BREAST SURGICAL ONCOLOGY FELLOWSHIP FACULTY



Name & Credentials:

Abby J. Bishop, PT, DPT

Lymphedema Therapist

Bio:

Abby Bishop, PT, DPT, is a physical therapist with HonorHealth Outpatient Therapy Services at Deer Valley specializing in oncology rehabilitation and lymphedema treatment. She earned her Doctor of Physical Therapy from the University of Wisconsin–Madison and has completed advanced training in lymphedema management and oncology rehabilitation. Her clinical practice focuses on helping patients manage the physical effects of cancer and its treatment throughout the survivorship continuum.



Name & Credentials:

Brendan F. Curley, DO

Medical Oncology and Hematology

Bio:

Brendan F. Curley, DO, MPH, is a board-certified medical oncologist and hematologist and a partner with the Arizona Center for Cancer Care in Scottsdale. He completed his Hematology/Oncology fellowship at West Virginia University School of Medicine, where he served as Chief Fellow. Dr. Curley has extensive experience in multidisciplinary cancer care and breast oncology and has presented on neoadjuvant therapy and advances in breast cancer treatment. He also serves as Hematology/Oncology faculty for the HonorHealth Thompson Peak Hospital Internal Medicine Residency Program and has held leadership roles in regional breast cancer symposia.



Name & Credentials:

Ashley DiPasquale, MD MSc FRCSC FACS

Breast Oncoplastic Surgeon

Bio:

Dr. DiPasquale is a specialized breast surgeon with expertise in treating both malignant and benign breast diseases. Her passion lies in advanced oncoplastic reconstructive surgery, where she combines oncological principles with plastic surgery techniques. She strives to ensure excellent oncological outcomes while also prioritizing cosmetic results and patient satisfaction. Dr. DiPasquale completed a breast oncoplastic and reconstruction surgery fellowship at the renowned Paris Breast Center. She is proud to hold board certifications from both the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and the American Board of Surgery. Dr. DiPasquale's contributions extend beyond her clinical practice. She has co-authored numerous research papers and actively presents her work at international conferences. Additionally, she serves as a peer reviewer for international journals. Outside of her professional endeavors, Dr. DiPasquale cherishes quality time spent with her loved ones, including her family, friends, and her beloved Yorkie.



Name & Credentials:

Penny Labriola, CCRP

Research Coordinator, Supervisor

Bio:

Penny Labriola, CCRP, is Research Coordinator Supervisor at Arizona Center for Cancer Care, where she oversees oncology clinical trials from study startup through completion and provides leadership to clinical research staff. She brings more than a decade of experience in oncology clinical research, including patient screening and informed consent, regulatory compliance, study documentation, investigational therapies, and FDA and IRB submissions. A Certified Clinical Research Professional through SOCRA, she also maintains training in Good Clinical Practice and human subjects protection.



Name & Credentials:

Tim Matatov, MD

Plastic & Reconstructive Surgeon

Bio:

Tim Matatov, MD, is a board-certified plastic and reconstructive surgeon with Southwest Breast and Aesthetics whose clinical interests include microsurgery and breast aesthetic and reconstructive surgery. He completed his Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery residency at Tulane University, where he served as Administrative Chief Resident, following residency training in General Surgery at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in Shreveport. Dr. Matatov is certified by both the American Board of Plastic Surgery and the American Board of Surgery and is active in several professional organizations in plastic and reconstructive surgery.



Name & Credentials:

Shelley K. Nakamura, MD

Breast Surgeon and Cancer Prevention Specialist

Bio:

Shelley Nakamura, MD - Arizona Center for Cancer CarAfter years of surgically treating breast cancer, Dr. Shelley Nakamura now focuses her expertise on helping patients understand and manage their breast cancer risk. A fellowship-trained breast surgeon, she completed her Breast Surgical Oncology fellowship at the University of Southern California. She has authored several articles on breast cancer and contributed to a book chapter by nationally renowned breast surgeon Dr. Melvin Silverstein. Dr. Nakamura's expertise includes genetic education, counseling and testing; individualized breast cancer risk assessment and management; and complete breast examinations. She provides increased surveillance for patients with high-risk breast lesions, including atypical ductal hyperplasia (ADH) and lobular carcinoma in situ (LCIS), as well as those with genetic mutations associated with increased breast cancer risk. She also coordinates referrals to other specialists to support comprehensive risk management, including consideration of risk-reducing surgery. In her spare time, Dr. Nakamura enjoys reading, Pilates and spending time with her family.



