medical wards, and long-term care settings. Since 1990, he has been the Medical Director of Bailey Boushay House (an AIDS long term care facility and day health center), overseeing care for hundreds of patients with AIDS and cancer each year, and also educating hundreds of house staff in long-term care. He was Section Chief of the UW Medicine Long Term Care Service for 25 years. This team of providers cares for ~700 patients in 10 nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and group homes (approximately one-third are receiving end-of-life care), and during this time countless students and other trainees have rotated through the service. He has been Lead Medical Director for Providence Hospice of Seattle, and is currently Chair of Clinical Operations for the Cambia Palliative Care Center of Excellence, overseeing palliative care consultation provision at the four UW Medicine hospitals.

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Keith Norris, MD, PhD



Dr. Keith C. Norris is an internationally recognized clinician scientist and health policy leader who has been instrumental in shaping national health policy and clinical practice guidelines for chronic kidney disease (CKD). A board certified nephrologist, in 1995, he was invited to join the inaugural National Kidney Foundation Kidney Disease Outcomes Quality Initiative, and was a founding member of the subsequent Medicare End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) continuous Performance Measures workgroup. He presently serves as a member of the Forum of ESRD Networks, Medical Advisory Board. He also co-directs the Center for Kidney Disease Research, Education and Hope (CURE-CKD), a Providence St. Joseph Health/University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) partnership using electronic health record data to examine outcomes and quality of care for over 2.7 million patients with CKD and/or at risk for CKD (hypertension, diabetes, pre-diabetes).

He has made major contributions to diversity, equity and inclusion while addressing disparities in contemporary society. For nearly 30 years he has worked to enhance community-academic partnerships and promote community partnered research. He was the Principal Investigator for the multi-site National Institutes of Health (NIH)-National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK)-funded African American Study of Kidney Disease and Hypertension (AASK) and the AASK Cohort Study, the largest comparative drug intervention trial focusing on renal outcomes conducted in African Americans. Dr. Norris was the founding Principal Investigator for the first national translational research network dedicated to reducing health disparities, the NIH-Research Centers in Minority Institutions Translational Research Network. He has extensive experience in patient recruitment and retention, and community-partnered research within the South Los Angeles community. He directs several NIH research and training grants including the NIH Diversity Program Consortium Coordination and Evaluation Center at UCLA, the centerpiece of the largest NIH initiative to enhance diversity in the biomedical workforce.

Lara Nelson Nybo (Research Participant)

Ms. Lara Nelson Nybo is a Spokane Public Schools Principal Assistant at a high needs school in the East Central Neighborhood of Spokane, WA. She has over 15 years of teaching and coaching experience, making decisions, and advocating in the best interests of safety, equity, and wellbeing of students and staff, schools, and the community. She aspires to make education equitable and accessible for all students, and enjoys the challenge of working with staff, students, and families to help them use their strengths and resources to maximize their potentials. She believes that teaching, learning, and education should bring joy and fulfillment through its challenges, and lead to an enriching and productive life.



She received a Master in Educational Leadership from Whitworth University in Spokane, WA, a Master in Teaching, K-8 Certification, from Washington State University in Spokane, Washington, and a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology from the University of Washington in Seattle, WA. She maintains a National Board Certification in Literacy: Reading—Language Arts/ Early and Middle Childhood. Outside of work, she is a wife, mother of two (8 and 4), daughter, sister, and friend, who enjoys running, hiking, physical activities, and the outdoors.

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Glenda V. Roberts

Prior to joining the UW Kidney Research Institute (KRI) and the Center for Dialysis Innovation (CDI) as the Director of External Relations & Patient Engagement, Ms. Roberts was an Information Technology executive with over 35 years of experience. Diagnosed with kidney disease when she was just out of college, Ms. Roberts simultaneously rose through the corporate world, evolving from a software developer to a senior business executive for top-caliber corporations, including General Electric, Microsoft, Shell Oil, and Johnson & Johnson, and as the Executive Director of the Seattle Transplant House. Currently, she is the Chief Strategist and Operations Officer for of the University of Washington Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Center for Transformative Research (UW-JEDICTR).



