



HopeWell Cancer Support's House Calls Program supports the organization's mission by providing educational opportunities for people facing cancer and those who surround them. On a regularly scheduled basis, healthcare and other professionals offer and educational presentations and informal lectures on a wide range of cancer-related topics, including: current treatments options, managing side-effects, nutrition, stress reduction and making cancer-related decisions. The informal nature of these sessions encourages questions and facilitates meaningful discussions between the HopeWell community and Baltimore's top cancer experts.

House Calls Speakers, 2011-2012

Fariba Asrari, MD

Radiation Oncologist, Johns Hopkins Department of Radiation Oncology and Molecular Sciences

Jennifer Axilbund, M.S. CGS

Genetics Counselor, Johns Hopkins Cancer Risk Assessment Program

Ting Bao, M.D.

Joint Faculty Appointment, University of Maryland Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum Cancer Center and Center for Integrative Medicine and licensed acupuncturist

Steve Bennett

Baltimore Naturalist

Albert Blumberg, M.D.

Radiation Oncologist, Greater Baltimore Medical Center

Sage Bolte, Ph.D., LCSW, OSW-C

Oncology Counselor, Life with Cancer, an Inova Health System program in Northern Virginia

Henry Brem, MD

Director of Neurosurgery, Johns Hopkins Hospital

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Instructor in Oncology, Johns Hopkins Geriatric Oncology Program, Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Bayview

Thomas A. Burke, M.D.

Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

Delia Chiamonte, M.D.

Assistant Professor, University of Maryland and Director of Education at the Center for Integrative Medicine

Christopher D'Adamo, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor, Center for Integrative Medicine with an appointment in Family and Community Medicine, University of Maryland School of Medicine, certified fitness trainer and certified nutrition consultant

Jeanne Deignan-Kosmides, RYT

Daniel D. Dietrick, MD
Urologist, Chesapeake Urology Associates

Bryna Ewachiw, Pharm D.
Oncology Coordinator, Department of Pharmacy at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center

Paul Fowler, M.D.
Chief of Radiation Oncology, Union Memorial Hospital

Neil Friedman, M.D.
Director, Hoffberger Breast Center, Mercy Medical Center

Yousuf Gaffar, M.D.
Medical Oncologist and Hematologist, The Cancer Institute at St. Joseph Medical Center

Nancy Garren, CRNP
Nurse Practitioner, National Cancer Institute

Erin Gillard, LCSW-C, RYT
Facilitator and Yoga Instructor, HopeWell Cancer Support

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Assistant Professor, Division of Hematologic Malignancies, Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins

Janet Hanson, NP
Nurse Practitioner, Sleep Disorder Center, University of Maryland Hospital

Wanda Harrison, LCSW-C
Social Worker, HopeWell Cancer Support

Joy Hatchett
Associate Commissioner, Maryland Insurance Administration

Kathy Helzlsouer, M.D. MHS
Medical Director, The Prevention and Research Center, The Weinberg Center for Women's Health and Medicine, Mercy Medical Center

Richard Jones, M.D.
Professor, Oncology and Medicine, and Director of the Bone Marrow Transplant and Co-Director, Hematologic Malignancies Program, Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center, Johns Hopkins Hospital

Judith Karp, M.D.
Director of the Adult Leukemia Program, Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center, Johns Hopkins Hospital and Board Medical Advisor to the Maryland Chapter of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, and a member of the Medical and Scientific Affairs Committee for the national organization

Karen Kayser, MSW, Ph.D.
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Chief of Radiation Oncology, Multidisciplinary Thoracic Oncology Clinic Team at the Alvin and Lois Lapidus Cancer Institute, Sinai Hospital

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Medical Oncologist and Hematologist, Chesapeake Oncology, Hematology Associates and Harbor Hospital

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Patricia Norton

Sound Therapist

Richard J. Ottenstein, Ph.D.

CEO, Workplace Trauma Center

Michael Polydefkis, M.D.

Associate Professor of Neurology, Johns Hopkins Medicine, Bayview Medical Center

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