Robert A. Bednarczyk, PhD
Assistant Professor of Global Health and Epidemiology
Emory University Rollins School of Public Health

Dr. Bednarczyk is an Assistant Professor of Global Health and Epidemiology at the Emory University Rollins School of Public Health. He is also a faculty member of the Emory Vaccine Center and the Winship Cancer Institute Cancer Prevention and Control Program. He received his PhD from the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics at the SUNY University at Albany School of Public Health in 2010. He has been researching prevention of HPV-related cancers through vaccination and increased access to screening, both in the US and internationally, since 2007. His research and policy advocacy is rooted in three years of service as Assistant to Chair for the National Vaccine Advisory Committee, where he contributed to the work of the committee and working groups addressing vaccine safety, the 2009 H1N1 pandemic influenza response, adult immunization uptake, and the 2010 update of the National Vaccine Plan. He has published 85 peer-reviewed manuscripts, primarily on infectious disease and vaccine-related topics, in journals including the Journal of the American Medical Association, New England Journal of Medicine, Pediatrics, Clinical Infectious Diseases, Journal of Infectious Diseases, and Vaccine.

Noel Brewer, PhD
Professor of Health Behavior
at the Gillings School of Global Public Health
University of North Carolina

Dr. Noel T. Brewer is Professor of Health Behavior at the Gillings School of Global Public Health at the University of North Carolina. He has published over 260 papers on health behaviors that prevent cancer. Dr. Brewer’s current work focuses on increasing HPV vaccination, improving tobacco warnings, and encouraging appropriate use of medical screening tests. He chairs the US National HPV Vaccination Roundtable. He has advised on vaccination for the World Health organization, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the President’s Cancer Panel and the National Vaccine Advisory Committee. Dr. Brewer co-edited the US FDA’s book, Communicating Risks and Benefits: An Evidence-Based User’s Guide.
Marcia Cross

Marcia Cross is best known for her role as Bree Van de Kamp on the ABC hit series Desperate Housewives for which she was nominated for three Golden Globes and one Primetime Emmy. A graduate of The Juilliard School, she began her career in the theatre at The Williamstown Theatre Festival, The Hartford Stage Company as well as the The Old Globe Theatre in San Diego where she played Viola in Twelfth Night and Silvia in Two Gentlemen of Verona. Cross also starred in the television series Melrose Place and the critically acclaimed Everwood. She portrayed president Claire Haas on Quantico, was featured in the YouTube red series Youth and Consequences and recently shot the pilot spinoff of Jane the Virgin titled Jane the Novela. Cross can be seen in THIS CLOSE on the Sundance Channel in September or heard on the New York Times podcast Modern Love, where she reads the beautiful story, “Could We Try Again?”

Marcie Fisher-Borne, PhD

Senior Director, HPV Vaccination
American Cancer Society

Dr. Fisher-Borne is the Senior Director of HPV Vaccination for the American Cancer Society and Principal Investigator of the HPV Vaccinate Adolescents against Cancers (VACs) program. The VACs program, partially funded through the CDC, is a national initiative to improve HPV vaccine rates through evidence-based quality improvement interventions in health systems and through other key clinical, state and national partnerships. Dr. Fisher-Borne has also served as the Director of Evidence Based Practice for ACS where she provided strategic direction for cancer disparities and equity initiatives in the southeastern U.S. Dr. Fisher-Borne has over 15 years of experience in designing, implementing, and evaluating public health interventions. Over the last 10 years, she has taught graduate coursework on intervention design, research and evaluation, community organizing, and nonprofit leadership. She received her master’s in public health leadership from the Gillings School of Global Public Health at UNC Chapel Hill and her Ph.D. in social intervention research from the UNC School of Social Work. Dr. Fisher-Borne’s research interests involve identifying community-driven strategies to address health inequalities and understanding social determinants of health. Prior to joining ACS, she served as faculty partner at the Center for Family and Community Engagement and Assistant Professor of Social Work at North Carolina State University.