A passionate activist for kidney research and people living with kidney disease, she's involved in myriad national and international, transformative health care initiatives. They include the National Kidney Foundation- American Society of Nephrology (ASN) Task Force Reassessing the Inclusion of Race In Diagnosing Kidney Disease; the Kidney Health Initiative (KHI) Patient and Family Partnership Council (PFPC); the ASN COVID-19 Rapid Response Team, and Transplant Subcommittee; the International Society of Nephrology (ISN) Patient Group; the Can-SOLVE CKD International Research Advisory Committee; and several National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) funded research projects and patient advisory/advocacy committees.

Jonathan Staben, MD



Dr. Jonathan Staben is a practicing physician at the MultiCare Rockwood Cheney Clinic in Cheney, WA, where he has a general medical practice including pediatrics, adult medicine, and multiple procedures. He is also responsible for teaching medical students as a Clinical Assistant Professor at both the University of Washington and Washington State University. In addition to his clinical and teaching responsibilities, Dr. Staben has multiple years of research experience and has been a Principal Investigator on numerous trials since 2007.

Dr. Staben has served in various leadership positions, including as President of the Inland Academy of Family Physicians and as a member and Vice President of the Board of Directors for the MultiCare Rockwood Clinic. He has served as Section

Head at the MultiCare Rockwood Cheney Clinic since 2006 and is responsible for clinic budget, staffing, quality performance, and patient satisfaction for 10 physicians and physician assistants. His department achieved one of the highest performances of all departments in the Rockwood Clinic system for multiple years due to innovative care delivery, and also collaborated with an Eastern Washington University to provide student health services for over 13,000 students.

A class of 2000 graduate of the University of Washington School of Medicine, Dr. Staben is a member of several professional societies, including the American Academy of Family Practice; Washington Academy of Family Practice; and Inland NW, Academy of Family Practice.

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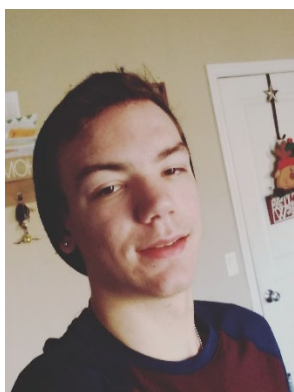
Katherine R. Tuttle, MD, FASN, FACP, FNKF

Dr. Katherine R. Tuttle is Executive Director for Research at Providence Health Care, Co-Principal Investigator of the Institute of Translational Health Sciences and Professor of Medicine at the University of Washington. Dr. Tuttle earned her medical degree and completed her residency in Internal Medicine at Northwestern University School of Medicine in Chicago, Illinois. She was a fellow in Metabolism and Endocrinology at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. Her Nephrology fellowship training was performed at University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, Texas.



Dr. Tuttle's major research interests are in clinical and translational science for diabetes and chronic kidney disease. She has published over 250 original research contributions and served two terms as Associate Editor for the *Clinical Journal of the American Society of Nephrology* and the *American Journal of Kidney Disease*. Dr. Tuttle has received many honors and awards including the Medal of Excellence from the American Association of Kidney Patients, Garabed Eknayan Award from the National Kidney Foundation, the YWCA Woman of Achievement Award in Science, and two Outstanding Clinical Faculty Awards at the University of Washington. Dr. Tuttle served on the Board of Directors for the Kidney Health Initiative and has chaired numerous kidney and diabetes related working groups and committees for organizations including the NIDDK/NIH, the National Kidney Foundation, the American Society of Nephrology, the International Society of Nephrology, and the American Diabetes Association.

Gabe Wagenman (Research Participant)



Mr. Gabe Wagenman is a student pursuing his GED. He is working on getting his license as well as a job as a barista. He lives in Washington state.