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### **EDUCATION:**

1981-	Colorado State University, Ft Collins, CO	B.S.	Animal Science
1985			
1985-	University of Wyoming, Laramie WY	M.S.	Nutrition
1986			
1987-	Washington State University, Pullman, WA	Ph.D.	Nutrition
1991		(Val Hillers,	
		PhD)	
1999-	East Tennesse State University, Quillen	MD	Medicine
2003	College of Medicine, Johnson City, TN		
2002-	East Tennesee State University, Quillen	Resident	Medicine
2005	College of Medicine, Johnson City, TN		
2005	East Tennessee State University, Quillen	Chief Resident	Medicine
	College of Medicine, Johnson City, TN		
2005-	University of Vermont, Burlington, VT	Fellow	Hematology/Oncology
2008	•		

# LICENSES, CERTIFICATION:

2008-Present	Medical l	Licensure,	Vermont
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2005 American Board of Internal Medicine, Certified in Internal Medicine

2008 Dual Board Certification in Hematology and Oncology

2018 Board Certification Oncology

### PRINCIPAL POSITIONS HELD:

Years	Institution		Department
2008-Present	University of Vermont, Burlington, VT	<b>Associate Professor</b>	Medicine
2007-2008	University of Vermont, Burlington, VT	Instructor	Medicine

1994-1999	Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY	<b>Assistant Professor</b>	Nutr & Food Science
1992-1994	Sourthern Illinois University,	<b>Assistant Professor</b>	Nutr & Food Science
	Carbondale, IL		

### **HONORS AND AWARDS:**

Year	Name of award
2021	The Robert Larner MD College of Medicine at the Unviersity of Vermont, Department of Medicine, Distinguished Clinician Award, 6/11/2021  • Award given to an outstanding clinician and a "physician's physician"
	Award given to an outstanding enineral and a physician's physician
2019	Vermonters Taking Action Against Cancer (VTAAC) impact award
2017	University of Vermont Health Network Medical Group Junior Researcher of the Year
2012	Award given to a early career researcher for research accomplishments  Floration Allow Health Comp. Vision Assembly
2013	Fletcher Allen Health Care Vision Award
	<ul> <li>Award to recognize and reward behaviors and accomplishments that support UVM Medical Center's strategic vision and goals</li> </ul>
2007	Amgen Hematology Oncology Fellowship Award
2007	Awarded to oncology fellows to fund promising research
2004	Dr. Thomas G. Ronald Award for Excellence in the Care of the Cancer Patient
	<ul> <li>Awarded to a resident demonstratibng compassionate care of cancer patients</li> </ul>
2003	Alpha Omega Alpha, Honor Medical Society
	• Awarded to 5% of medical school class, based on academic achievement, research, and
	service contributions to the community and medical university
2003	American Medical Women's Association; Janet M. Glasgow Memorial Achievement
	Citation
	• Recognizes female students who graduate in the top 10% of their class.
2002	Mayme Frazier Scholarship, East Tennessee State University, Quillen College of Medicine
1998	Outstanding Advisor, College of Human Development, Syracuse University
	<ul> <li>Awarded to a faculty member demonstrating excellance in advising and mentoring</li> </ul>
1990	Summer Graduate Research Assistantship Award
	<ul> <li>Provides financial support for promising research in nutrition</li> </ul>
1988	Irwin Dyer Award for Exellence in Nutrition Study Fellowship
	<ul> <li>Provides financial support for promising nutrition graduate students</li> </ul>

### **KEYWORDS/AREAS OF INTEREST:**

Cancer survivors, weight loss, exercise, physical activity, physical function, survivorship, impacts of cancer therapy, quality of life

# **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

As a tenure-track faculty with the Division of Hematology/Oncology, my responsibilities include clinical (75%), teaching/service (15%), and research (10%). I leveraged my background in Nutrition and my

research expertise in lifestyle interventions for cancer survivors to establish an oncology rehabilitation program that treats over 100 survivors/year and serves as a unique platform for research. I have successfully obtained extramural and intramural funding; current projects focus on weight loss interventions, cognitive change related to cancer therapy, and changes in muscle strength associated with cancer and cancer therapy. I have authored/co-authored 42 peer-reviewed papers, with 14 as senior author. I spearhead our program to provide survivor documents to cancer survivors. I have delivered invited talks at local and national professional and community events and serve on university and hospital committees. I am committed to the education and mentoring of undergraduates, medical students, residents and fellows, devoting ~100 contact-hours/year.

### PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

### **Memberships**

Years	Society
2020-present	American College of Lifestyle Medicine
2005-present	American Society of Clinical Oncology
2008-present	Alliance for Clinical Trials in Oncology
2015-present	Society for Integrative Oncology
2012-2014	Multinational Association of Supportive Care in Cancer
2010-present	Northern New England Clinical Oncology Society
2010-2012	American Society for Preventive Oncology
2008-2010	International Society of Geriatric Oncology
2005-2010	American Society of Hematology

#### SERVICE TO PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

2021 Medical Advisor, You First, Screening and support for heart disease, breast and cervical cancer.

2013-2014 Vermonters' Taking Action Against Cancer (VTAAC) Co-Chair of Quality of Life Work Group

• 8 hours per year. Work group tasked with helping to establish distress screening and development of cancer survivor documents at Commission on Cancer accredited cancer centers in Vermont and coordination of cancer services throughout the state. VTAAC is also the author of the Vermont State Cancer Plan (<a href="http://www.healthvermont.gov/pubs/cancerpubs/state\_cancer\_plan.aspx">http://www.healthvermont.gov/pubs/cancerpubs/state\_cancer\_plan.aspx</a>).

### SERVICE TO PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS:

2018: Peer Review for AHA scientific statement entitled "Cardio-Oncology REhabilitation (CORE) to Manage Cardiovascular Outcomes in Cancer Patients and Survivors."

2019, Feb Invited commentary on AHA scientific statement entitled "Cardio-Oncology REhabilitation (CORE) to Manage Cardiovascular Outcomes in Cancer Patients and Survivors." Pub Date Apirl 8, 2019 https://professional.heart.org/professional/ScienceNews/UCM\_503836\_Exercise-focused-Rehabilitation-for-Cancer-Survivors-Creating-a-CORE-Component.jsp

### **CME COURSES ATTENDED**

2022	School of Breast Oncology
2021	Miami Breast Oncology
2019	School of Breast Oncology
2014	School of Breast Oncology
2012	School of Breast Oncology
2010	School of Breast Oncology

### UNIVERSITY AND PUBLIC SERVICE

#### COLLEGE/MEDICAL CENTER

### **Departmental service**

TDT leader, Supportive Care

2018-2022 Medical Director, Inpatient Heme/Onc Service

2018 Chair, Oncology Search Committee; Committee member Hematology Search Committee

2017-Present Protocol Review and Monitoring Committee, UVM Cancer Center Ad Hoc Member

• Review of protocols relted to my area of exepertise

# 2011-Present Clinical Director, Oncology Rehab

- (8-12 hours/month) Lead monthly meetings of onc rehab staff. Management of staffing and finances. Created protocols and procedures. Development of systems of referral for exercise based programs and expanding to include more one on one PT for debilitated cancer survivors. Developing health coaching options for rural cancer survivors. Fundraising to support programming.
- 2010-Present Cancer Control Committee, University of Vermont Medical Center Member
  - 4x/year meetings, additional meetings during site visits; participation on subcommittees as needed based on topic
- 2010-2016 Protocol (Scientific) Review & Monitoring Committee, UVM
  Cancer Center Member
  - Review of scientific merit of non-cooperative group trials under consideration for activation at UVM. Assess each protocol's fesabklkth for enrollment and resource allocation. Review protocols open at UVM to assess whether accrual goals are met.
- 2009-2013 Highlights of ASCO Review, University of Vermont Cancer Center Co-Chair
  - Developed agendas, identify and coordinate speakers
- 2008-Present Vermont Cancer Center, Breast Protocol Committee Member
  - Monthly meetings to discuss cooperative group, industry and independent investigator studies
- 2008-Present Development of Cancer Survivor Programs, University of Vermont Co-Chair

#### Medical Center

• (2-4 hours/month) Development of cancer survivor documents and systems to provide cancer survivor documents for different tumor types. Collaborative work with physicians and PRISM. Development of a virtual referral system for cancer survivors to obtain medical specialty consultations as needed. Currently working with PRISM to develop the referral system for UVM Cancer Center's Oncology Supportive Services.

### University

2022	Leadership Team, UVM Osher Center for Integrative Medicine	
2014-2021	Steering Committee, UVM Integrative Health	Member
2015-2021	Clinical Committee, UVM Integrative Health	Chair
2014-2015	Research Committee, UVM Integrative Health	Chair

• (6-10 hours/month) I participate in formal and informal meetings to develop systems for initiating integrative medicine modalities at the UVM Medical Center, including grant writing, work with PRISM and administration.

2008-Present Fundraising efforts

### Government and other professional service:

2020-Present Physical Activity and Nutrition in Cancer Survivor Project sponsored by American Cancer Society and in conjunction with Vermont Health Department

2014 to 2016 Lake Champlain Health Lifestyle Collaborative.

• (<1 hour/month) The collaborative's goal is to coordination of services already available within the state to provide greater reach of lifestyle interventions (exercise and nutrition) that show promise for cancer prevention.