Melissa B. Gilkey, PhD

Assistant Professor of Health Behavior
University of North Carolina

Melissa Gilkey is a social and behavioral scientist in the University of North Carolina’s Gillings School of Global Public Health. With research interests in adolescent health, cancer prevention and health services research, Dr. Gilkey studies individual, interpersonal and organizational approaches to improving the delivery of adolescent vaccines, including HPV vaccine. Her work includes survey research to understand barriers to vaccination, such as provider and parental hesitancy, as well as intervention research aimed at improving vaccine delivery systems. Dr. Gilkey currently chairs the National HPV Vaccination Roundtable’s Best Practices Task Group.
Anna R. Giuliano, PhD  
Professor and Director  
Center for Immunization and Infection Research in Cancer (CIRC)  
H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute

Dr. Giuliano is the founding director of the Center for Immunization and Infection Research in Cancer (CIRC) at the Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa, Florida. She received her doctorate from Tufts University, Boston, Massachusetts, continuing her studies at the New England Epidemiology Institute in Boston and at the University of Arizona in Tucson as a National Cancer Prevention and Etiology Fellow. From 1993 to 1998 she was the recipient of an NIH National Cancer Institute Preventive Oncology Career Development Award. Dr Giuliano’s career had its inception in the relationship between human papillomavirus (HPV) infections and cervical cancer in women and has evolved over the past 29 years to encompass HPV and penile, anal, and oral cancers in men, as well as other infectious diseases and their causal relationships with various cancers. Her work has contributed significantly to our understanding of the rate at which HPV infections are acquired and cleared, the proportion that progress to disease, and also to HPV vaccine protection against multiple diseases in women and men.

An expert in the field of cancer research with a longstanding and successful record of National Institutes of Health funding since 1990, she has been actively involved in cancer epidemiology and prevention studies conducted among diverse populations in the United States and abroad. In the course of those endeavors, Dr Giuliano was a contributor to the 1999 Institute of Medicine (IOM) report titled The Unequal Burden of Cancer and the 2005 International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) report that concluded for the first time that HPV is a cause of multiple cancers in women and men. Dr. Giuliano has been honored to receive two important awards from the American Cancer Society (ACS). In 2013, at the ACS 100th anniversary, she was the recipient of the ACS Distinguished Achievement in Cancer Award. In 2018, she was selected for the ACS Clinical Research Professor Award for “Prevention of Infection-Related Cancers.” In 2019, Dr. Giuliano received the American Society of Preventive Oncology (ASPO) Fraumeni Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award. Dr Giuliano has authored ~ 400 peer-reviewed publications.

Jane Kim, PhD  
Professor of Health Decisions Science  
Department of Health Policy and Management  
Center for Health Decision Science Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

Dr. Kim is a Professor of Health Decision Science in the Department of Health Policy and Management and the Center for Health Decision Science at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. Dr. Kim’s research focuses on the development and application of mathematical modeling methods to evaluate health policy issues, with a strong interest in women’s health. She has led the evaluation of the cost-effectiveness of prevention strategies against cervical cancer and other HPV-related diseases for informed decision making globally, working closely with the US National Cancer Institute, the US Preventive Services Task Force, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and most recently, the World Health Organization on cervical cancer elimination. She has won numerous awards for her presentations at scientific meetings, for her teaching, and for mentoring. Dr. Kim holds a Master’s degree in Health Policy and Management from the Harvard School of Public Health (2001) and a PhD in Health Policy and Decision Sciences from Harvard University (2005).
Lillian Kreppel

My name is Lillian Kreppel. I am a Cancer Survivor, Public Speaker, Entrepreneur & Changemaker. Over the course of my extensive career in both Health & Wellness & Hospitality, I have created successful marketing strategies; developed Public Relations & Business plans; and have supported sales initiatives for Multi-Million-Dollar Branded Corporations. An Anal Cancer diagnosis in 2017 became the catalyst for me to combine all my expertise and skills. I have since become a powerful warrior, activist, and one of the few relentless pioneers advocating for the prevention and treatment of HPV & Anal Cancer.

Douglas R. Lowy, M.D.

