

Academic Global Oncology Meeting

Hosted by NCI-CGH & ASCO

Thursday, June 25, 2020, 10:00AM-11:30AM US ET

Meeting Webcast Link: <https://nci.rev.vbrick.com/#/webcasts/academicglobaloncology>

Meeting Objective: To convene academic global oncology professionals and partners to discuss topics pertinent to strengthening the field of academic global oncology, and supporting a strategic approach to the development of academic global oncology collaborations. The first meeting was held alongside the 2019 ASCO Conference. Due to the move to a virtual meeting for ASCO 2020, this side meeting will be held as a webinar co-hosted by the NCI Center for Global Health and ASCO.

Agenda

10:00-10:05am: Welcome and Opening Remarks

Speakers: **Satish Gopal**, MD, MPH, Director, Center for Global Health, National Cancer Institute
Doug Pyle, MBA, Vice President, International Affairs, ASCO

10:05-10:25am: NCI Center for Global Health Updates and Opportunities (15 min) | Q&A (5 min)

Speaker: **Satish Gopal**, MD, MPH, Director, Center for Global Health, National Cancer Institute

10:25-10:55am: ASCO Young Investigator Awardee Research Collaboration Presentation (20 min) | Q&A (10 min)

Moderator: **Sudha Sivaram**, DrPH, MPH, Center for Global Health, National Cancer Institute

- Speakers:
1. **Edward Briercheck**, MD, PhD, University of Washington/Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center
 2. **Matthew Painschab**, MD, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

10:55-11:25am: Developing an Academic Global Oncology Collaboration (20 min) | Q&A (10 min)

Moderator: **Satish Gopal**, MD, MPH, Director, Center for Global Health, National Cancer Institute

- Speakers:
1. **Katherine Van Loon**, MD, MPH UCSF Hellen Diller Comprehensive Cancer Center
 2. **Neo Tapela**, MD, MPH, Botswana Harvard AIDS Institute Partnership

11:25-11:30am Closing Remarks

Speaker: **Satish Gopal**, MD, MPH, Director, Center for Global Health, National Cancer Institute

Speaker Bios

(In order according to the agenda)



Satish Gopal, MD, MPH was appointed Director of the Center for Global Health (CGH) at the National Cancer Institute (NCI) in February 2020. In this role, he oversees the development of initiatives and collaborations with other NCI divisions, NCI-Designated Cancer Centers, and countries to support cancer research and cancer research networks, promote cancer control planning, and build capacity in low- and middle-income countries. Previously, Dr. Gopal has provided leadership and expertise on NIH working groups, and review committees and boards. In 2018 he was selected to advise the NCI Director on the NCI global portfolio as Co-Chair of the NCI Advisory Board Ad Hoc Global Health Working Group. Before coming to NCI, Dr. Gopal was the Cancer Program Director for the University of North Carolina (UNC) Project-Malawi, in collaboration with the Malawi Ministry of Health.

Dr. Gopal completed his Master of Public Health in 2000 at UNC-Chapel Hill, and earned his medical degree from the Duke University School of Medicine in 2001. He then completed training in internal medicine and pediatrics at the University of Michigan, lived and worked in Tanzania from 2007 to 2009, then returned to the United States to pursue medical oncology and infectious disease training at UNC-Chapel Hill. After this, he lived with his family in Malawi from 2012 to 2019, when he was the only certified medical oncologist in a country of ~18 million people and treated public sector cancer patients at the national teaching hospital in the capital alongside his Malawian colleagues. He also returned frequently to UNC-Chapel Hill to provide clinical service in the North Carolina Cancer Hospital.

As an extramural investigator, his NIH-funded research program focused on epidemiologic, clinical, and translational studies of lymphoma and HIV-associated malignancies in sub-Saharan Africa, and he also oversaw a broad, multidisciplinary cancer research portfolio addressing many of the commonest cancers in the region, including cervical, breast, and esophageal cancer. He has co-authored more than 90 publications and has successfully mentored many U.S. and African cancer junior investigators. He has spoken widely about global oncology, including at the 2018 Fogarty International Center's 50th Anniversary Scientific Symposium, in Bethesda, MD. He also served as the Associate Chair for African International Sites for the NCI AIDS Malignancy Consortium (AMC), and had oversight responsibility for African activities of the AMC, which was the first NCI cooperative clinical trials group to conduct multicenter interventional studies for cancer in the region.



Doug Pyle, MBA is responsible for directing the international programs of the American Society of Clinical Oncology, an organization representing nearly 45,000 healthcare professionals treating people with cancer in over 100 countries around the world. Mr. Pyle joined ASCO in 2007 with a background in global health in the public, nonprofit and corporate sectors. Previous to ASCO, Mr. Pyle was the Director of Business Solutions for the International Services department of the American Red Cross, where he led strategic process improvements to the organization's global humanitarian operations. Earlier in his career, he was the Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for the Center for International Rehabilitation, a training network for rehabilitation professionals in post-conflict countries, and the Manager for strategic planning/business development for the US subsidiary of Eisai, a Japanese pharmaceutical company. Mr. Pyle has a bachelor's degree in history from Carleton College and a master's degree in business administration from Yale University.



