BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

NAME	POSITION TITLE
Charité Nicolette Ricker	Cancer Genetic Counselor Clinical Instructor of Medicine

EDUCATION/TRAINING

INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE *(if applicable)*	MM/YY	FIELD OF STUDY
Texas A&M University, College Station TX	BS	1999	Genetics/Psychology
California State University, Northridge CA	MS	2002	Genetic Counseling

A. Positions and Honors

2002 Diplomat Genetic Counseling, American Board of Medical Genetics
2002 – 2004 Cancer Risk Counselor, Clinical Cancer Genetics, City of Hope National Medical Center
2004 – 2008 Cancer Genetic Counselor/Genetic Services Coordinator, USC/Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center
2004 – 2009 Adjunct Faculty, California State University Northridge, Department of Educational Psychology
2008 – Cancer Genetic Counselor, USC Cancer Genetics Program, LAC+USC Medical Center
2008 – Clinical Instructor of Medicine, Keck School of Medicine, Division of Medical Oncology
2010 – Director of Cancer Genetics Services, Avon Familial Breast and Ovarian Cancer Prevention Clinic, LAC+USC Medical Center

Other Experience and Professional Memberships

2000 – National Society of Genetic Counselors
Cancer Special Interest Group, 2003 –
2011 – 2012 Communications Sub-Committee Co-Chair
Diversity Special Interest Group, 2005 – 2006
International Special Interest Group, 2010 –
2001 – American Society of Human Genetics
2003 – Intercultural Cancer Council
2005 – Collaborative Group of the Americas on Inherited Colorectal Cancer
2011 – American Society of Clinical Oncology

2003 – Faculty, Intensive Course in Clinical Cancer Genetics, City of Hope
2005 – Voting Member of the Institutional Review Board, University of Southern California Health Science Campus

B. Peer-reviewed Publications

1. Blazer KR, MacDonald DJ, Ricker C, Sand S, Uman GC, Weitzel JN. Outcomes from intensive training in genetic cancer risk counseling for clinicians. Genet Med. 2005 Jan;7(1):40-7.PMID:15654227
2. Weitzel JN, Lagos V, Blazer KR, Nelson R, Ricker C, Herzog J, McGuire C, Neuhausen S. Prevalence of BRCA mutations and founder effect in high-risk Hispanic families. Cancer Epidemiol Biomarkers Prev. 2005 Jul;14(7):1666-71. PMID:16030099
3. Ricker CN, Hiyama S, Fuentes S, Feldman N, Kumar V, Uman GC, Nedelcu R, Blazer KR, MacDonald DJ, Weitzel JN.Beliefs and interest in cancer risk in an underserved Latino cohort. Prev Med. 2007 Mar;44(3):241-5. PMID:17027932
4. Ricker C, Lagos V, Feldman N, Hiyama S, Fuentes S, Kumar V, Gonzalez K, Palomares M, Blazer K, Lowstuter K, MacDonald D, Weitzel J. If we build it ... will they come?--establishing a cancer genetics

services clinic for an underserved predominantly Latina cohort. J Genet Couns. 2006 Dec;15(6):505-14. PMID: 17106633
5. Weitzel JN, Lagos VI, Herzog JS, Judkins T, Hendrickson B, Ho JS, Ricker CN, Lowstuter KJ, Blazer KR, Tomlinson G, Scholl T. Evidence for common ancestral origin of a recurring BRCA1 genomic rearrangement identified in high-risk Hispanic families. Cancer Epidemiol Biomarkers Prev. 2007 Aug;16(8):1615-20. PMID: 17646271
6. Lagos VI, Perez MA, Ricker CN, Blazer KR, Santiago NM, Feldman N, Viveros L, Weitzel JN. Social-cognitive aspects of underserved Latinas preparing to undergo genetic cancer risk assessment for hereditary breast and ovarian cancer. Psychooncology. 2008 Aug;17(8):774-82. PMID: 18646245
7. Lagos-Jaramillo VI, Press MF, Ricker CN, Dubeau L, Mai PL, Weitzel JN. Pathological characteristics of *BRCA*-associated breast cancers in Hispanics. Breast Cancer Res Treat. 2011 Nov;130(1):281-9. PMID: 21604016
8. Macdonald DJ, Deri J, Ricker C, Perez MA, Ogaz R, Feldman N, Viveros LA, Paz B, Weitzel JN, Blazer KR. Closing the loop: an interactive action-research conference format for delivering updated medical information while eliciting Latina patient/family experiences and psychosocial needs post-genetic cancer risk assessment. Fam Cancer. 2012 Sep;11(3):449-58.. PMID: 22678665
9. Weitzel JN, Clague J, Martir-Negron A, Ogaz R, Herzog J, Ricker C, Jungbluth C, Cina C, Duncan P, Unzeitig G, Saldivar JS, Beattie M, Feldman N, Sand S, Port D, Barragan DI, John EM, Neuhausen SL, Larson GP. Prevalence and Type of *BRCA* Mutations in Hispanics Undergoing Genetic Cancer Risk Assessment in the Southwestern United States: A Report From the Clinical Cancer Genetics Community Research Network. J Clin Oncol. 2013 Jan 10;31(2):210-6. PMID:23233716

C. Research Support

ONGOING
Promoting Participation in Cancer Risk Counseling for Underserved Latinas
American Cancer Society, 2010-2015
Role: co-PI
The randomized trial to test the effectiveness of a pre-genetic counseling intervention to increase participation in genetic counseling among underserved Latinas at high risk for breast and ovarian cancer

The Avon Familial Breast Cancer Prevention Clinic at LAC+USC: Building a Medical Home for Women at Increased Risk for Breast Cancer Through Navigation and Clinic Coordination
Avon Foundation, 2011 – 2014
Role: co-PI
The purpose of this funding is to provide a medical home for patients identified to be at increased risk for breast or ovarian cancers, including women with *BRCA* mutations. The clinic provides genetic counseling and patient navigation, as well as both increased surveillance and medical and surgical risk reduction strategies.

Predicting *BRCA1* Mutation Carrier Status from Tumor Pathology
California Breast Cancer Research Program, 2012 – 2014
Role: co-I
The purpose of this study is to study tumor morphological characteristics that will accurately predict *BRCA1* status in both Hispanic and non-Hispanic white breast cancer cases under 40, as well as in ER-/PR- cases aged 40-49, independently of family history.

COMPLETED
Establishing a Cancer Genetics Program at LAC+USC Medical Center
Norris Cancer Center Foundation, 2008 – 2010
Funding supported the integration of cancer genetic counseling and testing at LAC+USC Medical Center.

Fortaleciéndonos: Spanish Language Education and Support for Women with Hereditary Breast Cancer
Komen – Los Angeles Affiliate, 2011 – 2012 PI
Funding supported a series of Spanish-language educational and support group activities for families with *BRCA* mutation