Name & Credentials:

Abhishek H. Patel, MD

Medical Oncology and Hematology

Bio:

Dr. Abhishek Patel joined the Arizona Center for Cancer Care in 2017. His clinical training includes treatment of benign and malignant hematological conditions as well as solid tumors. He is a member of American Society of Clinical Oncology and American Society of Hematology. His approach to care is primarily built around his patient's goals while still incorporating data and outcomes of clinical trials to guide treatment plans. He is a strong advocate for patients and overall preserving their quality of life. Dr. Patel enjoys playing golf and following professional sports during his free time. He is an avid Chicago sports fan and loves anything and everything related to his beloved Bears, Cubs, Bulls, and Blackhawks.



Name & Credentials:

Anushka Patel, MD

Radiation Oncologist

Bio:

Dr. Anushka Patel is a board-certified radiation oncologist and is an expert in using Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy (IMRT), as well as Image Guided Radiation Therapy (IGRT), to treat a multitude of cancers including those of the breast, lung, head and neck, and gastrointestinal tract. Dr. Patel is experienced in the delivery of Stereotactic Body Radiation Therapy (SBRT) for intracranial, spinal, and lung treatments. She is also a radiation oncology attending for the Honor Health Dermatology Residency Program. Dr. Patel joined Arizona Center for Cancer Care in 2014. She has published and presented at national meetings on SRS for brain metastases from breast cancer, SBRT for central lung lesions, and radiographic abnormalities detected at the time of CT simulation. Dr. Patel believes in taking a personalized and individualistic approach towards all her patients. She is known for going the above and beyond to ensure patients and their families have a full understanding of the diagnosis and overall treatment plan.



Name & Credentials:

Hedieh Saghari, MD

Radiologist

Bio:

Hedieh Saghari, MD, is a board-certified radiologist specializing in breast and women's imaging. She completed fellowship training in Women's Imaging at Arizona Breastnet/Maricopa Hospital and a Neuroradiology fellowship at Barrow Neurological Institute. Dr. Saghari has extensive experience in breast imaging, including a decade with HonorHealth Breast and Research Center and four years as Medical Director of the Breast Health Care and Research Center. She is a member of the Society of Breast Imaging and American Roentgen Ray Society.



Name & Credentials:

Dorothy Smith, OTR-L-CLT-LANA

Bio:

Dorothy Smith, OTR/L, CLT-LANA, is an occupational therapist with HonorHealth Outpatient Therapy Services specializing in lymphedema management and oncology rehabilitation. A LANA Certified Lymphedema Therapist and PORi Certified Oncology Rehabilitation Specialist, she has extensive advanced training in breast cancer rehabilitation, manual lymphatic drainage, and complete decongestive therapy. Her clinical practice focuses on evidence-based interventions, patient education, and individualized rehabilitation strategies to help patients manage the physical effects of cancer and its treatment. She has also conducted evidence-based work in the management of chemotherapy-induced peripheral neuropathy, which she presented at the HonorHealth 2023 Research Festival.



Name & Credentials:

Christopher Stasik, DO, FCAP

Laboratory Medical Director

Bio:

Christopher J. Stasik, DO, FCAP, is a board-certified pathologist and President and CEO of Western Pathology Associates and Pinnacle Pathology. He serves as Laboratory Medical Director at multiple HonorHealth hospitals and completed fellowship training in Surgical Pathology and Hematopathology at the University of Arizona Health Sciences Center. Dr.Stasik has extensive experience in multidisciplinary cancer care and medical education, including tumor conferences, tumor boards, breast pathology education, and the HonorHealth Breast Cancer Symposium. He is a Fellow of the College of American Pathologists and has held numerous professional and laboratory leadership positions.



Name & Credentials:

Derek Thompson, MD

Palliative Care

Bio:

Derek Thompson, MD, is Program Director of the HonorHealth Hospice and Palliative Medicine Fellowship and an experienced physician educator in palliative medicine. A graduate of the University of Connecticut School of Medicine, he completed his Internal Medicine residency at Boston University Medical Center and previously served as Assistant Professor of Medicine at Georgetown University School of Medicine. At HonorHealth, Dr. Thompson contributes to multidisciplinary cancer and palliative care through participation in the Ethics Committee, Palliative Care Steering Committee, Pancreatic Cancer Tumor Board, Virginia G. Piper Cancer Network Cancer Committee, and Graduate Medical Education Committee. His educational interests include symptom management, psychosocial support, caregiver support, and end-of-life care.



Name & Credentials:

Victor Zannis, MD

Bio:

Victor J. Zannis, MD, is a board-certified surgeon and former Medical Director of the Comprehensive Breast Center of Arizona at John C. Lincoln. A graduate of UCLA School of Medicine, he completed his General Surgery training at Maricopa Medical Center. Dr. Zannis has held numerous national leadership positions in breast surgery, including serving as President and later Chairman of the Board of the American Society of Breast Surgeons. He has extensive experience in breast surgery education and has served as faculty for postgraduate courses in breast ultrasound and stereotactic breast biopsy. He is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and a member of the Society of Surgical Oncology.