

Welcome

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Disclosures

- Nothing to Disclose

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Welcome to Austin, TX



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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?

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Course: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality Improvement Didactics • NAPBC Workshop • Day 1: Quality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACS Quality Framework • Quality Measures • National QI Projects | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day 2: What's New in Cancer Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keynote • AJCC • Operative Standards (CSSP) • Cancer Research Program (CRP) • Health Equity Taskforce • Advocacy • Day 3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAPRC • Pediatric Accreditation • Successful Site Visit – CoC, NAPBC, NAPRC |
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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.
 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.
 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 Iowa 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.
 - 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 Iowa 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

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Logistics

- All events held at the Hilton Austin - 6th 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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