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EDUCATION

University of Minnesota, School of Public Health, Masters in Clinical Research – Minneapolis, MN
2010-2017

University of Minnesota Hematology/Oncology Fellowship – Minneapolis, MN July 2009 – June
2012

University of Minnesota Chief Residency – Minneapolis VA Medical Center, July 2008 - June 2009

University of Minnesota Internal Medicine Residency - Minneapolis, MN, June 2005 – June 2008

University of Minnesota Medical School - Minneapolis, MN, Doctor of Medicine, May 2005

Miami University - Oxford, OH, Bachelor of Arts (Magna Cum Laude), Zoology, December 2000

RESEARCH/WORK EXPERIENCE

Medical Director of Cancer Research Center at Park Nicollet/HealthPartners - 2018 – current

- Provide oversight for key research programs (investigator-initiated, industry-sponsored, and early-phase therapeutics program).

Director of Cannabis in Cancer Research and Education Clinic at Park Nicollet/HealthPartners -
2020 – current

- Created clinic model in 2020 and provide patient care, staff education, and research development within the clinic.

Staff Oncologist – 2012- current

Co-Medical Director of Oncology Research - Park Nicollet Frauenshuh Cancer Center, St. Louis
Park, MN, 2012 – 2018

- Serve as principal investigator on industry sponsored clinical trials
- Develop investigator-initiated research and quality improvement proposals
- Facilitate institution involvement with Metro-Minnesota Community Clinical Oncology Program.

Co-Investigator – Metro-Minnesota Community Clinical Oncology Program, St. Louis Park, MN, 2012
– current

Adjunct Assistant Professor, University of Minnesota - Department of Hematology/Oncology. 2017
– current

Master's Thesis Project – Pankaj Gupta, MD (mentor), University of Minnesota; Minneapolis, MN,
2009 - 2015

- Analyzed role of opioids on prostate cancer progression in a retrospective analysis
- Investigated opioid use and pain in lung cancer

Co-investigator – Robert Kratzke, MD and Arek Dudek, MD (mentors), University of Minnesota; Minneapolis, MN, 2010

- Designed a phase II clinical trial assessing efficacy of gemcitabine and bortezomib in treating castrate-resistant prostate cancer
- American Society of Clinical Oncology/American Association for Cancer Research: Methods in Clinical Cancer Research workshop participant

Co-investigator – Frank Lederle, MD and Tim Wilt, MD (mentors), Minneapolis VA Medical Center; Minneapolis, MN, 2009

- American College of Physicians sponsored systematic review on effectiveness of venous thromboembolism prophylaxis in hospitalized medical patients

Laboratory Assistant - Douglas Yee, MD (mentor), University of Minnesota; Minneapolis, MN, 2007

- Studied the impact of insulin-like growth factor receptor and breast cancer metastasis

Clinical Research Assistant - Diabetes Institute for Immunology and Transplantation, University of Minnesota; Minneapolis, MN, 2002-2005

- Created databases, monitored adverse events, assisted with grant preparation, protocol development and IRB correspondence

Clinical Research Assistant - Advanced Respiratory; St. Paul, MN, 2001

- Researched use of company's VEST® product and cystic fibrosis

Laboratory Assistant - The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia; Philadelphia, PA, Summer 1999/2000

- Completed manuscript on an independent project studying the role of CCR-5 receptor and neonatal HIV infection

WORK EXPERIENCE/BOARD CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE

American Board of Internal Medicine (Medical Oncology) – Certified 2013

American Board of Internal Medicine (Hematology) – Certified 2012

American Board of Internal Medicine – Certified 2008

Minnesota State Medical License - 2007 – current

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES/MEETINGS

Alliance for Clinical Trials in Oncology – 2019-current

- Member of Symptom Intervention, Community Oncology, and Cancer in Older Adult Committees

American Society of Clinical Oncology – 2009 to current

Society of Cannabis Clinicians – 2020 to current

American Association of Cancer Research/American Society of Clinical Oncology workshop: Methods in Clinical Cancer Research 2010 – August 2010

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Medical school tutor – lead small-group discussions for second-year medical students in the hematology course, 2011 – current

Physician and Patient Course Mentor - Teach history and physical exams to 2nd year medical students, 2009 - current

Clinical Advisor – Taught and supervised over 50 residents and medical students on clinical rotations during fellowship in 2009-2010

Research Mentor – Trained and supervised prostate cancer research project (Brett Gourley, MD, Sonja Boatman).

