
UPDATE 2006: Cancer Research and Treatment

**Michael & Dianne Bienes Comprehensive Cancer Center
Holy Cross Hospital
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Speakers' Biographical Sketches

Murray Brennan, M.D.

Chairman, Department of Surgery
Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center
New York, NY

Dr. Murray F. Brennan is the Chairman of the Department of Surgery, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City. Dr. Brennan is recognized as one of the nation's premier surgical oncologists and holds the Benno C. Schmidt in Clinical Oncology at Sloan-Kettering. He is a surgeon with special expertise in the treatment of soft-tissue sarcomas, endocrine tumors (those that involve the adrenal gland, thyroid gland, parathyroid, and the pancreatic islet cells), and pancreatic and stomach cancers. Dr. Brennan has lectured throughout the world and authored or co-authored more than 800 scientific papers and book chapters, as well as a book on soft-tissue sarcoma. Over the years he has served as Director of the American Board of Surgery, Chairman of the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer, President of the Society of Surgical Oncology, President of the American Surgical Association and is a fellow of the Royal College of Surgery of England and Scotland.

Carol Brudenell, R.N.

Clinical Research Manager and Genetic Counselor
Bienes Comprehensive Cancer Center
Holy Cross Hospital, Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Ms. Brudenell has over 40 years experience as a nurse and clinical research manager, with the past 25 years devoted to oncology care. Her educational background includes a Bachelor of Nursing, a B. S. in Psychology, and a Master of Nursing. She has been associated with Holy Cross Hospital for 15 years. She is a certified Clinical Research Professional and a certified Advanced Oncology Nurse. Ms. Brudenell is a member of numerous professional societies, including the National Society of Genetic Counselors. She was a Charter Member of the Broward Oncology Nursing Society and served as its President in 1999.

Fred Dalglish, M.D.

Department of OB/GYN Holy Cross Hospital and
Bienes Comprehensive Cancer Center
Holy Cross Hospital, Ft. Lauderdale, FL

A native of the midwest Dr. Dalglish joined Holy Cross in 2004 bringing many years of gynecological private practice in the state of Maine to the Holy Cross Medical Group. Dr. Dalglish received his undergraduate and Medical Doctorate from Loma Linda University in Southern California. He has published numerous articles and participated in studies associated with cervical and ovarian cancer. He is a Fellow of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology and is a member of numerous professional societies.

Dax Kurbegov, M.D.

Physician (Hematologist/Oncologist)
Bienes Comprehensive Cancer Center
Holy Cross Hospital, Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Dr. Kurbegov is a native of New York City who received his undergraduate degree from Stanford University and his medical degree from the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, TX. He then completed his internship and residency training at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in Denver. Prior to joining Holy Cross in 2004, he spent 3 years on the staff of the prestigious MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. He is a member of the American Society of Hematology and the American Society of Clinical Oncology, and has several professional journal and book chapter publications to his credit.

Jonathan S. Levine, M.D., FACS

Surgeon
Ft. Lauderdale, FL

After receiving his undergraduate degree from Emory University, Dr. Levine received both his medical degree and his postgraduate training in surgery from the University of Miami. He has been a practicing surgeon in Ft. Lauderdale for the past twenty years, including being the Chief of Surgery at Holy Cross Hospital (where he is presently the Vice Chief of Surgery). He has been an active member of many professional associations, including the American College of Surgeons, the American Society of Laparoscopic Surgeons, the American Medical Association, and the Florida Medical Association. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Surgery and he National Board of Medical Examiners. Miami Metro Magazine has twice named him as a "Top Doc in South Florida."

Jennifer Low, M.D., Ph.D.

Senior Investigator
Investigational Drug Branch
National Cancer Institute

Dr. Low received her medical and graduate degrees from Georgetown University, and internal medicine training at the University of California, Davis. She received her medical oncology training at the National Cancer Institute where she had specialized training in breast cancer treatment. She remains at the National Cancer Institute where she is currently a Senior Investigator with the Investigational Drug Branch in the Cancer Therapy Evaluation Program (CTEP). She oversees early drug development for a number of drugs, including a number of DNA damaging agents, and remains active in breast cancer clinical trials. While primarily involved with research administration, she also continues to see breast cancer patients as an attending physician at the National Institutes of Health Clinical Center in Bethesda, Maryland.

Abdon Medina, M.D.

Director, Radiation Oncology
Bienes Comprehensive Cancer Center
Holy Cross Hospital, Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Dr. Medina received his undergraduate degree from the University of Florida and his MD degree from the University of Zaragoza, Zaragoza, Spain. He completed his residency training and his radiation oncology training at Jackson Memorial Medical Center in Miami. He has been a fellow of the American College of Radiation Oncology since 2001 and was Board Certified in Radiation Oncology in 1988. Dr. Medina is a member of the American Society of Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology, the American Society of Radiation Oncology, and numerous other professional medical societies and associations.