### **Public Service:**

2011-present Dragonheart Vermont, paddling community which raises money to develop programs for cancer survivors.

2011-present Local News Segments, Across the Fence and Interviews for written media. In the last five years I have completed 8 TV or written media interviews.

2014-present Board member for Kids on Top, Ski Program for pediatric cancer patients and their siblings.

### **SUMMARY OF SERVICE ACTIVITIES:**

My service activities are in accord with my long-term career plans; most notably, I developed and currently direct an exercise-based oncology rehabilitation program (onc-rehab) for cancer survivors since 2008—the first of its kind nationwide. I am responsible for overall direction including supervising staff, management of funds.

I serve as the physician liaison for the UVMMC cancer survivorship program. I was involved in some of the original research on how to disseminate documents that summarize the cancer care and recommended follow up for cancer survivors.

I am on the leadership team for the UVM Osher Center. In this capacity I work with administrators, integrative practitioners and clinicians to develop clinical programs providing integrative therapies. Locally I am a member of Vermonters Taking Action Against Cancer. I have done numerous televised public service segments regarding lifestyle and cancer survivors and I'm asked to speak at patient-oriented events several times a year.

### **TEACHING**

### FORMAL SCHEDULED CLASSES:

YEAR	COURSE TITLE	COURSE R	HOURS	NUMBER OF LEARNERS	LEARNER LEVEL
2021	Intern Academic Half Day		2	10-15	Resident
2009-2010	Attacks And Defenses	X	2	7-10	Med Student
2011	Psychology 380 Contemporary Topics: Clinical Studies On Physical Activity/Obesity And Cancer	X	1	15	Graduate
2011-Present	Exms 263 Fitness for Special Populations: Exercise Recommendations For Cancer Survivors	X	1.5	25	Undergraduate
2011-Present Undergraduate	Pt 348 Patient Mgt Medical/Surgical: Oncology Basics	X	1.5	25	Graduate
11/12; 12/16; 11/28/17	UVM COM Generations Course (Now HDRH Course	X	1	20	Med Student
2013	Cancer Biology Course: Cancer Survivorship	X	1	10	Graduate
11/09; 11/14	Chem 95 Mock Tumor Board	X	1	20	Undergraduate

R-REQUIRED; E-ELECTIVE; HOURS-APPROX. PER SEMESTER (INSTRUCTION AS PER THE COM TEACHING ACADEMY PORTFOLIO)

# PREDOCTORAL STUDENTS SUPERVISED OR MENTORED:

Dates	Name	Program or School	Role	Current Position
2010-2011	Kellee Jackson	St Michaels undergrad	Research Mentor	
2012	Zachary Paul	UVM, pre med student	Research Mentor	Exercise Physiologist, MSKC
2014	Marie Rose Lemay*	UVM, med student	Research Mentor	UVM, med student
2014	Marissa A. Mendez	UVM, med student	Research Mentor	Surgery Residency
2016	Nicole Leonard*	UVM, med student	Research Mentor	UVM, med student
2016	Adam Schlauch	UVM, med student	Research Mentor	UVM, med student
2017	Anna Lidofsky*	UVM, med student	Research Mentor	UVM, med student
2017	Maeve Donnelly#	UVM, med student	Clinical Mentor	UVM, med student
2017	Kirsten Martin #	UVM, med student	Clinical Mentor	UVM, med student

\*Received UVM COM Summer Research Fellowship to conduct a focused summer research project. #Received Schewitzer fellowships

Seven have presented posters at the Women's Health and Cancer Conference.

# SERVICE ON THESIS AND DISSERTATION COMMITTEES (University of Vermont)

Kristen Langdon 5/2013 PhD Chair of dissertation Dr. Zovelensky, Adviser – Department of Psychology Erica Curier 8/2015 MS, Chair of thesis committee Dr Cohen, Advisor – School of Nursing Tiffiany Rounds, present – Chair of dissertation, Department of Nutrition and Food Science

## POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS AND RESIDENTS DIRECTLY SUPERVISED OR MENTORED

Dates	Name	Fellow	Faculty Role	Current Position
2018	Rebecca Oullette-Morton			Instructor, Rehab and Movem Science, UVM
2018-2019	Kitty Victoria	Hematology/Oncology Fellow	Research Supervision	Hematology/Oncology Fellow, UVM
2018-2019	Saryana Kodali, MD	Hematology/Oncology Fellow	Research Supervision	
2014-2015	Joanne Monterroso, MD	Hematology/Oncology Fellow	Research Supervision	Attending, Wilmar MN
2015-2016	Hibba Rehman, MD	Hematology/Oncology Fellow	Research Supervision	Attending, UVM
2015-2018	Bhargavi Pullari, MD	Hematology/Oncology Fellow	Research Supervision	Hematology/Oncology Fellow, UVM
2015-2018	Sarah Moses, MD	Gynecology resident	Research Supervision	Gynecology resident, UVM

