From the Director:

I'm delighted to share with you the inaugural USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center Newsletter. Our first issue focuses on cancer health disparities and the important AACR Report on Cancer Disparities released on September 16 during a congressional briefing where Dr. John Carpten delivered the keynote address. Four members of congress delivered remarks, and our USC Norris patient navigator Dr. Ghecemy Lopez shared her personal survivorship story. To read the full report, click below.

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Ulterior Motives

The importance of developing more effective and less toxic cancer therapies that disproportionately affect members of the community for whom there are underserved minority faculty (and graduate and post-doctoral trainees) to lead in research that addresses the cancer-related needs and cancer disparities in all communities.

Like COVID-19, cancer disproportionately impacts certain communities with higher death rates in certain racial and ethnic groups. This may be due to differences in genetics, environmental exposures, and access to care. Engaging these populations is vital to ensure that our groundbreaking discoveries move not from bench to bookshelf, but from bench to bedside, transforming cancer care and survivorship for all communities.

In the national level, USC Norris faculty are also leading the way. As one example, Drs. John Carpten, Chair of the Department of Medical Oncology, Hematology, and Palliative Care at the University of Virginia and the Virginia Commonwealth University, in this critical role, Dr. Dou will provide oversight for the USC Norris/Keck Medicine (KSOM)/Keck Medicine of Southern California Cancer Clinical Sciences Program, and Dr. Mariana Stern, USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center Chief Operating Officer, will continue to lead the USC Norris Translational Genomics at the Keck School of Medicine of USC.

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New Faculty Spotlight

Steven Grossman, MD, PhD

Steven Grossman, MD, PhD, is an internationally recognized clinical researcher, and has held faculty appointments at USC Norris and UCLA. From 1992-2008, Dr. Grossman served as the Chief of the Gastrointestinal Medical Oncology Section at the University of Chicago. From 2008-2012, he served as the Chief of the Gastrointestinal Oncology Section at the Rosalyn and Harold Brown Comprehensive Cancer Center at Northwestern University. From 2012-2016, he served as Co-leader of the USC Norris Genomic and Epigenomic Cancer Drug Discovery within the USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Upcoming Events

Swing Against Cancer: Two live virtual events that give the opportunity to support USC Norris through live virtual events in our nation's capital. Contact our USC Norris fundraising team at USC Norris, or register your team to participate in this exciting event! To learn more about these events, please contact our USC Norris fundraising team at USC Norris.

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