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Keynote:



Vivian Jolley Bea, M.D., M.B.A., M.S., F.A.C.S., F.S.S.O.
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CLINICAL-TRIAL EQUITY PANEL DISCUSSION



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Gul Zaidi, M.D., M.B.A., M.S., F.A.C.S.
Chair of Medicine
Chief of Pulmonary Medicine
Regional Physician Lead for the Critical Care Service Line
Northwell Health



Marina Corines, M.D.
Assistant Professor of Clinical Radiology
Assistant Attending Radiologist
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LIFESTYLE & SURVIVORSHIP



Lauren Mount, M.D.
Senior Research Program Manager
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Research Program Manager for the Cancer Prevention and Control Program
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GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE - “Hope Beyond Borders”



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PRESENTERS BIOGRAPHIES



Vivian Jolley Bea, M.D., M.B.A., M.S., F.A.C.S., F.S.S.O.

Dr. Vivian Bea is an Assistant Professor of Surgery at Weill Cornell Medicine and Director of the Breast Program at NewYork-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital. She received her master's degree in biology from Drexel University and her medical degree from Morehouse School of Medicine. Board-certified in General Surgery, Dr. Bea completed her residency at the Medical University of South Carolina and a fellowship in Breast Surgical Oncology at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. She later earned her MBA from Cornell University's SC Johnson College of Business and an MS in Healthcare Leadership from Weill Cornell Medicine.

A nationally recognized breast cancer disparities researcher, educator, and community leader, Dr. Bea is dedicated to bridging the gap between multidisciplinary breast cancer care and community barriers. Her clinical and research interests focus on weight management in breast cancer survivors, equitable access to care across the treatment continuum, and eliminating racial disparities in outcomes.

Dr. Bea is the founder of G.L.O.S.S. (Girls Loving OurSelves Successfully) and author of the Amazon Best Seller The Chocolate Kid Chronicles: Please Don't Touch My Magical Hair. Her work has been recognized with numerous awards, including the American Medical Association's National Minority Quality Forum "Top 40 Under 40 in Minority Health." She has been featured by ABC News, CBS News, USA Today, the New York Post, Essence, and Allure Magazine.



Evelyn T. Taiwo, M.D.

After receiving her BS in Biology at the University of North Texas, Dr. Evelyn Taiwo obtained her MD at Temple University School of Medicine in Philadelphia. Following her residency at Boston University Medical Center, she completed a three-year fellowship in hematology and oncology at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas in 2011.

Dr. Taiwo served as Assistant Professor of Medicine at the State University of New York, Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn from July 2011-2019, and as Attending Physician and Hematology-Oncology Fellowship Program Site Director at Kings County Hospital. While at Kings County Hospital, she served in a leadership role as Director of the Breast Cancer Clinic, overseeing the operations, research activities, clinical care delivery, and education. As a researcher, Dr. Taiwo has contributed to a number of studies on cancer presentation in urban and minority patient populations.



Onyinye Balogun, M.D.

Dr. Onyinye Balogun is a Radiation Oncologist with Northwell Health and Nuvance Health, specializing in the treatment of breast and gynecologic malignancies. She is a graduate of Harvard University and Yale University School of Medicine. Dr. Balogun began her residency training at the University of Chicago and completed her final year at New York University.

She has conducted and published research in novel therapeutics for triple-negative breast cancer and brain metastases. In addition to her clinical and research work, Dr. Balogun remains engaged in gynecologic cancer studies and global health initiatives, with a focus on improving access to and delivery of radiation therapy in low- and middle-income countries.



Lauren Elreda, M.D.

Dr. Lauren Elreda is a board-certified Hematologist and Oncologist at New York Presbyterian Queens and is an Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine at Weill Cornell Medicine. Dr. Elreda specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of cancers, and benign/malignant blood disorders. She has a special interest in Breast and Gastrointestinal malignancies. She is a member of the American Society of Hematology, the American Society of Clinical Oncology, and the American College of Physicians. After graduating from Ross University School of Medicine, Dr. Elreda completed her residency and internship at NewYork-Presbyterian Queens. She served her fellowship in Hematology and Oncology at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center. Dr. Elreda was named a Castle Connolly Top Doctor for Cancer from 2016-2020 and awarded Exceptional Women in Medicine in 2020.



Gul Zaidi, M.D., M.B.A., M.S., F.A.C.S.

Dr. Gul Zaidi is Chair of Medicine, Chief of Pulmonary Medicine and Regional Physician Lead for the Critical Care Service Line at Northwell Health. A transformational physician-executive with more than a decade of experience in care delivery redesign, innovation, and strategic growth, she has led multidisciplinary teams that have advanced quality, efficiency, and patient outcomes across hospitals in the region.

An Associate Professor of Medicine at the Zucker School of Medicine, Dr. Zaidi has been recognized eight times as a Distinguished Educator in Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine by the American College of Chest Physicians and is nationally and internationally recognized for her work in education, simulation, and faculty development. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she was featured on CBS's 60 Minutes for her frontline work in critical care. She also co-founded AI Clinicians, a physician-led community exploring the role of artificial intelligence in healthcare and is passionate about leveraging technology and human-centered design to transform the future of medicine.



Marina Corines, M.D.

Dr. Marina J. Corines is a Board-Certified radiologist specializing in Breast Imaging and an Assistant Professor of Clinical Radiology at Weill Cornell Medicine, where she also serves as an Assistant Attending Radiologist at NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell. She is Associate Program Director for both the Diagnostic Radiology Residency and the Breast Imaging Fellowship, and Associate Chair for Community Outreach. A graduate of Vanderbilt University and New York Medical College, Dr. Corines completed her residency at NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell, where she served as Chief Resident, and her fellowship in Breast and Body Imaging at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. Her clinical and research interests include contrast-enhanced mammography, breast MRI, and artificial intelligence in imaging, and she is actively involved in teaching, mentorship, and community outreach.