### INFORMAL TEACHING

3/24/22	Treatment of HER2+ Metastatic Breast Cancer
3/10/21	Intern Academic Half Day – Breast Cancer
2/27/20	Case Studies ER+ Breast Cancer. Heme/OncFellows
9/28/17	Breast Cancer Resident Teaching Session
2013, 2015	Lecture to Medical Students During Breast Cancer Month "Breast Cancer Panel Discussion"
05/22/12	Integrated Medicine Cases for Integrated Medicine Week, UVM College of Medicine, with Lorilee Schoenbeck
2010 -2012 H	ematology/Oncology Fellow Lectures – "Documentation in the Medical Record" and "Breast Cancer Treatment" - 1 to 2 lectures yearly to 6 attendees
2010 – 2012	Medicine House Staff Education, University of Vermont - "Breast Cancer Diagnosis and Treatment" and "Oncology Emergencies" presentations given approximately 5x/year to 4-5 attendees

- 2009 Present Undergraduate, medical student and resident shadowing in clinic
- 2006-2014 "Introduction of Oncology" lecture provided to 4-5 UVM Medical Center Cytology Students

### INVITED COMMUNITY TEACHING

- "Moving from Treating Cancer to Treating the Whole Person" Women's Health and Cancer Conference, UVM Cancer Center, Burlington VT 9/30/2022
- "Let food by thy medicine" Women's Health Conference Webinar 7/24/20 and Stowe Weekend of Hope 5/1/2021
- "Value of Exercise for Cancer Survivors" Men's Health Conference 2/21/20
- "Training for Survivorship: The Importance of Exercise in Overcoming Cancer" Wake Robin 12/11/18
- "Training for Survivorship: The Importance of Exercise in Overcoming Cancer" Women's Health and Cancer Conference, Burlington VT, October 5, 2018
- "Benefits of Exercise for Improving Fitness and Function" Stowe Weekend of Hope Stope VT May 5, 2018
- "Value of Health Lifestyles for Cancer Survivors" Men's Health Conference, Burlington VT, Nov 2, 2017
- "Training for Survivorship: The Importance of Exercise in Overcoming Cancer" Women's Health and Cancer Conference, Burlington VT, October 6, 2017
- "Risk, Screening and Prevention: making sense of the options" Women's Health and Cancer Conference, Burlington VT, October 6, 2017
- "Benefits of Exercise for Improving Fitness and Function" Stowe Weekend of Hope Stope VT May 6, 2017
- 2012-Presnt Monthly Nutrition Lecture for participants in Oncology Rehabilitation
- "Beneftis of Exercise for Breast Cancer Survivors." Your Move! Conf for Breast Cancer Survivors, Lebanon New Hampshire, May 14<sup>th</sup> 2016
- "Benefits of Exercise and Rehabilitation for Improving Fitness and Function." Expanding Cancer Care, Montpelier VT, April 2, 2016
- "Breast Cancer Treatment." UVM Cancer Center Community Clerkship. Burlington VT, Nov 10,2015
- "Turning a loss into a gain: Impact of Excess Weight and the Potential Benefits of Weight Loss." Women's Health and Cancer Conference, Burlington VT, October 2, 2015
- "Recipe for Prevention: Addressing Known and Modifiable Risk Factors." BRCA Conference, Burlington VT, Sept 18, 2015
- Turning a loss into a gain: Impact of Excess Weight and the Potential Benefits of Weight Loss. Breast Cancer Conference, Burlington VT, October 10, 2014

The Continuum of Oncology Rehabilitation for Cancer Survivors. Breast Cancer Conference, Burlington VT, October 10, 2014

Exercise Challenge: Regular Exercise IS NOT Optional. Part of Cancer Survivor Bootcamp presented in Conjunction with Stowe Weekend of Hope. May 2, 2014

Turning a loss into a gain: Impact of Excess Weight and the Potential Benefits of Weight Loss. Breast Cancer Support Group, Plattsburgh NY Jan 7, 2014

Recipe for Prevention: Addressing Known and Modifiable Risk Factors. BRCAA Family Tree Conference, Burlington Vermont, October 18, 2013

Turning a Loss into a Gain: Impact of Excess Weight and the Potential Benefits of Weight Loss. Breast Cancer Conference, Burlington VT, Oct 4, 2013

Diet and Exercise: From Prevention to Survival. Mammography Registry Conference, Burlington VT, Sept 25, 2013.

