

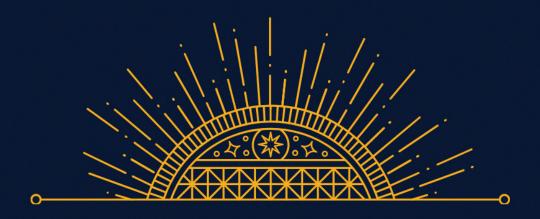




# PARTNERS 2021 VIRTUAL EVENT

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2021





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# **EVENING PROGRAM**

# 6 P.M.

Auction is OPEN Live performance from Collision Six

# 6:30 P.M.

Enjoy powerful presentations and an incredible auction with all proceeds benefiting Karmanos Cancer Institute

# 7:30 P.M.

Presentation Concludes
Live performance from Collision Six

# 8:00 P.M.

**Auction Closes** 

# 8:30 P.M.

**Band Concludes** 

In proud support of the physicians, nurses and researchers at

# KARMANOS CANCER INSTITUTE

and the advancements made possible by the continued efforts of the Partners Committee

Frances and Kenneth Eisenberg Nicole and Stephen Eisenberg



## Dear Friends,

Welcome to Partners Night 2021! We are happy so many have joined us virtually to celebrate the ongoing accomplishments of the Partners Committee. This annual tradition continues to raise critical funds to help advance cancer research at the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Thanks to the vision of Anna and Harry Korman who started the Partners Events in memory of their daughter Suzanne; to her sister and brother-in-law, Eunice and Milton Ring, who continue to support the Partners



Events; and to the dedicated Partners Committee, more than \$17 million has been raised to-date to help save the lives of those impacted by cancer.

Our research goal for the night is to focus on bringing health equity to lung cancer and beyond. Immunotherapy has brought new hope in the treatment of cancer but determining who will benefit most remains challenging. Thus far, clinical trials have lacked adequate racial and ethnic diversity to understand how treatment guidelines may vary across different populations of patients. To address this, funds raised at Partners Night 2021 will support the collaborative efforts of a team of researchers working to bring health care equity and identify methods to improve outcomes for lung cancer patients within the racially and ethnically diverse population served by Karmanos Cancer Institute.

This is liberating work and your generosity to support Karmanos' cutting-edge research is helping us save more lives. We are truly grateful.

On behalf of our patients and their loved ones, along with the entire Karmanos team – thank you for your commitment to our vision of a world free of cancer.

Have a wonderful evening!

Gerold Bepler, M.D., Ph.D. President and CEO Karmanos Cancer Institute

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Wayne State University is proud to support Karmanos Cancer Institute and its team of multidisciplinary scientists as they further cancer research and address racial health care disparities.

# PARTNERS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Welcome to the 2021 Partners Night supporting the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. We want to express our sincere thanks to you and all those supporting this year's event.

As co-chairs of the Partners Executive Committee, we are thrilled to be part of the amazing efforts of the Partners Committee, a group of dedicated volunteers united in the fight against cancer. These outstanding men and women continue the rich history of Partners, raising funds solely for research at Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Tonight, we acknowledge and continue Partners enduring legacy of fundraising for research. Throughout the last 27 years, Partners has raised more than \$17 million to support cancer research, giving patients hope and results-driven breakthroughs to help them survive this disease. We would not be able to achieve such success without the generosity of donors like you. Funds raised from this year's Partners Night will once again support critical research taking place at Karmanos.

The Partners continue their unwavering commitment to supporting Karmanos researchers who are helping to bring cutting-edge treatments from bench to bedside.

On behalf of the entire Partners Committee, thank you for joining us tonight and for giving Karmanos patients their best chance.