Acting Director
National Cancer Institute

Dr. Lowy is Acting Director of the National Cancer Institute (NCI), National Institutes of Health (NIH). He received his medical degree from New York University School of Medicine, and trained in internal medicine at Stanford University and dermatology at Yale. He has been the NCI Principal Deputy Director since 2010, was the Acting Director 2015-2017, and resumed this role again in 2019. Dr. Lowy’s research includes the biology of papillomaviruses and the regulation of normal and neoplastic growth. The papillomavirus research is carried out in close collaboration with Dr. John Schiller. Their laboratory was involved in the initial development, characterization, and clinical testing of the preventive virus-like particle-based HPV vaccines that are now used in the three FDA-approved HPV vaccines. Dr. Lowy is a member of the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) and of the Institute of Medicine of the NAS. For their HPV vaccine research, he and Dr. Schiller have received numerous honors, including the 2007 Federal Employee of the year Service to America Medal from the Partnership for Public Service, the 2011 Albert B. Sabin Gold Medal Award, the 2012 National Medal of Technology & Innovation (awarded in 2014), and the 2017 Lasker-DeBakey Clinical Medical Research Award. Dr. Lowy has also received the National Medal of Honor for Basic Research from the American Cancer Society.

Annie-Laurie McRee, DrPH, FSAHM

Associate Professor, General Pediatrics & Adolescent Health
University of Minnesota

Dr. McRee is an Associate Professor in the Division of General Pediatrics and Adolescent Health at the University of Minnesota, where she also serves as the Deputy Director of the Healthy Youth Development Prevention Research Center. Dr. McRee’s research examines adolescent preventive services and vaccination, with a primary focus on investigating behavioral, public health, and health services approaches to increasing adolescent HPV vaccination. Her current studies examine mobile health approaches to increasing HPV vaccination and strategies to improve the provision of confidential sexual health services to adolescents.
Saad B. Omer, PhD
Director
Yale Institute for Global Health

Dr. Omer is the inaugural Director of the Yale Institute for Global Health, and a Professor of Medicine and Epidemiology at Yale University, Schools of Medicine and Public Health. He has conducted studies in the United States, Guatemala, Kenya, Uganda, Ethiopia, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Australia and South Africa. Dr Omer’s research portfolio includes clinical trials to estimate efficacy and safety of maternal and/or infant influenza, pertussis, polio, measles and pneumococcal vaccines and trials to evaluate drug regimens to reduce mother-to-child transmission of HIV. Moreover, he has conducted several studies on interventions to increase immunization coverage and demand. Dr Omer’s work has been cited in global and country-specific policy recommendations and has informed clinical practice and health legislation in several countries. He has mentored over 100 junior faculty, clinical and research post-doctoral fellows, and PhD and other graduate students.

Dr. Omer has published over 250 papers in peer reviewed journals including the New England Journal of Medicine, JAMA, the Lancet, British Medical Journal, Pediatrics, American Journal of Public Health, and Science. Moreover, he has written op-eds for publications such as the New York Times, Politico, and the Washington Post.

Dr Omer has received multiple awards – including the Maurice Hilleman Award by the National Foundation of Infectious Diseases for his seminal work on the impact of maternal influenza immunization on respiratory illness in infants younger than 6 months- for whom there is no vaccine. He is a member of the WHO Global Advisory Committee on Vaccine Safety and has served on several advisory panels including the U.S. National Vaccine Advisory Committee, the Public Health Committee of the Infectious Diseases Society of America, Presidential Advisory Council on Combating Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria - Vaccine Innovation Working Group, and WHO Expert Advisory Group for Healthcare Worker Vaccination.

Rebecca Perkins, MD
Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology
Boston University School of Medicine

Dr. Perkins is an Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Boston University School of Medicine, and a practicing gynecologist at Boston Medical Center. Her career is dedicated to reducing health disparities in cervical cancer. Her current research focuses on improving utilization of HPV vaccination and cervical cancer screening guidelines. Dr. Perkins is currently working on national projects related to HPV vaccination and cervical cancer prevention with the American Cancer Society, American Academy of Pediatrics, and ASCCP.
Ms. Polkinghorn obtained her Bachelor of Science in nursing from South Dakota State University in 2007. Currently she works as the Immunization Strategy Leader for Sanford Health. As Sanford Health’s Immunization Strategy leader Andrea provides oversight and consultation to all clinics and departments that administer vaccines. She coordinates efforts to improve vaccination rates, standardizing immunization practices, and educating staff on vaccine preventable diseases and the vaccines available to prevent them. In 2017, she was the recipient of South Dakota’s HPV Vaccination Champion Award, and in 2019 she was awarded the Childhood Immunization Champion Award for South Dakota. Andrea is the Chair of the Sioux Falls Area Immunization Coalition in South Dakota and devotes her time to provide by providing expertise to national organizations such as the National HPV Roundtable and the National Adult and Influenza Immunization Summit.

