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Houston Methodist Hospital - Houston, TX
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Originally from Malawi, Anne is a Gynecological Oncologist at Houston Methodist Hospital. She is a co-founder of the Pothawira project in Malawi and serves as the President of Pothawira International. She graduated with her Doctorate of Osteopathic Medicine from University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth in 2004.



Leslie Boyd, MD

NYU Langone Health - New York, NY
Director of GYN Oncology
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Leslie Boyd is the Director of the Division of Gynecologic Oncology at the Laura and Isaac Perlmutter Cancer Center, Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at NYU Grossman School of Medicine, and Director of the Gynecologic Oncology Fellowship. During her tenure, she has led various initiatives in gynecologic surgery, creating complex surgical plans to remove extensive ovarian, cervical, and endometrial cancer, specializing in robotic-assisted minimally invasive surgery. A leader in the field of gynecologic oncology, Dr. Boyd has an exceptional record of patient outcomes, and a history of leadership and expertise in investigating best practices and outcomes in gynecologic surgery, identifying disparities in care for patients who have gynecologic cancer, and investigating novel chemotherapy options. After graduating from Harvard University, Dr. Boyd completed medical school at Yale School of Medicine. She joined NYU Grossman School of Medicine for both her residency in obstetrics and gynecology and fellowship in gynecologic oncology.



Hope Cassity

Singer Songwriter - Nashville, TN

Hope Cassity is an Americana/Country vocal powerhouse with an inspiring story, a show-stopping voice, and a mission to share. Her story is a testament to resilience and unwavering optimism, Hope is the embodiment of hope itself. In January 2018, she was diagnosed with a rare form of ovarian cancer that occurs in only 1% of women her age. Ironically, she received news of her first major radio release exactly one week before her diagnosis. With unwavering optimism, truth, and an unfiltered spirit, she embarked on a battle she never expected to face, becoming a beacon of inspiration for thousands. Before she started her courageous battle with cancer, Hope had already made her mark in the music industry garnering nominations from the Nashville Country Music Association, including a win for NCMA Female Vocalist of the Year in 2015. After losing a significant music deal due to her cancer diagnosis, she returned with a classic soulful sound, and inspiring message, that resonates with the heart and soul of her audience. Despite the absence of label support, Hope embarked on highly successful solo acoustic tours, sharing the stage with artists like Chris Young, Darius Rucker, Lee Brice, Jarrod Niemann, Love & Theft, Morgan Myles, and others.



Nicole Dreibelbis, CRNP

University of Pittsburgh Medical Center - Pittsburgh, PA

Nicole Dreibelbis is an experienced Women's Health Nurse Practitioner, focusing in Gynecologic Oncology with a special interests in cervical cancer, uterine/endometrial cancer, ovarian/fallopian tube/primary peritoneal cancer, vaginal cancer, vulvar cancer, survivorship, health maintenance, and sexual health in cancer survivors.



Linda Duska, MD

University of Virginia School of Medicine - Charlottesville, VA

Linda Duska, MD MPH, is a gynecologic oncologist at UVA Health. She takes care of women with gynecologic cancers as well as women with benign but complicated surgical problems. Her research focuses on clinical trials, allowing women with cancer to access new and exciting treatments for their disease. Dr. Duska attended Swarthmore College and NYU School of Medicine. After her residency in OB/GYN at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, she completed a fellowship in gynecologic oncology at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. She stayed in Boston for 13 years, rising to the rank of associate professor at Harvard. In 2008, she left to join UVA and direct the Gynecologic Oncology Fellowship Program. In addition to her clinical role, Dr. Duska is a professor of obstetrics and gynecology and serves as the associate dean for clinical research at UVA School of Medicine. In her associate dean role, she works to improve the infrastructure that supports clinical research at the school as well as helping other clinical researchers to be successful in their efforts to find new treatments for diseases. Dr. Duska runs the clinical trials program in Gynecologic Oncology and serves as the Vice Chair for Research for the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.