Courtney Nichol and Dave Logan Co-Chairs, Partners Executive Committee



# **PARTNERS NIGHT 2021**

# **RESEARCH IMPACT**

Partners Night 2021 supports the work of a multidisciplinary team of applied, clinical, and basic scientists focused on addressing racial health care disparities associated with lung cancer and response to treatment with immunotherapy. This comprehensive initiative will assess how immunotherapy differentially affects African American and white lung cancer patients and the extent to which there are differential biological, psychological and social drivers by race of treatment response. This research has the potential to identify race-specific factors that could be used to drive treatment decision-making and clinical follow-up to limit immune-related adverse events (irAEs), identify novel targets to limit irAEs, and identify areas of patient need, to ultimately reduce racial disparities in lung cancer outcomes. The following researchers are leading the research:

- Dr. Felicity Harper & Dr. Hirva Mamdani
   Understanding Racial Differences in Response to Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors (ICI)
   Treatment
- Dr. Heather Gibson & Dr. Ann Schwartz
   The Role of Genetically Driven Immune Profiles in Racial Disparities After Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors (ICI)

Patients recruited for this study will be treated with immune checkpoint inhibitors, an immunotherapy designed to remove the brakes from the immune system and promote its ability to fight cancer. Data regarding quality of life and adverse treatment-related side effects will be collected, as well as tumor tissue and normal host DNA to determine the characteristics that correlate with immune function and treatment success.

Key objectives of this comprehensive approach are to:

- Accrue more than 200 lung cancer patients (50 percent African American) undergoing treatment with immune checkpoint inhibitors (ICIs)
- Profile tumor biopsies for number and types of mutations, expression characteristics, and presence and function of immune cells
- Understand how patients with lung cancer are affected physically and emotionally by treatment with ICIs
- Determine the psychological, social and biological factors that led to differences in patient treatment side effects, quality of life, tumor response and survival outcomes
- Determine the extent to which these outcomes differ between African American and white patients

Collectively, this work will lead to a better understanding of race-related factors that may be uniquely contributing to lung cancer disparities and identify specific causes of poor response to treatment. Results may lead to improved treatment strategies and health equity in outcomes for lung cancer patients with the potential to extend to additional malignancies for improved outcomes across all cancer patients.

Your generous financial donations from Partners Night 2021 will help support this research that will have a lasting impact for years to come.



# TRIBUTE PROGRAM

The Tribute Program provides an opportunity to honor or remember a loved one while supporting advancements in cancer research and patient care.

In Memory of Constance A. Claybaker From Catherine Markes

In Memory of Geraldine Rissman From Cyndi and Michael Stone

In Memory of Richard E. Munsterman From Reesie (Catherine) DeVet

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In Memory of Irving and Faye Saffer From Dr. Mark and Peggy Saffer

In Memory of David S. Segal From Roberta Segal

In Memory of Melvin S. Goldstein From Roberta Segal Goldstein

In Memory of Edward Gaspar From Roberta Gaspar

In Memory of Richard M. Gabrys From Allison L. Gabrys

In Memory of Dr. Jeffrey Forman, M.D. From Myrna and Mickey Shanker

In Memory of Dr. Jeffrey Forman, M.D. From Gary Kolasa

In Honor of Lou Thumm From the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Center Patient & Family Advisory Council

In Memory of Bob Conlin From the Karmanos Cancer Institute Information Technology Department

In Memory of Sandy Kopelman From Lisa and Aaron Fenberg

In Memory of Marlene Aronoff From Dawn Aronoff

In Memory of Toni Yvonne Davis From Dr. Mittie Davis Jones

In Memory of Olga F. and Irv Dworkin From Debra and Richard Partrich

Inclusive of 9/29/2021

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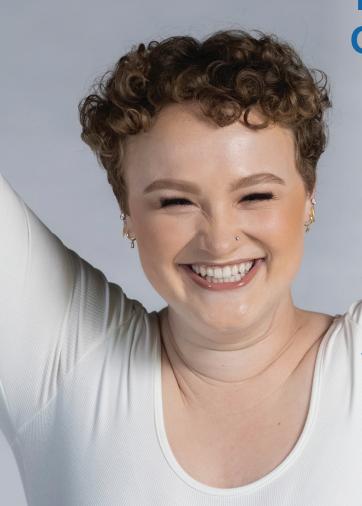
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