



*Monongahela Valley Hospital's*

# **2021 Oncology Symposium**

**Wednesday, June 30**

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Planning Committee disclosure: All members of the CME Planning Committee have nothing to disclose.

## **Accreditation Statement:**

Monongahela Valley Hospital (MVH) is accredited by the Pennsylvania Medical Society to sponsor continuing medical education for physicians.

## **Credit Designation Statement:**

MVH designates this live activity for a maximum of 4.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the educational activity. MVH will provide 4 CEUs for nurses in accordance with the PA Professional Law Section 12. MVH is accredited by The Joint Commission and licensed by the PA Department of Health. Attendance at the entire program is required to earn continuing education credit.

## **Program Faculty:**

Steven Evans, M.D.

Melanie C. Ongchin, M.D.

Linwah Yip, M.D.

Amer Zureikat, M.D.

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Program faculty has nothing to report.

## Program Schedule

Registration and Continental Breakfast 7:30 a.m.

Welcome and Introduction 7:50 a.m.

*Advancement in the Treatment of Operable Pancreatic Cancer:  
“The UPMC Paradigm”* 8:00 a.m.

Amer H. Zureikat, M.D.

*Advanced Surgical Management of Metastatic Disease* 9:15 a.m.

Melanie C. Ongchin, M.D.

Break

*Current Management of Thyroid Cancer* 10:30 a.m.

Linwah Yip, M.D.

Lunch

*Racial Disparities* 12:15 p.m.

Steven Evans, M.D.

Closing Remarks and Evaluations

## Overall Objectives

### **Advancement in the Treatment of Operable Pancreatic Cancer: “The UPMC Paradigm”**

The presentation is designed for participants to be able to:

- Describe the current underlying principles in the management of pancreatic cancer.
- Identify the new techniques in pancreatic surgery and describe the indication for these newer procedures.
- Explain the advantages of robotic surgery versus conventional pancreatic surgery.

### **Advanced Surgical Management of Metastatic Disease**

The session will help participants understand the multidisciplinary approach to metastatic malignancies, the role of surgery for stage IV metastatic malignancies and the various regional therapies for metastatic malignancies.

### **Current Management of Thyroid Cancer**

The program will provide information to health care professionals on how to:

- Identify medical and patient history risk factors that predispose to thyroid cancer.
- Discuss the histologic spectrum of benign to malignant thyroid nodules.
- List treatment and diagnostic options for patients with thyroid cancer.
- Discuss molecule-based algorithms for thyroid cancer management and surveillance.

### **Racial Disparities**

The presentation is designed to challenge the participants to understand how the social construct of race impacts disparities in cancer outcomes.

## Program Faculty

# Racial Disparities



*Steven Evans, M.D.*

Dr. Steven Evans is a Clinical Professor of Surgery and surgical oncologist whose primary practice is in UPMC Shadyside. He also serves as the Director for Community Engagement for the Department of Surgery and has dedicated a large part of his career to closing the divide and disparities in health care for minority populations in the Pittsburgh region.

Dr. Evans is the recipient of the 2019/2020 Leo H. Crip, M.D. Excellence in Patient Care Award. This award is an annual honor given to UPMC Hillman Cancer Center physicians who have demonstrated work-related efforts that are truly above and beyond the course of normal duty and that clearly contribute to the overall quality and success of UPMC Hillman Cancer Center. Also, Dr. Evans was selected as a winner of UPMC's Award for Commitment and Excellence in Service (ACES) in 2020. ACES recipients are recognized for being outstanding UPMC team members who embody the health system's core values, exhibit excellence in and dedication to their work and go above and beyond to serve our patients and communities.

As Director of Community Engagement for the Department of Surgery, Dr. Evans served as the Physician Leader engaging other faculty, medical students and residents as volunteers to administer COVID-19 vaccines to the most vulnerable populations disproportionately impacted by the pandemic "one shot at a time."

# Advanced Surgical Management of Metastatic Disease

Melanie Ongchin, M.D., FACS, is a surgical oncologist who treats skin cancer, peritoneal metastases, mesothelioma, melanoma, sarcoma, upper gastrointestinal malignancies, colorectal cancer and hepatobiliary cancer cases. She specializes in recurrent malignancies and peritoneal carcinomatosis.

Board certified in general surgery and complex surgical oncology, Dr. Ongchin received her medical degree from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, New Jersey Medical School in Newark, New Jersey. Dr. Ongchin completed a research fellowship at Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo, New York. She also completed a residency at the State University of New York, University at Buffalo in New York., followed by a fellowship in surgical oncology at UPMC.



*Melanie C. Ongchin, M.D.*

# Current Management of Thyroid Cancer



*Linwah Yip, M.D.*

Linwah Yip, M.D., F.A.C.S., is an assistant professor in the Department of Surgery, Section of Endocrine Surgery at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and chief for the Division of Endocrine Surgery at UPMC.

Dr. Yip is board certified in general surgery. She received an undergraduate degree from Stanford University in Stanford, California and a medical degree at the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine. Dr. Yip completed surgical residency training at Northwestern University in Chicago, and the University of Florida Health Sciences Center, Jacksonville, Florida, and fellowships at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, and the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.

Dr. Yip is a member of the Society of Surgical Oncology, American College of Surgeons, American Association of Endocrine Surgeons and Allegheny County Medical Society.

# Advancement in the Treatment of Operable Pancreatic Cancer: “The UPMC Paradigm”

Amer H. Zureikat, M.D., is vice chair of surgery for surgical oncology in the Department of Surgery at UPMC, chief of Surgical Oncology at UPMC Hillman Cancer Center, and UPMC Chair of Clinical Surgery. He is the division chief for gastrointestinal surgical oncology in the Department of Surgery at UPMC and associate professor of surgery at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. Dr. Zureikat specializes in cancers and diseases of the pancreas, stomach, liver and duodenum; and is an expert in robotic pancreatic surgery. His clinical and academic interests include the multimodality treatment of pancreatic cancer and comparative effectiveness of open and robotic approaches to gastrointestinal cancers in general and pancreatic cancer in particular.

Dr. Zureikat is board certified in general surgery. He received his medical degree from the Royal College of Surgeons in Dublin, Ireland, completed his general surgery residency at the University of Chicago Medical Center and his fellowship in surgical oncology at the University of Pittsburgh.

Dr. Zureikat is a member of the Society of University Surgeons, Society of Surgical Oncology, and the Americas Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association. In addition, he is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons.



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