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Kevin Ferentz, MD

Dr. Kevin Ferentz graduated magna cum laude from SUNY at Albany, where he majored in Biology and Theater. He received his M.D. from SUNY at Buffalo School of Medicine, and completed his Family Practice residency at the University of Maryland, along with a fellowship in Faculty Development with an emphasis in Obstetrics.

In 2012, Dr. Ferentz retired as an Associate Professor in the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Maryland School of Medicine after 25 years on the faculty. During those years he served as the Director of Student and Employee Health, the Director of Clinical Operations for the department, and as Residency Director for 12 years. He then served as the Chief Medical Officer for Baltimore Medical System, Inc., the largest group of Federally Qualified Health Centers in Maryland. He was responsible for approximately 60 clinicians serving in six medical centers and eight school-based health centers, caring for 45,000 patients and providing 155,000 visits per year. Dr. Ferentz then worked as the Medical Director of the Randallstown Center for Chase Brexton Health Services, another Federally Qualified Health Center. He now serves as the lead physician at the Owings Mills office of Greater Baltimore Medical Associates and as Chairman of the Department of Family Medicine at Greater Baltimore Medical Center.

Dr. Ferentz has authored more than three dozen articles and book chapters concerning issues in Family Medicine. His academic work centered on Smoking Cessation, and the recognition and treatment of depression in primary care. He has received more than two dozen teaching awards, including two national awards: *Exemplary Teaching Award* from the American Academy of Family Physicians and *Outstanding Program Director Award* from the Association of Family Practice Residency Directors. He was named one of the Best Family Physicians by Baltimore Magazine in 1997, 2000, 2002, 2007, 2010, 2017, and 2018. The *Ladies' Home Journal* named him one of the best Family Physicians in America in 2002. He was named to Best Doctors in America in 1998, 2002, 2006, 2009, 2011, and 2013. He appears in *Who's Who in America* in 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2011.

Dr. Ferentz is a past-President of the Maryland Academy of Family Physicians and served on several committees and commissions for the American Academy of Family Physicians. He is a member of Country Drama, a community theater group in Baltimore. For eight years he was the regular host of Sunday Rounds, the largest medical call-in show on public radio, heard nationwide, and around the world on the Armed Forces Radio Network and the Internet.

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Joel Meshulam, MD

Dr. Joel Meshulam has been in the private practice of internal medicine in Maryland since 1989. He sees patients by appointment at his office in Mercy Medical Center. In addition to his primary care, office-based practice, Dr. Meshulam is the Medical Director of Transitional Care at Mercy, a sub-acute rehabilitation unit that opened at Mercy in 1996. Dr. Meshulam is also a Regional Medical Director for Privia Medical Group. He oversees the performance of more than 100 physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants in the Maryland and Washington DC regions.

Starting in February of 2018, Dr. Meshulam has been seeing patients for cannabis consultations. He believes in cannabis as a viable medicinal option for a variety of conditions, including but not limited to cancer, cancer treatment-related side effects, pain, PTSD, depression, anxiety, irritable and inflammatory bowel disease, and insomnia.

Albert Porambo, MD

Dr. Albert Porambo is the President of Community Radiology Associates, a fully outpatient radiology practice in Montgomery, Frederick and Prince George's County. Dr. Porambo started his medical career as a child, adolescent, and adult psychiatrist in the United States Army with assignments in Germany, the United States, and Bosnia-Herzegovina. Dr. Porambo pursued radiology training at the Walter Reed Medical Center and Bethesda Naval Hospital. After completion of radiology training and additional breast imaging training, Dr. Porambo became the Chief of Mammography and later Chief of Diagnostic Radiology at Walter Reed. Upon military retirement in 2009, he joined the Community Radiology Associates, who added additional Breast MRI services and later Digital Mammography and Digital Breast Tomosynthesis services. He is a frequent speaker to lay groups and medical professionals on a variety of topics, including breast imaging and general radiology.

Kimberly Robien, PhD, RD, FAND

Dr. Kimberly Robien is an Associate Professor in the Milken Institute School of Public Health at the George Washington University, and a member of the George Washington Cancer Center. She is a registered dietitian, nutritional scientist, and epidemiologist whose research focuses on diet in relation to cancer prevention and survivorship. She received her PhD in Nutritional Sciences from the University of Washington, and completed a postdoctoral fellowship in molecular epidemiology at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. She is a Certified Specialist in Oncology Nutrition (CSO), and practiced as an oncology dietitian for more than 10 years prior to beginning her research career. Dr. Robien has authored more than 100 peer-reviewed research publications, seven book chapters, and serves on the Editorial Boards for the *Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics*, and *Nutrition in Clinical Practice*.

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Lillie D. Shockney, RN, BS, MAS, ONN-CG

Ms. Lillie Shockney is a:

- University Distinguished Service Professor of Breast Cancer, Johns Hopkins,
- Administrative Director, Johns Hopkins Breast Center,
- Director, Johns Hopkins Cancer Survivorship Programs,
- Professor, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Departments of Surgery & Oncology,
- Co-founder, Johns Hopkins' Managing Cancer at Work Program, and
- Program Director and Founder, Academy of Oncology Nurse & Patient Navigators.

Ms. Shockney has worked at Johns Hopkins since 1983. She has been the administrative director of the Johns Hopkins Breast Center since 1997 and serves as the director of the Johns Hopkins Cancer Survivorship programs since November 2011. A two-time breast cancer survivor, Ms. Shockney has worked tirelessly to improve the care of breast cancer patients around the world. She is a registered nurse who holds a BS in Healthcare Administration from St. Joseph's College and a Masters in Administrative Science from the Johns Hopkins University. Ms. Shockney, a strong patient advocate, is a published author, and internationally and nationally recognized public speaker on the subject of cancer with a focus on cancer survivorship as well as metastatic breast cancer. She has written 14 books and more than 250 articles on cancer care. Ms. Shockney is also editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Oncology Navigation and Survivorship*. She is the founder and director of the Academy of Oncology Nurse & Patient Navigators (AONN+). She is the consultant for breast cancer for national *ABC News* and *Good Morning America*, and is also consulted regularly by the *Today Show* and *CNN*. She has received 60 awards—54 national and 6 state awards including Women in Business Trailblazers in Healthcare Award, Johnson & Johnson's Most Amazing Nurse in America, and Susan G. Komen for the Cure's Professor of Survivorship Award. Ms. Shockney was also inducted into the Maryland Women Hall of Fame. She currently serves on 34 medical advisory boards.

In 2008, the President of Johns Hopkins University and Johns Hopkins Board of Trustees appointed her to a faculty chair - University Distinguished Service Assistant Professor of Breast Cancer. This was the first time in the history of the institution that a hospital nurse has been appointed to a distinguished service designation. In 2009, she was promoted to a Distinguished Service Associate Professor of Breast Cancer. In 2016, she was promoted to full professor and is the only nurse at Johns Hopkins or in the country to have a primary appointment in the School of Medicine and to have reached the highest academic (physician) faculty ranking and appointed chair as a University Distinguished Service Professor of Breast Cancer.

In 2009, she founded and led the only national professional organization for oncology navigation professionals called the Academy of Oncology Nurse and Patient Navigators and currently there are more than 8,300 members. Her research area of focus is preservation of quality of life for patients with metastatic breast cancer.