Cancer and Exercise: Improving Physical Function and Cardiopulmonary Health During and After Treatment. (with Susan Lakoski) Community Medical School. May 14, 2013

Oncology Rehabilitation: A Model to Improve Cancer Survivor care and Develop Translational Research. College of Medicine Research Overview for Community Rounds Presentation, Nov 29 2012

Oncology Rehabilitation at FAHC. Breast Conference Oct 5, 2012

Breast Cancer Diagnosis and Management: Panel Discussion. Stowe Weekend of Hope Stove VT, May 1, 2012

Exercise... During and Beyond Diagnosis and Therapy. Keynote 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Breast Cancer and Women's Health Conference, Sheraton Conference Center, Burlington, Oct 7, 2011

Exercise for Cancer Survivors: Forays into Oncology Rehabilitation, Stowe Weekend of Hope Stove VT, April 30, 2011

Exercise... During and Beyond Diagnosis and Therapy. 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Breast Cancer and Women's Health Conference, Sheraton Conference Center, Burlington, Oct 15 ,2010

Exercise: The Other Adjuvant Therapy. Stowe Hematology/Oncology Fellows Conference, Stowe VT, Jan 31,2010

Exercise... During and Beyond. 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Breast Cancer and Women's Health Conference, Sheraton Conference Center, Burlington, Oct 24, 2009

Turning a loss into a gain: Importance of weight control after therapy for breast cancer. Northern Vermont Oncology Nursing Society, Oct 23, 2009

Exercise for Cancer Survivors: Exploring Benefits and Eliminating Barriers, Stowe Weekend of Hope Stove VT, May 1, 2009

Benefits of Exercise for Individuals with Prostate Cancer; Prostate Support Group, St Albans VT, Feb 3, 2009

Cancer Fatigue and Exercise: Take a Walk or Take a Nap. 11<sup>th</sup> annual Breast Cancer and Women's Health Conference, Sheraton Conference Center, Burlington, Oct 31, 2008

Diet, Exercise and Weight: From Prevention to Survival. 10<sup>th</sup> annual Breast Cancer and Women's Health Conference, Sheraton Conference Center, Burlington, Nov 3, 2007

Benefits of Physical Activity for Cancer Survivors; 7th Annual Weekend of Hope, Stowe, VT, May 5, 2007

Breast Cancer Prevention Track: Risk Assessment; 9<sup>th</sup> annual Breast Cancer and Women's Health Conference, Sheraton Conference Center, Burlington, October 13, 2006

#### **TEACHING AIDS:**

• I developed the Hematology/Oncology service rotation guideline that is still used by the residents and medical students when doing their Hematology/Oncology ward rotations.

#### TEACHING AWARDS AND NOMINATIONS:

1998 Outstanding Advisor, College of Human Development, Syracuse University

• Awarded to a faculty member demonstrating excellence in advising and mentoring

### SUMMARY OF TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Since joining UVM, I have mentored and advised 3 Hematology/Oncology fellows, one resident, 4 medical students and two undergraduate students. The medical students learn research skills and present posters at local conferences. Fellows improve research skills, develop abstracts and write research articles. I participate in teaching at all levels within the COM, including didactic lectures for Hematology/Oncology fellows twice a year and twice weekly didactic presentations for residents and medical students when on service. I also provide breast-cancer related presentations to housestaff. Additionally, I present a lecture in two different undergraduate courses yearly, within the Department of Rehabilitation and Movement Science. While I was an assistant professor at Syracuse University I received the undergraduate advising award for my college. Besides formal didactic lectures I am mentoring two fellows related to career choices and also work with residents while attending on the wards. Residents, medical students and pre-medical students attend my clinics to gain experience. Average Evaluation scores (1 out 5 scale):

- Fellow teaching evaluations: 4.79
- Resident evaluations: 4.01
- Medical student evaluations: 4.9 didactic teaching

I am frequently asked to present at cancer-related professional and community events, doing ~ 5 presentations yearly. I have been asked to present at the Northern New England Clinical Oncology Society twice. I have done grand rounds for four departments/divisions/center within UVM and grand rounds at 6 institutions outside of UVM.

### **RESEARCH AND CREATIVE ACTIVITIES:**

### RESEARCH AWARDS AND GRANTS

Key: \*Competitively peer reviewed by national peer review panel convened by NIH or foundation as indicated.

# Competitively peer reviewed by College of Medicine or UVM Cancer Center

### **Submitted Proposals:**

### **Ongoing Research Support:**

VDH Survivorship III, (Grant #: 03420-08917), 7/1/21-6/29/22 - \$50,000, Vermont Department of Health

VDH Survivorship II, (Grant #: 03420-08919), 8/28/20-6/30/21 - \$60,000, Vermont Department of Health

VDH Survivorship I, (Grant #: 03420-08113), 9/1/19-6/30/20 - \$70,000, Vermont Department of Health

R01 AR065826 Toth (PI) Effort: 5%

\*NIH/NIAMS 4/1/2016 – 3/28/2021 Budget: \$271,701

"Skeletal muscle atrophy and dysfunction in human cancer"

Major goal is to define the role of skeletal muscle disuse in muscle atrophy and dysfunction in human cancer, the influence of tumor-derived and chemotherapeutic effects on skeletal muscle cells and the utility of exercise to counter these effects tumor- and chemotherapy effects on muscle cells.