Joanie Mayer Hope, MD

Alaska Women's Cancer Care, Providence Alaska Cancer Center, Native Alaska Medical Center - Anchorage, AK

Joanie Mayer Hope is a Board Certified Gynecologic Oncologist and the founding partner of Alaska Women's Cancer Care. Dr. Mayer Hope is the Director of Gyn Oncology at Providence Alaska Cancer Center and the Alaska Native Medical Center and also operates at Alaska Regional Hospital in Anchorage. Since moving to Alaska in 2010, she has become one of the highest volume robotic surgeons in the state. Dr. Mayer Hope graduated from Stanford University with a Bachelor of Arts, completed her Masters at Antioch University and received her MD from State University of New York, Brooklyn in 2003 with honors. Dr. Joanie Mayer Hope is passionate about the application of creativity to ending gynecologic cancers and fighting health disparities locally, nationally, and globally. She is also a mother, athlete, and musician. She co-founded Let Every Woman Know-Alaska in 2012 and in 2018 launched Any Mountain.



Nancy Kragt, DO

Alaska Regional Hospital - Anchorage, AK

Nancy Kragt is an emergency physician at Alaska Regional Hospital. She received her Bachelors of Science from Southern Methodist University in 1990 and she graduated with her Doctorate of Osteopathic Medicine from University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth in 2004. She is the President of the Alyeska Ski Club Board of Directors and the Vice chair, Alaska Regional Medical Executive Committee.



Fiona Lindo, MD

Houston Methodist Willowbrook - Houston, TX
Medical Director Urogynecology
Director of Center for Restorative Pelvic Medicine
Associate Fellowship Director

Dr. Fiona M. Lindo is an obstetrician-gynecologist and urogynecologist specializing in urogynecology and pelvic reconstructive surgery. She treats a range of conditions, including urinary incontinence, fecal incontinence, pelvic floor disorders, and prolapse. She also performs minimally invasive procedures and urogynecologic surgeries. Dr. Lindo received her medical degree from Ross University School of Medicine. She is a diplomate of the American Board of Obstetrics & Gynecology and is fellowship trained in female pelvic medicine and reconstructive surgery.



Melissa Mitchell

Into The Mystic - Anchorage, AK

Melissa Mitchell's musical journey is a testament to resilience, talent, and unwavering dedication. Born and raised in Kasilof, Alaska, Melissa discovered her passion for singing at an early age, finding solace and therapy in music during challenging times. A self-proclaimed "choir geek," she embarked on her musical career after high school, teaching herself to play guitar and starting to compose her own songs. Melissa's musical journey has been marked by numerous milestones, including opening for renowned artists like Jewel, K.D. Lang, and The Indigo Girls, and representing Alaska on prestigious stages such as Mountain Stage. Beyond her musical pursuits, Melissa is a committed community activist, using her talent and her belief in the transformative power of music to support various charitable causes and initiatives.



Kathleen Moore, MD

Stephenson Cancer Center - Oklahoma City, OK
Deputy Director
Virginia Kerley Cade Chair in Developmental Therapeutics
University of Oklahoma HSC

Kathleen Moore is a gynecologic oncologist with OU Health Stephenson Cancer Center in Oklahoma City. She is also the director of the Oklahoma TSET Phase I Program, the state's only phase I clinical trials program and a national leader in accruals. She earned her medical degree at University of Washington School of Medicine in Seattle, WA. She completed her residency in gynecology at the University Health Center of Pittsburgh in Pittsburgh, PA and completed a fellowship in gynecologic oncology at the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine in Oklahoma City, OK.



Jill Whyte, MD

Northwell Health Physician Partners Gynecologic Oncology - New Hyde Park, NY
Associate Chief of Gynecologic Oncology
Co-director Surgical Center for Hereditary Cancer Prevention
LIJ Medical Center

Jill Whyte is a gynecologic oncologist at Northwell Health Physician Partners Gynecologic Oncology at New Hyde Park, NY. She specializes in surgical management of women's cancers, including cancers of the ovary, uterus, cervix and vulva. She also performs complex benign gynecologic surgery and has a special interest in minimally invasive and robotic surgery. She is the site primary investigator for a national trial looking at robotic

surgery for the management of cervical cancer. Dr. Whyte is board certified in obstetrics and gynecology and in gynecological oncology and is an assistant professor at the Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell.