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Her research interests are at the intersections of cancer rehabilitation, psychosocial and palliative care in oncology. More specifically she has worked in screening for distress, symptoms and physical function in cancer patients, palliative care decision making, cognitive and psychosocial effects of cancer and cancer treatment and the implementation of evidenced based care in community cancer settings. She has recently developed interests in using technology to extend the reach of clinical care and to facilitate screening and referrals. Her clinical work focuses on symptom management in cancer patients, particularly cognition and fatigue. Her driving visions for psychosocial, rehabilitation, and palliative care providers to work together to facilitate high quality cancer care and survivorship. She has published in these areas and works as part of two writing and research teams.

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