Lauren Mount, M.D.

Dr. Lauren Mount is a Senior Research Program Manager in the Department of Population Health Sciences at Weill Cornell Medicine and the Research Program Manager for the Cancer Prevention and Control Program at the Sandra and Edward Meyer Cancer Center. With a background in surgery, biomedical engineering, and specialized training in Exercise Oncology from the American College of Sports Medicine, Dr. Mount brings an interdisciplinary approach to improving outcomes for cancer patients. Their current work focuses on breast and cervical cancer, with particular interest in treatment delays and the integration of lifestyle interventions, such as physical activity, into cancer care. Dr. Mount is currently a Co-Investigator on a pilot study in Brooklyn, New York, aimed at identifying barriers and facilitators to physical activity among women with breast cancer. Using a patient-centered, mixed-methods approach grounded in behavioral science frameworks, the project will inform the development of a culturally tailored, sustainable intervention to support physical activity engagement in this population. This work represents a critical step toward improving survivorship and quality of life through lifestyle-based cancer care.



Lisa A. Newman, M.D., M.P.H., F.A.C.S., F.A.S.C.O.

Dr. Lisa Newman is a surgical oncologist and with a clinical and research practice dedicated to breast cancer management. In August 2018 she was appointed Chief of the Section of Breast Surgery at NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center and Weill Cornell Medicine. In addition, at the NewYork-Presbyterian David H. Koch Center, Dr. Newman leads the multidisciplinary breast oncology programs which provides the finest, most compassionate care to women and men affected by breast cancer.

In this role, Dr. Newman leads a team of breast surgeons that uses state-of-the-art screening and imaging technologies, innovative surgical and reconstruction techniques, and radiation therapies to provide patients with comprehensive breast cancer care. As Chief of the Breast Surgical Oncology Program, she also extends this multidisciplinary approach—to NewYork-Presbyterian Lower Manhattan Hospital, NewYork-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital and NewYork-Presbyterian Queens.

Dr. Newman's primary research has focused on ethnicity-related variation in breast cancer risk and outcome, the evaluation and management of high-risk patients; broadened applications for neoadjuvant chemotherapy, and special surgical techniques such as the skin-sparing mastectomy and lymphatic mapping/sentinel lymph node biopsy. Her extensive research related to disparities in breast cancer risk and outcome has been published in numerous peer-reviewed medical journals and was featured in CNN's documentary "Black in America 2".

She oversees an international breast cancer research and training program involving a network of physicians and facilities in Ghana, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Uganda, Haiti, Barbados, and Canada. This program has focused in the study of triple negative breast cancer in women with African ancestry.



Amaka Nnamani, M.B.B.S., F.W.A.C.S.

Dr. Amaka Nnamani is a medical practitioner with 14 years of practice; a board-certified radiologist, a Fellow of the West African College of Surgeons. Currently, she is a Consultant Radiologist and lecturer with the Department of Radiation Medicine, College of Medicine, University of Nigeria, Enugu Campus, Nigeria.

Dr. Amaka attended medical school and completed her radiology residency training at University of Nigeria. Her research interests are in the fields of cancer and women imaging. She has expertise in breast cancer biopsies of breast. She is a passionate cancer advocate, dedicated to reducing late detection of Cancer in our society and has participated in many community-based cancer screening projects and cancer control workshops in South-East with Breast Without Spot, Non-governmental, not-for-profit organization based in

Enugu. She is a Marie-Stopes certified cryotherapist for treatment of premalignant cervical cancer lesion and a member of Clinical Trial Consortium. Dr Nnamani is a reviewer with the West African Journal of Radiology.



Naana Akyaa (Isabella) Asante, R.N.

Ms. Naana Akyaa Asante is a breast cancer survivor and the founder of Embrace Society, a breast cancer support foundation. Her personal journey with breast cancer has inspired her to create a platform that prevents deaths caused by this disease through a multi-faceted approach.

Ms. Asante’s background as a registered nurse with over 27 years of clinical experience in Women & Children’s health, home care, and school nursing has been invaluable in shaping Embrace Society’s mission. Her work in prestigious New York hospitals, including New York Presbyterian Weill Cornell, Columbia Presbyterian, Albert Einstein, Vasser, Good Samaritan Hospital and Korle Bu, has given her a deep understanding of the healthcare industry. In addition to her work with Embrace Society, she serves as the

founder and CEO of Isabella HealthCare Services, a leading medical supply company specializing in disposable surgical drapes and gowns. Her current role as the 15th board chair of the Nursing and Midwifery Council and her past role as a board member of Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital demonstrate her commitment to improving healthcare at both local and national levels. She received a Bachelor of Nursing Degree from Howard University, Washington D.C.

In continuous pursuit of knowledge and growth, she has participated in prestigious programs such as the 2023 Vital Voices Grow – a Global Accelerator Program for Females, Women’s Entrepreneurship & Leadership for Africa (WELA) at the China Europe International Business School, African Management Institutes’, Aspire Program which is supported by Stanford University and Growth Africa Business Accelerator Program. Beyond her professional achievements, Ms. Asante’s passion lies in empowering individuals to make informed healthcare decisions and adopt lifestyle choices that promote overall well-being. In summary, Naana Akyaa Asante’s inspiring journey as a breast cancer survivor, coupled with her visionary leadership in founding Embrace Society and her notable contributions to the healthcare industry, exemplifies her dedication to creating positive change and improving the lives of breast cancer patients and the broader community.

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