**Debbie Saslow, PhD**
Managing Director HPV & GYN Cancers
American Cancer Society

Dr. Saslow is the Managing Director of HPV & GYN Cancers at the American Cancer Society where she has worked since 1997. Dr. Saslow serves as the ACS lead for HPV-related cancers and directs their HPV vaccination nationwide priority program of work, provides strategic direction and leads staff teams working on the implementation of HPV related activities, and provides evidenced-based guidance to the organization. She is responsible for developing and updating ACS guidelines, including guidelines for cervical cancer screening and for HPV vaccination. Dr. Saslow is also the Principal Investigator and Vice-Chair of the National HPV Vaccination Roundtable. Dr. Saslow received her undergraduate degree in biology with honors from Brown University, her PhD in human and molecular genetics from Yale University, and completed a post-doctoral fellowship at the National Cancer Institutes’ Laboratory of Pathology in Women’s Cancers.

**Parth Shah, Pharm D, PhD**
Assistant Member
Hutchinson Institute for Cancer Outcomes Research (HICOR)
Fred Hutch

Dr. Shah is a behavioral scientist and pharmacist who integrates these two disciplines to study and improve clinical practice and health policy in the delivery of cancer care. Dr. Shah’s research focuses on dissemination and implementation research on how pharmacies can be better used to provide cancer prevention and control services to their communities, such as HPV vaccinations for adolescents and colorectal cancer screenings for adults. His research also focuses on identifying strategies vaccine providers can use to effectively communicate about HPV vaccine to parents of vaccine-eligible children.
Dr. Terk is a Distinguished Consultant with Cook Children’s Physician Network and practices in Keller with his 5 pediatrician colleagues. Dr. Terk is a passionate advocate for vaccines and served as chair of the Texas Medical Association Council on Legislation during the recently completed legislative session. He also advocates for vaccines through the Texas Medical Association Foundation Be Wise, Immunize program. He is past-president of the Texas Pediatric Society and serves on its Executive Legislative Committee and Committee on Infectious Diseases and Immunizations. He also serves on the American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on Federal Government Affairs. He recently led a program at Cook Children’s to improve the provision of the human papillomavirus vaccine to eligible teens by working with physicians on effective communication strategies in a collaboration with Dr. Gilkey.

Dr. Tiro is an Associate Professor in the Department of Population and Data Sciences at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center and Associate Director for Community Outreach, Engagement, and Equity for the NCI-designated Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center. Trained in behavioral sciences and public health, Dr. Tiro uses mixed methods, health behavior theories, and a variety of data sources (patient/provider surveys, electronic medical record review, and audio-recordings of clinic visits) to understand patient, provider, and system-level factors influencing cancer screening delivery and patient-provider communication about HPV vaccination. Her patient-targeted interventions (print educational materials, Project Voice app) have improved HPV vaccination decision-making behavior in the Parkland Health & Hospital System, the safety-net for Dallas County (Pediatrics, 2015; Patient Educ Counseling, 2017). In recognition of the strong research/quality improvement partnership on HPV vaccination, Parkland clinical stakeholders and Dr. Tiro were awarded the 2017 Texas Hospital Association Bill Aston Award for Quality. Currently, Dr. Tiro serves as the Contact PI for the Cervical Research Center of the NCI’s Population-Based Research Optimizing the Screening Process (PROSPR) Consortium (1UM1CA221940).

Dr. Zimet is Professor of Pediatrics and Clinical Psychology in the Division of Adolescent Medicine, Department of Pediatrics at Indiana University School of Medicine, with adjunct appointments in the Schools of Nursing and Public Health. In addition, he is Co-Director of the Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) Center for HPV Research. Dr. Zimet started investigating attitudes about vaccines for adolescents in the mid-1990s. Much of his research has involved the study of vaccine acceptance and refusal, with a primary focus over the past 20 years on attitudes about HPV vaccine as well as the behavioral and social determinants of HPV vaccination. His studies have focused on adolescents and young adults, parents of adolescents, and health care providers and include evaluations of vaccine communication intervention strategies.