Sudha Sivaram, DrPH, MPH is Program Director for Global Cancer Research Training at the Center for Global Health at the US National Cancer Institute (NCI). In this capacity, she works with colleagues across the institute to develop and coordinate research and training programs in global cancer research. Dr. Sivaram is trained in epidemiology and social science and her interests are to help bring public health research evidence to practice and has conducted implementation research in AIDS and cancer prevention in south Asia. She serves on the Joe Biden Cancer Moonshot Implementation Team focused on Patient Engagement in Cancer Research. Dr. Sivaram also helps coordinate National Cancer Institute's cooperation in cancer research and training with the Government of India. Dr. Sivaram is an associate faculty at the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health where she is involved in teaching and working on global health programs and where she was faculty in the Department of Epidemiology prior to her US government tenure. Dr. Sivaram received her bachelor's degree in Biological Sciences from the Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani, India. She received her Master's in Public Health from the University of California, Los Angeles and her doctorate in International Health from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Dr. Sivaram is a Fulbright Fellow (2019-2021) and is conducting her research on cancer survivorship in India.



Edward Briercheck, MD, PhD is a current hematology-oncology fellow at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center and University of Washington. He completed his undergraduate work at the University of Toledo and his MD/PhD training at the Ohio State University in the laboratory of Dr. Michael Caligiuri studying mechanisms of NK cell development and function. During his 4th year of medical school he did a two-month rotation at the Liga Nacional Contra el Cáncer (INCAN) Cancer Center in Guatemala City, Guatemala. He went on to complete his residency training in internal medicine at Boston Medical Center as part of the global health pathway. During this time, he built upon his experiences and relationships at INCAN, while joining the laboratory of Dr. David Weinstock in order to develop low-cost solution to lymphoma diagnostics. Prior to starting the fellowship, he received an ASCO Young Investigator Award and Fulbright Scholar Fellowship to further the implementation of the assay in Guatemala. Additional, ongoing work with his partners in Guatemala includes investigations into mechanisms of extra-nodal NK/T cell lymphoma. He has recently joined Dr. Edus Warren's lab at Fred Hutchinson to further this work.



Matthew Painschab, MD is a junior faculty member at the University of North Carolina (UNC) Chapel Hill in the Division of Hematology. He attended medical school at Washington University in St. Louis and completed a Fogarty International Clinical Research Scholarship in Peru between third and fourth year of medical school. He then completed internal medicine residency at Northwestern University before moving to UNC for fellowship in hematology and oncology. During fellowship, he pursued a career interest in global oncology working primarily at UNC Project Malawi in Lilongwe, Malawi. UNC Project Malawi is a collaboration between UNC and the Malawi Ministry of Health with a focus on research and capacity building. He was supported during fellowship by a Fogarty Global Health Fellowship, an AIDS Malignancy Consortium Fellowship, and an ASCO Global Oncology Young Investigator Award. He has a primary interest in HIV associated malignancies, especially multicentric Castleman disease, lymphoma and Kaposi sarcoma and recently joined the faculty at UNC to continue his work in Malawi.



Katherine Van Loon, MD, MPH is a gastrointestinal oncologist and Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine at UCSF. In collaboration with Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences and Ocean Road Cancer Institute in Tanzania, she is the Principal Investigator of studies to the etiology of the disproportionately high burden of esophageal squamous cell carcinoma in East Africa. She is the Director of the Global Cancer Program at UCSF's Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center; in this capacity, she oversees UCSF's portfolio of research and capacity-building projects in low and middle-income countries as well as educational programs for training in global oncology. She has been the recipient of numerous mentoring awards for her efforts to develop resources for research training and mentorship for early career investigators with interests in global cancer control.



Neo Tapela, MD, MPH is an internal medicine physician, epidemiologist and health services researcher interested in understanding determinants of chronic non communicable diseases (NCDs) in sub-Saharan Africa, and designing scalable models for delivering services for these conditions particularly to those in rural areas. She works across the spectrum of cardiovascular disease prevention, cancer early diagnosis, and integrated (multi-disease) program implementation. Dr Tapela's research is informed by hands-on program and policy experience including as Special Advisor on NCDs to the Rwandan Ministry of Health, as Director of NCDs Program with the international NGO Partners In Health where she oversaw implementation of Butaro Cancer Center of Excellence in rural Rwanda, and as Head of the National NCDs Program in her home country, Botswana. Dr Tapela trained at Harvard Medical School and Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, and is currently Senior Research Fellow at the University of Oxford's Nuffield Department of Population Health in the UK. She maintains appointments as Associate Physician at Brigham and Women's Hospital (Boston, USA) and Research Associate at the Botswana Harvard AIDS Institute Partnership (Gaborone, Botswana). Her work as a researcher and global health innovator has been recognized, as a recipient of the Aspen New Voices Fellowship and the African Cancer Leaders Institute Award.