Role: Co-Investigator

R01 CA191532 Toth (PI) Effort: 5% \*NIH/NCI 4/1/2016 – 3/28/2018 Budget: \$130,500

Major goal is to define the effect of neuromuscular electrical stimulation (NMES) on skeletal muscle size and function in breast cancer patients. Use of NMES is focused on the early, post-diagnosis/surgery period to prevent deleterious declines

Role: Co-Investigator

Freaons Cancer Research Fund Award Dittus (PI) Effort: NA #VCC/LCCRO 11/6/13-present Budget: \$49,903

"Impact of a Behaviorally Based Weight loss and Exercise Intervention on Brain Function of Breast Cancer Survivors."

Funding provides support to obtain additional fMRI imaging on women in a weight loss and exercise intervention.

Role: PI

\*Vermont Center on Behavior and Health National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS)
Junior Investigator Project: Dittus (PI) Effort: 50%

9/15/13-7/31/18 Budget: \$197,456

"Predictors of Weight Loss Success in Overweight Breast Cancer Survivors"

The goal of this project is to understand the personal and cancer related predictors of successful weight loss among individuals with breast cancer.

Role: PI

<sup>&</sup>quot;Alternative exercise modalities to improve skeletal muscle function in cancer survivors"

Pilot/Bridging Award - VCC 1206 Dittus (Co-PI)

#VCC/LCCRO 7/2012 – Present Budget: \$43,520

"Predictors of Dyspnea/Fatigue Syndrome in Breast Cancer Survivors Before and After an Exercise Intervention"

The goal of this study is to identify biologic, physiologic and psychological factors that predict the fatigue and shortness of breath many breast cancer survivors experience after chemotherapy and to identify if an exercise intervention modulates these factors.

Role: Co PI with: Benjamin Suratt, David Kaminsky, Deborah Rubin

### **Completed Research Support:**

\*NIH/NCI 5U54CA163303-02

Dittus (Co-PI)

9/23/11-05/31/16

Effort: NA

Vermont PROSPR Research Center (VPRC)

Using data from the Vermont Breast Cancer Surveillance System, VPRC focuses on finding ways to know which DCIS cases are unlikely to progress to invasive cancer so that these women do not have to suffer needlessly from the side effects of aggressive treatment.

Role: Co-PI

#UMass/Dartmouth/Vermont Cancer Centers Collaborative Dittus (Co-PI) 9/2011-9/2012 Research Program Grant

"An Internet-based Weight Loss and Exercise Intervention for Breast Cancer Survivors"

The goal of the internet based weight loss and exercise study is to evaluate the feasibility of multisite weight loss projects and to test the efficacy of the intervention.

Role: Co-PI with Mary Chamberlin, Judith Ockene, Kristin Schenider and Elizabeth Keating

#University of Vermont Combined Hematology/Oncology Dittus (PI) 5/2011-5/2012 and COM Award

"Translational Studies of Muscle Atrophy/Dysfunction in Individuals with Cancer Cachexia" The goal of this study is to identify skeletal, cardiac and respiratory muscle change in individuals with and without cancer cachexia before and after oncologic therapy.

Role: Co-PI with Marion Couch, Michael Toth, Steve Grunberg

\*SIP 10-029 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Dittus (Co-PI) 9/30/10-12/29/11

"Reducing disparities in health for vulnerable populations in New Hampshire and Vermont"

The goal of this project is to evaluate cancer survivor documents from the perspective of patient and primary care provider and to assess the systems requirements for providing cancer survivor documents in an oncology clinic.

Role: Co-PI with Berta Geller, Dorothy Dulko

### **#VCC/LCCRO Pilot/Bridging Award**

Dittus (Co-PI) 6/09-12/11 "Impact of

resistance training added to a weight loss intervention for overweight breast cancer survivors"

The goal of this study is to determine the effectiveness of a weight loss intervention with and without the addition of resistance training for weight loss in breast cancer survivors.

Role: Co-PI with Jean Harvey and Janice Bunn

\*1RC2 CA 148577-01

Dittus(Co-PI) 10/09-10/11

"Comparative effectiveness of breast imaging strategies in community practice"

The goal of this study is to conduct comparative effectiveness research on breast cancer imaging modalities and strategies to inform evidence gaps on how to optimize breast cancer screening strategies in the community

Role: Co-PI with Diana Buist, Berta Geller, Karla Kerlikowske, Jeanne Mandelblatt, and Diana Migloioretti

#Breast Cancer Research Foundation – BCRF9

Dittus (Co-PI)

3/09-6/10

"The Effect of Adjuvant Chemotherapy for Early Breast Cancer on Brain Imaging and Cognitive Function"

The goal of this study is to assess cognitive change as measured by fMRI and cognitive testing before and after chemotherapy.

