

Coalition Director

Nagi B. Kumar, Ph.D., R.D., FADA – Moffitt Cancer Center



Dr. Nagi B. Kumar is a Senior Member in the Population Sciences Division, Director, Cancer Chemoprevention at the Moffitt Cancer Center and a Professor in Oncologic Sciences at the University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine. Dr. Kumar is a Fellow of the American Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, obtaining her clinical training at Mt. Sinai School of Medicine, New York and completed her Doctoral studies at the University of South Florida College of Medicine. Dr. Kumar established and directed the Clinical Nutrition Program at the Moffitt Cancer Center for over 2 decades. Funded by the National Cancer Institute and using a multi-disciplinary science-based approach and the rigor with which we test other therapeutic agents, she has initiated laboratory, preclinical and phase I-III clinical trials evaluating safety, effectiveness and potential molecular targets of several single and combination botanicals and biologics for cancer prevention and treatment. This endeavor has resulted in over 90 national and international peer-reviewed publications and over 100 national and international presentations. She is the principal author and editor of a textbook for health professionals titled, Nutritional Management of Symptoms of Cancer Treatment Effects. Dr. Kumar serves on several National Cancer Institute and Department of Defense study sections, Board Member, American College of Chest Physicians: Evidence-Based Guidelines, Health and Science Policy Committee and editorial board of the NCI- Physician Data Query (PDQ) on Integrative, Complementary & Alternative Medicine. In her role on the editorial board of the NCI- Physician Data Query (PDQ) she is the author/editor of the professional and public reports regarding Cannabis and Cancer. She served as a consultant to the State of New York Department of Public Health as they approved marijuana for medical use in their State.

Dr. Kumar is a member of the National Cancer Institute, USA-India as well as USA-China delegation working towards tapping the potential of traditional systems of Medicine in addressing health challenges around the globe. Dr. Kumar is an appointed President in the State of Florida's Living Healthy in Florida initiative.

Board Chair

Thomas A. Sellers, Ph.D., MPH – Moffitt Cancer Center



Dr. Thomas Sellers is Center Director and Executive Vice President of Moffitt Cancer Center, Director of Moffitt Research Institute, and a professor in the Department of Oncologic Sciences at the University of South Florida's Morsani College of Medicine. Dr. Sellers' research has focused primarily on ovarian cancer, but he also has active collaborations that involve cancers of the breast, lung, and prostate. The underlying theme of his research is identifying individual differences in cancer susceptibility and using that to inform approaches to cancer prevention, early detection, and precision medicine to enhance outcomes after diagnosis. Dr. Sellers' research program seeks to integrate a basic science background in nutrition and genetics with observational research methods to try to understand questions, such as why do less than 20% of cigarette smokers develop lung cancer, and why is a proven effective cancer treatment beneficial to only a subset of patients?

Dr. Sellers earned his Master of Public Health from Tulane University's School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine and his Ph.D. in Epidemiology from Tulane. He was a postdoctoral fellow in genetic epidemiology at Louisiana State University Medical Center.

Board Vice Chair

Almut G. Winterstein, RPh, Ph.D., FISPE – University of Florida



Dr. Almut Winterstein is Professor and Chair of the Department of Pharmaceutical Outcomes and Policy at the University of Florida's College of Pharmacy and an Affiliate Professor in the Department of Epidemiology at the University of Florida's College of Public Health & Health Professions and College of Medicine. She was named the Dr. Robert and Barbara Crisafi Chair in Pharmaceutical Outcomes and Policy in April 2016. Dr. Winterstein's research interests include drug safety, drug effectiveness, and the evaluation and prevention of inappropriate medication use in real-world populations. Her interest in quality of care issues focuses on the development and evaluation of medication safety programs, clinical decision support systems, and quality metrics. Dr. Winterstein chairs the FDA/CDER Drug Safety and Risk Management Advisory Board, serves on the Federal Interagency Work Group on Adverse Drug Events, and is a fellow of the International Society of Pharmacoepidemiology.

Dr. Winterstein received her pharmacy degree from Friedrich Wilhelm University in Bonn, Germany and her Ph.D. in Pharmacoepidemiology and Social Pharmacy from Charité Humboldt University in Berlin, Germany.

Board Member

Thomas H. Brandon, Ph.D. – Moffitt Cancer Center



Dr. Thomas Brandon is Chair of the Department of Health Outcomes and Behavior at Moffitt Cancer Center, Director of Moffitt's Tobacco Research and Intervention Program, a professor of psychology at the University of South Florida, and a professor in the Department of Oncologic Sciences at the University of South Florida's Morsani College of Medicine. As Chair of the Department of Health Outcomes and Behavior, Dr. Brandon directs Moffitt's efforts to contribute to the prevention, early detection, and control of cancer through the study of health-related behaviors, health care practices, and health-related quality of life. Dr. Brandon's research focuses primarily on tobacco use and dependence, tobacco relapse, and relapse prevention, including the development and evaluation of low-cost smoking cessation and relapse prevention interventions. His clinical interests include assessment and therapy for substance abuse, cognitive-behavioral therapy, therapy for mood disorders, and health psychology. Dr. Brandon's research interests include health psychology, addictive behaviors, learning theory, translational research, psychophysiology, relapse processes, and tobacco dependence. Dr. Brandon is a past President of the Society of Addiction Psychology and former editor of the peer-reviewed journal, *Psychology of Addictive Behaviors*.

