

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Stanley Lipkowitz, MD, PhD



Dr. Stan Lipkowitz is the chief of the Women's Malignancies Branch in the Center for Cancer Research at the National Cancer Institute (NCI).

After completing a fellowship, he established his own laboratory that studies the molecular and cell biology of breast cancer cells with the goal of translating basic findings into clinical trials. Dr. Lipkowitz is an attending clinician on the NCI Intramural Oncology Service and in the Breast Cancer Clinic at the Murtha Cancer Center at Walter Reed National Military Medical

Center. He also is an adjunct Professor of Medicine and an adjunct faculty member of the Molecular and Cell Biology Graduate Program at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, and an Adjunct Associate Clinical Professor in the Institute for Biomedical Sciences at The George Washington University.

Dr. Lipkowitz received his bachelor's degree from the College of Arts and Sciences at Cornell University and medical and doctorate degrees from the Weill Cornell Medical College. He trained in internal medicine at the New York Hospital and came to the NCI as a medical oncology fellow.

Vered Stearns, MD



Dr. Vered Stearns is Co-Director of the Breast and Ovarian Cancer Program, Professor of Oncology, and Breast Cancer Research Chair at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine.

Dr. Stearns joined the faculty of the Breast Cancer Program at the Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins in 2002, where she now serves as Co-Director of the Breast and Ovarian Cancer Program and a Professor of Oncology. Prior to joining Johns Hopkins, Dr. Stearns was a faculty member at the Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center and Georgetown University from 1999 to 2001, and at the University of

Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center in Ann Arbor, Michigan from 2001 to 2002.

Dr. Stearns' long-term research goal is to improve current therapies by individualizing strategies for the treatment and prevention of breast cancer. Her main research includes utilization of biomarkers to predict response to standard regimens used to treat and prevent breast cancer and to introduce new treatments. Dr. Stearns is known for her groundbreaking work related to pharmacogenetics of tamoxifen and aromatase inhibitors.

Dr. Stearns completed a bachelor's of science degree equivalent at the Tel Aviv University, Sackler Faculty of Medicine. After relocating to the United States, she transferred to, and graduated from, the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. She completed a residency in Internal Medicine and a fellowship in Medical Oncology at Georgetown University, where she developed an interest in translational breast cancer research and spent two additional years as a research fellow.

Khadijah Carter



Khadijah Carter is a Communications Strategist for the New York Police Department. In 2015, Ms. Carter launched the breast cancer campaign #NYPDBlueGoesPink. A native of New York City, she is a mother and a woman with strong faith who was initially diagnosed with breast cancer in April 2003, when she was only 28 years old.

For over a decade now, Ms. Carter has been a health advocate on behalf of the Young Survival Coalition, a global nonprofit organization that addresses critical issues for young breast cancer survivors. In this capacity, she began a long-standing relationship with the media and has been featured in various media outlets, including CBS News, Self Magazine, and Ebony.com.

Despite being diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer in 2010, Ms. Carter attended Columbia University, where she received her graduate degree in journalism in 2013.