Role: Co-PI with Paul Newhouse

Amgen Hematology Oncology Fellowship Award, 2007.

"Changes in physical function and body composition during and after treatment for hematologic malignancy"

Role: PI

#### **Selected Unfunded Grant Submissions**

Palliative Care Grant # PEP PCSM - 130046

Dittus (PI)

Submitted 4/16

**American Cancer Society** 

"Early Rehabilitation and Exercise Intervention for Advanced Cancer"

Score: Excellent - Scoring ranges: Outstanding, Excellent, Good, Fair and Non-Competitive

American Cancer Society # RSG PCSM – 129379 Dittus (PI)

Submitted 11/15

"Value of Exercise for Elderly Cancer Survivors Receiving Chemotherapy"

Score: Excellent (Scoring ranges: Outstanding, Excellent, Good, Fair and Non-Competitive)

Status" Resubmited Spring 2017

American Institute for Cancer Research

Dittus (PI)

Submitted 2010

"Mechanisms explaining energy balance change during therapy for breast cancer"

AHRQ Mentored Clinical Scientists Comparative Effectiveness Development Award

Training grant submitted with Ben Littenberg, MD

Submitted 2010

"Effect of a Behavioral Weight Loss Intervention on Body Composition Change and Insulin Sensitivity in Breast Cancer Survivors"

National Cancer Institute R21 Resubmission

Dittus (PI)

Submitted 2010

Priority score 30

"Weight loss and adipose tissue related biomarkers in breast cancer survivors"

National Cancer Institute R21

Dittus (PI)

Submitted 2009

Priority score 30

"Weight Change and insulin sensitivity in breast cancer survivors"

Department of Defense

Dittus (PI)

Submitted 2009

"Impact of oncologic therapy and weight loss on energy balance and insulin sensitivity"

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Dittus (PI)

Submitted 2009

"Outcomes of Oncology Therapy in the Elderly: Risk Factors for Functional Decline"

### **Foundation Funding:**

Cancer Survivor Navigator and Health Coaching - Buffum Foundation 2017, 2018, 2019

Run, Sweat, Give UVM College of Medicine Marathon Team 2011-2016. "Expansion of Steps to Wellness: Oncology rehabilitation for Cancer Survivors" – PI - nearly \$200,000 since 2012

Victoria Buffum Endowed Fund, 2012

Victoria Buffum Endowed Fund, 2011. "Steps to Wellness: Bringing Oncology Rehabilitation to Cancer Survivors" - PI

Victoria Buffum Endowed Fund, 2007. "A pilot exercise intervention for patients receiving treatment for hematologic malignancy" - PI

## **SCHOLARSHIP:**

### PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- 1. Snoke DB, Bellefleur E, Rehman HT, Carson JA, Poynter ME, Dittus KL, Toth MJ. Skeletal muscle adaptations in patients with lung cancer: Longitudinal observations from the whole body to cellular level. J Cachexia Sarcopenia Muscle. 2023 Sep 19. doi: 10.1002/jcsm.13332. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 37727010.
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#### SUMMARY OF RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

My research focuses on lifestyle interventions and assessing the impact of cancer therapy on function and has received intramural and extramural grants support (two studies have been completed, and a third is currently recruiting). The first study tested the efficacy (weight loss, and biomarker change) of a state-of-the-art weight loss intervention in breast cancer survivors; one article is published, one is under peer-review. The current study assesses predictors of weight loss and exercise including unique cognitive and psychologic measures and novel fMRI imaging and is funded through a UVM COBRE grant.

Our oncology rehabilitation program serves as a research platform. We collect baseline and post-intervention physiologic and survey data (n=>700). We published the first paper describing cardiac rehabilitation as a model for providing exercise based oncology rehabilitation and were invited to present our model at the American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation. Two American Cancer Society Grants have been submitted using pilot data-- one proposing an exercise intervention for elderly cancer survivors the other a tailored rehabilitative intervention for individuals with advanced cancer. Both received excellent scores and the ACS has encouraged us to resubmit. The Onc-Rehab research platform fosters collaboration across campus. Collaborations include:

- With Drs. Suratt, Kaminsky and Rubin on a study assessing the impact of chemotherapy on fitness, strength and pulmonary function.
- With Dr Michael Toth on two NIH-funded studies focusing on muscle function.
- With Nancy Gell a study promoting continued physical activity after a supervised intervention using technology and health coaching.

