



## DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS



**Marie Barnett, PhD**, has been a member of APOS since 2016 and has been actively involved in the APOS Communications Committee.

Professionally she is an Assistant Professor Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. Her clinical expertise is composed of Clinical Psychology for Children, Adolescents, Adults, and Family-Systems; Psycho-Oncology; Behavioral Medicine; Patient-Centered and Family-Focused Care; Evidence-Based Interventions; Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy. As a clinical psychologist, Dr. Barnett specializes in helping children, teens, and young adults with cancer, along with their caregivers. She emphasizes patient- and family-centered care and works with patients and their families at all points on their cancer journey, including during treatment, throughout survivorship, and at the end of life.

Dr. Barnett has expertise in easing anxiety and depression, so her patients can deal with the challenges and changes that come along with a cancer diagnosis. She helps them develop effective coping skills and improve their overall resilience and quality of life and works closely with her patients' care teams to provide the highest standard of care.

Her research looks at developing screening processes to identify young patients and families who might benefit from social and emotional care. She is interested in understanding how teens and young adults find meaning in their cancer experiences and how current treatments could be adapted for pediatric palliative care and end-of-life decision-making.

She is a member of the American Psychological Association, American Psychosocial Oncology Society, and the Association of Psychologists in Academic Health Centers.

Dr. Barnett is inspired and humbled by my patients and their families. In many ways, cancer becomes an indelible aspect of a patient's and family's life. Her passion is to help patients and their families build the confidence to tell their own stories, to embrace the unknowns of treatment, and to identify their new normal.



**Kelly Irwin, MD**, has been a member of APOS since 2013. She has served APOS as a multi-year member of the APOS Program Committee.

Professionally, she is the Director, Collaborative Care and Community Engagement at Massachusetts General Hospital. Dr. Irwin is an instructor in psychiatry at Harvard Medical School and a faculty psychiatrist at the Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) Cancer Center and MGH Schizophrenia Program where she founded the Cancer Prevention Program. Dr. Irwin graduated from Harvard University in 2001, worked with Doctors for Global Health in El Salvador, and then returned to Harvard Medical School, receiving her MD in 2008, and completing her residency in psychiatry at MGH and McLean in 2012. She received the Dupont-Warren Fellowship from Harvard Medical School in 2013 and the Program in Cancer Outcomes Research Training (PCORT) fellowship in 2015.

Dr. Irwin is the Director of the Collaborative Care and Community Engagement Program, a research and clinical program focused on improving cancer outcomes for people with severe mental illness. In collaboration with community partners, she is also establishing a 2nd opinion service for patients with severe mental illness and cancer.

Dr. Irwin's research interests focus on understanding health disparities for individuals with severe mental illness (SMI). Dr. Irwin is interested in understanding why people with SMI including schizophrenia and bipolar disorder are more likely to die from cancer and in developing interventions to improve cancer outcomes throughout the continuum of cancer care including prevention, early detection, treatment, and end-of-life care. She is investigating communication about smoking cessation, perceptions of cancer risk, and cancer screening in individuals with schizophrenia. She is also conducting a retrospective cohort study investigating inequities in cancer treatment for patients with severe mental illness and completing a qualitative study of oncology and mental health clinicians examining barriers to cancer care for people with schizophrenia. With support from the American Cancer Society, she is currently piloting an intervention incorporating proactive psychiatry consultation and case management for individuals with severe mental illness and cancer.