Dr. Brandon received his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and completed his internship in clinical psychology at Indiana University Medical Center.

Board Member

Jennifer Tickal Keehbauch, M.D., FAAFP – Florida Hospital



Dr. Jennifer Keehbauch is the Chief Medical Officer and Vice President at Winter Park Memorial Hospital where she also serves as part-time faculty for the Family Medicine Residency. In addition, Dr. Keehbauch is the founder and executive VP of The Community Medicine Clinic for the Uninsured at Florida Hospital. She is past-president and member of the Florida Academy of Family Physicians and previously served on their Board of Directors and Continuing Professional Development Committee. Keehbauch began her medical career in the U.S. Air Force as a General Medical Officer at Shaw Air Force Base, where she served as a physician in the emergency department and trained in disaster preparedness and mass combat casualty. Dr. Keehbauch's clinical interests are in women's health and hospital medicine.

Dr. Keehbauch received her medical degree from the University of Florida's College of Medicine. She completed an internship in obstetrics and gynecology at Greenville Memorial Hospital and a residency in family medicine at Florida Hospital. Dr. Keehbauch completed a fellowship in underserved medicine at the University of California, San Diego. She also completed a primary care faculty development fellowship in research, curriculum design, and leadership at Michigan State University. Dr. Keehbauch is board certified in family medicine.

Board Member

Leonard R. Rappa, Pharm.D., BCPP – Florida A&M University



Dr. Leonard Rappa is a tenured, full professor of pharmacy practice and psychiatry at Florida A&M University's College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. Dr. Rappa has a clinical practice at Broward Health Imperial Point, where he has made advancements in establishing clinical pharmacy services for the Behavioral Health Services department. Prior to joining Broward Health, Dr. Rappa worked in the Behavioral Health Department at Memorial Hospital, where he attended bi-weekly treatment team meetings for the department's four psychiatric units and provided prospective medication review regarding alternative therapies, drug interactions, side effects, monitoring, cost containment, polypharmacy, and dosing to provide drug therapy recommendations to the medical director and prescribers. Dr. Rappa has a passion for working with the substance abuse population and has concentrated his research efforts in that area. His additional research interests include psychopharmacology, child and adolescent psychiatry, psychosis and antipsychotic medications, depression and antidepressants, illicit substances, and outcomes research. Dr. Rappa has published a lecture book and a psychiatric pharmacy handbook.

Dr. Rappa received his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Nova Southeastern University, and subsequently became their first Psychopharmacology specialty resident. Dr. Rappa is a Board Certified as a Psychiatric Pharmacist, and maintains that certification yearly.

Board Member

Sabita Roy, Ph.D. – University of Miami



Dr. Sabita Roy is a professor of surgery in the Department of Surgery at the University of Miami's Miller School of Medicine. She is also a member of Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center's Tumor Biology Program, a multidisciplinary research program that focuses on understanding how cancers arise and progress by defining key interactions between tumor and non-malignant tissue to ultimately develop promising new treatment strategies for cancer patients. Dr. Roy's research is focused on identifying how opioids modulate the gut-immune-"end organ" (brain, liver, lung, and adipose tissue) axis and its long-term consequences on tumor progression, metastasis, and response to therapy. Prior to joining the University of Miami, Dr. Roy was a professor in the University of Minnesota's Department of Surgery and director of the department's Division of Infection, Inflammation, and Vascular Biology.

Dr. Roy received her Master of Science degree from All India Institute of Medical Sciences in New Delhi, India, and she received her Ph.D. from the University of Kansas. Dr. Roy also trained as a post-doctoral fellow in the Department of Pharmacology at the University of California, San Francisco.

Board Member

Laufey Y. Sigurdardottir, M.D. – Nemours Children’s Hospital



Dr. Laufey Sigurdardottir is a physician at Nemours Children’s Hospital, where she specializes in neurology. Dr. Sigurdardottir’s areas of expertise include arthrogyriposis, autism, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, headaches, and neuromuscular disorders. Her medical interests include autism, behavioral difficulties, congenital malformations, and neonatal care. Dr. Sigurdardottir also conducts research in neuroscience, and she has administered research projects related to various forms of autism, epilepsy, and neonatal follow-up.

Dr. Sigurdardottir received her medical degree from the University of Iceland. She completed her rotating internship and residency at Landspítali University Hospital of Iceland. Dr. Sigurdardottir also completed a residency in pediatrics at the University of Connecticut, and she completed an additional residency in child neurology at the University of Pennsylvania Health System. Dr. Sigurdardottir completed her fellowship in Neurophysiology/Epilepsy at The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. Dr. Sigurdardottir is board certified in neurology with special qualifications in child neurology, and she is also board certified in epilepsy.