Clinical Skills Mentor - Taught physical exams and evaluated clinical skills of medical students, 2004

Miami M.E.D., Premedical Honorary - Member (1998-2000), Secretary (1999), Chair (1999-2000)

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Park Nicollet Executive Medical Council – elected member. 2019 – current (3 year term)

Park Nicollet Nominating and Leadership Development Committee – elected member. 2016 – 2019

Minnesota Community Measures Cancer Committee – member – 2015 – current

American Cancer Society – Cancer Action Network – research breakfast planning committee leader, 2015

Fellowship Class Representative – 2010-2012

VA Chief Resident – Minneapolis VA Hospital, MN, 2008-2009

- Served on inpatient leadership, CPR, and venous thromboembolism committees.
- Coordinated core curriculum lectures and resident call schedules.

Venous Thromboembolism Prophylaxis Committee Member - Regions Hospital, MN, 2007

- Worked to improve patient outcomes and safety by developing and implementing standardized, evidence-based practices related to the assessment, prevention and treatment of venous thromboembolism

HONORS/AWARDS/FUNDING

- 2021 – Park Nicollet Foundation Bill Richards Young Physician Leadership Award winner - given annually to recognize a young physician who has an innovative spirit and is a leader among peers. This award was created to inspire and reward young physicians for innovation that improves clinic, hospital efficiency, patient treatment or outcomes, or benefits the community.
- 2020 – National Cancer Institute P30 Supplemental Grant - \$125,000 for statewide cannabis use survey in patients with cancer
- 2020 – Randy Shaver Cancer Research and Community Fund - \$5500 for establishment of cancer clinic cannabis registry program.
- 2018 - HealthPartners Development Grant - \$30,000. To support cannabis research trial.
- 2017 - Philanthropic Support for Medical Cannabis Proposal - \$75,000 support from private donor to support development of medical cannabis clinical trial.
- 2017 - Randy Shaver Cancer Research and Community Fund - \$25,000 for Cannabis Trial
- 2016 - Innovator Award from Association of Community Cancer Centers for project, establishing Personalized Pain Goals in Oncology Patients to Improve Care and Decrease Costs”.

- 2016 - HealthPartners Development Grant - \$30,000. To develop an electronic patient-reported outcome tool in the electronic medical record.
- 2015 - Park Nicollet Health Systems Recognition Award- for exceptional contribution to health system.
- 2014 - Park Nicollet Institute (Grant #3088241202) - \$8000 for statistical analysis support of “A Retrospective Assessment of Patient-reported Pain Levels, Opioids Prescribed and Survival in Cancer Patients”
- 2010-2012 - NIH Hematology T32 Research Training Grant Trainee (Ruth Kirschstein, ID HL007062-34)
- 2010 - Accepted to NIH-funded AACR/ASCO workshop: Methods in Clinical Cancer Research
- Clerkship honors in oncology, critical care, pediatrics, radiology, ophthalmology (2003-2005)
- Certified Clinical Skills Instructor (2004)
- Recipient of Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation Student Intern Award (2000)
- Recipient of Miami University Alumni Premedical Scholarship (2000) Dean’s List, Miami University, 1997-2000, all semesters

PUBLICATIONS/ABSTRACTS

Zylla, D, et al. A randomized trial of medical cannabis in patients with stage IV cancers to assess feasibility, dose requirements, impact on pain and opioid use, safety, and overall patient satisfaction. Currently under review at Support Care Cancer (2021).

Zylla, D et al. A survey of patients with cancer who report anti-cancer benefits of cannabis use. Abstract under review for 2021 International Cannabis Research Society Annual Meeting.

Zylla, D - Living with cannabis: The goal of helping cancer patients live in comfort deserves data now. The Cancer Letter. 2019 (https://cancerletter.com/articles/20201106_5/)

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- Zylla, D, Kuskowski, M, Gupta, K, Gupta, P. Association of opioid requirement and cancer pain with survival in advanced non-small cell lung cancer patients. *British Journal of Anaesthesia*. 2014; Oct 10.
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