# Welcome

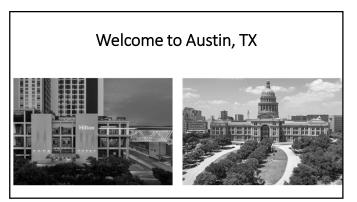
Laurie Kirstein, MD, FACS Vice-Chair, Commission on Cancer Attending, MSKCC

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## Disclosures

Nothing to Disclose

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### What are we doing here?

- Thank you for coming to Austin to hear about what happening with ACS Cancer Programs
- Goal: Provide comprehensive, practical, useful information about standards, site visits, accreditation, data collection, and staging
  - One forum
  - Useful for your program

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### Why are we here?

- ACS Mission: Improve the care of the surgical patient and to safeguard standards of care in an optimal and ethical practice environment
- ACS Cancer Programs: Improve the care of the patient with cancer

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#### How are we going to do this?

- Pre-Course:
  - Quality Improvement Didactics NAPBC Workshop
- Day 1: Quality
  - ACS Quality Framework Quality Measures
- Day 2: What's New in Cancer Programs
- Keynote
   AJCC
  - Operative Standards (CSSP)
- Cancer Research Program (CRP)
- Health Equity Taskforce Advocacy
- National QI Projects
- Day 3:
   NAPRC

  - Pediatric Accreditation
    Successful Site Visit CoC, NAPBC, NAPRC

# Keynote Speaker



## James L. Gulley, MD, PhD Clinical Director, National Cancer Institute (NCI),

Co-Director, Center for Immuno-Oncology, Bethesda, MD An internationally recognized expert in cancer immunotherapy with a strong interest in prostate cancer. winn sources mitteres in prostate cancer. Since 1998 he has authored and run a variety of clinical trials at the NCI involving the use of cancer immunotherapy to initiate immune responses, expand immune responses, and/or allow the immune responses to be effective within the tumor microenvironment.

microenvironment. His areas of expertise include cancer immunology and immunotherapy, prostate cancer, therapeutic cancer vaccines, immune checkpoint inhibitors, clinical trials, and combining immunotherapy with other therapy.

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### **Medical Director of ACS Cancer Programs**

Dr. Ron Weigel

- The E. A. Crowell Jr. Professor and Chair of the Department of Surgery with the University of lowa Health Care in Iowa City. A prolific researcher whose lab has focused on determining the mechanisms of hormone response in breast cancer, as well as identifying transcriptional mechanisms regulating patterns of gene expression in breast and colon cancer.
- 2018 election into the National Academy of Medicine

Education:

- BS and master in chemical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
- Technology. MD, PhD in molecular biophysics and biochemistry from Yale University. Surgical training at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, North Carolina. MBA, Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



 Worked at Stanford University, Thomas Jefferson University, and now the University of Iowa.
 An ACS Fellow since 1995, Chair of the ACS Board of Governors (2019–2021) and President of the ACS lows Chapter (2011–2014). He also served on the Emerging Surgical Technology & Education Committee, Finance
Committee, and Bylaws Committee.

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#### Posters

- Displaying 50+ posters
- Addressing these important topics:
  - Accreditation Improvements
  - Health Equity
  - National QI Studies
  - Operative Standards
  - Patient Outcomes Quality Improvement
  - Staging

  - Survivorship

### Logistics

- All events held at the Hilton Austin 6<sup>th</sup> floor
  Check the Conference Agenda book for more logistical information
  Schedule, registration hours, CME/CNE/CE information
- General Sessions in Salon H
- Meals, Exhibits, and Poster Session in Salon J and K
- Join your colleagues at the welcome reception, poster, showcase, and exhibit kickoff on Thursday, February 22 (5:00 - 6:30 pm)
- Enjoy a night out in Austin on Friday, February 23

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## **ENJOY THE CONFERENCE**

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