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## Living with Cancer: From Diagnosis to Survivor

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### Speakers

#### **Carma Bylund, Ph.D.**

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Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center  
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In addition to her position at Memorial Sloan-Kettering, Dr. Bylund is also an Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry, Weill Cornell Medical College. She is one of two full time faculty members in the Communication Skills Training and Research Lab at Memorial Sloan-Kettering. Her primary research and teaching focus is on improving physician-patient communication in cancer care. Specifically, Dr. Bylund's areas of expertise are in communication skills training, physician empathic communication, physician-patient communication about internet information, and family communication about health and illness. She has published 26 articles and chapters on these topics and currently has funding from the National Cancer Institute to investigate the effect of the internet on physician-patient communication. Dr. Bylund completed her Ph.D. in Communication Studies at Northwestern University and has held faculty positions previously at the University of Iowa (2001-2004) and at Columbia University Medical Center (2004-2005).

#### **Michael Hall, M.D., M.S.**

Associate Member, Medical Oncology  
Risk Assessment Program  
Fox Chase Cancer Center  
Philadelphia, PA

Michael J. Hall, M.D., M.S., is an Assistant Professor of Medicine at the Fox Chase Cancer Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Dr. Hall specializes in clinical cancer genetics and gastrointestinal oncology. He performs risk assessment and genetic testing in high-risk individuals and families, and primarily treats cancers of the gastrointestinal system, including tumors originating from the esophagus, stomach, small bowel, liver, pancreas, appendix, colon and anus. Dr. Hall received his undergraduate and medical education at Columbia University. After 3 years of training in Internal Medicine at Harvard Medical School, Dr. Hall completed a three-year fellowship in Hematology/Oncology and a Masters of Health Services and Outcomes at the University of Chicago. Until very recently, he was an active clinician, educator, and clinical researcher through the Herbert Irving Comprehensive Cancer Center (HICCC) and the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University. Dr. Hall is involved in clinical research in several areas, including cancer prevention in individuals at increased risk for cancer due to inherited genetic predisposition, impact and disparities in cancer outcomes related to clinical genetics and genetic technology, and costs and benefits associated with the incorporation of clinical genetics into cancer care.

**Senator Thomas H. Kean, Jr.**

Senator Kean represents District 21, which includes 16 towns in Essex, Morris, Somerset and Union counties. He was elected to a third Senate term in November 2007, and was unanimously elected Senate Minority Leader for the 2008-2009 Session. He is also a member of the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee. Kean was selected for the inaugural class of the *Rodel Fellowship* program by The Aspen Institute, where he recently finished a fellowship program for young public officials focused on ethics and responsibilities of public leadership. In 2002, Kean was named one of 40 state leaders nationwide to be recognized as a *Toll Fellow* by the Council of State Governments for high achievement and service to state government. He is a member of the New Jersey Network (NJN) Community Advisory Board, a member of the Rutgers Business School Board of Advisors and a member of the New Jersey Council for the Humanities. Senator Kean graduated from Dartmouth College in 1990. He received a Master's degree and is currently completing his doctoral dissertation in international relations at Tufts University's Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.

**Jon Levenson, M.D.**

Associate Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, Columbia University Medical Center  
Attending Psychiatrist, Herbert Irving Cancer Center, Columbia University,  
College of Physicians and Surgeons  
New York, NY

Dr. Levenson received his undergraduate degree from the University of Pennsylvania and M.D. degree from Hahnemann University also in Philadelphia. His specialty within psychiatry includes consultation-liaison psychiatry, and he is Board Certified in the related subspecialty of Psychosomatic Medicine. Within these fields his special areas of interest include psychiatric aspects of AIDS and Oncology, as well as psychiatric contributions to palliative care. He is a past president of both the American Psychosocial Oncology Society and the Society for Liaison Psychiatry. He is also devoted to the training of medical students, residents, as well as other healthcare professionals, in the psychiatric aspects of medicine.

**John C. Morris, M.D.**

Co-Director, Clinical Trials, Metabolism Branch  
Center for Cancer Research  
National Cancer Institute, Bethesda, MD

Dr. Morris has been a researcher and practicing physician at the National Cancer Institute since 1995. He received his undergraduate degree from Queens College in New York City and his medical degree from the Upstate Medical Center College of Medicine in Syracuse, NY. He then completed his internship, residency, and specialized training in medical oncology at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City. Prior to joining the NCI he was an instructor and Assistant Professor in the Department of Medicine in the Mount Sinai School of Medicine. He is a prolific researcher, with over fifty journal publications, a dozen book chapters/reviews, and over sixty abstracts/presentations at professional technical meetings.

**Scott D. Rowley, M.D., FACP**

Director, Adult Blood & Marrow Transplantation Program  
The Cancer Center, Hackensack University Medical Center  
Hackensack, NJ

Dr. Rowley, who received his medical education at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center, is one of the nation's foremost authorities and practitioners of blood and marrow stem cell transplantation. He has spent almost his entire 20-year medical career involved in researching the specialty and performing stem cell transplants to treat patients with cancer and serious blood disorders. Before coming to Hackensack University Medical Center in 2000, he was director of clinical services for blood and blood components and medical director of the clinical cryobiology laboratory at the famed Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle. Dr. Rowley's research has been published extensively in books and medical journals, including Blood, Bone Marrow Transplantation, and Transfusion. He is also on the editorial board of Cytopathology.