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### **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

### **NATIONAL**

2018 Stephanie Spielman Comprehnsive Breast Center, Ohio State University 3/13/17 Columbus OH "Impacts of Cancer Treatment on Fitness and Benefits of Exercise for Breast Cancer Survivors" 2017 MD Anderson Cancer Center. Cancer Prevention Rounds 4/11/17 Houston TX "Strength and Function in Cancer Survivors: Impacts of Treatment and Benefits of Exercise" New York University Medical Center; Laura and Isaac Perlmutter Cancer Center – 2017 Hematology/Medical Oncology Grand Rounds 1/17/17 New York City, NY "Impacts of Cancer Treatment on Fitness & Benefits of Exercise for Cancer Survivors" Unversity of New Mexico Cancer Center Grand Rounds 11/1/16 2016 Albuquerque, NM "Impacts of Cancer Treatment on Fitness & Benefits of Exercise" Vermont Center on Behavior and Health 4th Annual Conference: Behavior Change, Health & 2016 Health Disparities, 10/6/16 Burlington, VT "Role of Obesity and Weight Loss in Cancer Outcomes" 2015 Washington Hospital Center Oncology Grand Rounds Washington, DC "Exercise and Rehabilitation for Cancer Survivors: Changing the Standard of Care" REGIONAL 2019 Northern New England Oncology Society Meeting Maine "Value of Exercise-based Oncology Rehabilitation for Cancer Survivors" Northern New England Oncology Society Meeting 2016 Concord, NH "Steps to Wellness: A Model for Providing Exercise Based Oncology Rehabilitation" 215 UVMMC Primary Care Sports Medicine Conference Burlington, VT "Exercise for Cancer Survivors" UVMMC Northeastern Genitourinary Oncology Symposium Burlington, VT 2015 "Rehabilitation of the Genitournary Cancer Patient" Northern New England Clinical Oncology Society Burlington, VT "Muscle Atrophy and Weakness in the Setting of Cancer and Cancer Therapy" Central Vermont Medical Center Grand Rounds 2013 Berlin, VT "Cancer and Cancer Treatment Related Cognitive Change" 2012 Vermont Cancer Center Clinical & Translational Research Symposium Burlington, VT "Oncology Rehabilitation as Standard of Care: Feasibility & Opportunities for Clincal Research" Norris Cotton Cancer Center Grand Rounds 2010 Lebanon, NH "Symptom Control & Disease Outcomes: Should Exercise be Standard of Care for Cancer Survivors?

2010 Northeast Hematology/Oncology Fellows Conference "Exercise: The Other Adjuvant Therapy"

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# LOCAL

2019	UVMMC Vermont Cancer Center Grand Rounds "Supportive Care Needs of Individuals with Cancer and How we Provide	Burlington, VT Them"
2018	UVMMC Vermont Cancer Center Grand Rounds "Re-Imagining Cancer Care: Benefits of Integrative Therapies"	Burlington, VT
2018	COBRE Project "Predictors of Weight Loss and Exercise Successs in Overweight Breast Cancer Survivors"	Burlington VT
2017	Cancer Control in a Rural Environment Seminar "Delivering Lifestyle Interventions in the Rural Northeast"	Burlington VT
2015	UVMMC Palliative Care Rounds "Rehabilitation Options for Oncology Patients Receiving Palliative Care"	Burlington VT
2015	UVMMC Internal Medicine Grand Rounds "Steps to Wellness: A Model for Providing Oncology Rehabilitation"	Burlington, VT
2014	UVMMC Clinical and Translational Science Conference "Oncology Rehabilitation: Changing the Standard of Care"	Burlington, VT
2014	UVMMC Vermont Cancer Center Grand Rounds "Oncology Rehabilitation: Changing the Standard of Care"	Burlington, VT
2013	Presentation to FAHC CEO Meeting "Steps to Wellness at FAHC/UVM: A Model for Providing Oncology Rel	Burlington, VT nabilitation"
2013	FAHC Highlights of ASCO "Breast Cancer Update"	Burlington, VT
2012	FAHC Vermont Cancer Center Fall Clinical and Translational Research Symposium "Oncology Rehabilitation as Standard of Care: Feasibility and Opportuni Research"	Burlington, VT
2012	FAHC-LCCRO Presentation "Oncology Rehabilitation: Laboratory for Translational Research"	Burlington, VT
2012	University of Vermont, Family Practice Grand Rounds "Steps to Wellness: Our Experience with Oncology Rehabilitation"	Burlington, VT
2012	Vermont Cancer Center Basic Science Research Symposium "Pathway Implications of Lifestyle Interventions in Cancer"	Burlington, VT

2012 Commission on Cancer Review "Steps to Wellness: Oncology Rehabilitaiton"

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