



Neelam K. Patel,
PharmD, BCOP

MBTI: INFJ

Core Values: Honesty, Integrity,
Compassion, Respect

PERSONAL

Hobbies: reading, painting, traveling

Favorite book: recently read: Educated

Favorite sport: tennis, college football

Favorite place to travel: anywhere! Iceland
was a favorite place of mine to travel

PROFESSIONAL

Occupation: Clinical Oncology Pharmacist

Specialty: Breast Med Onc and Endocrine
Neoplasia

Institution: MD Anderson Cancer Center

Professional interests: Education, Leadership

Expertise: would say education

Years in Practice: 9.5 years

MY WHY

What difference do you want to make? My “why” relates to helping patients through education and evidence-based medicine to retain as much of a sense of “normalcy” through their cancer treatment as possible. This includes helping with supportive care and management of side effects as well as setting expectations for therapy.

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Naoto T. Ueno,
MD, PhD, FACP

MBTI: INTJ

Core Values: loyalty, honesty, and innovation

PERSONAL

Hobbies: Technology, Travel, Foodie,
Favorite book: Natsume Soseki, Quiet by Susan Caine
Favorite sport: Ski, Golf
Favorite place to travel: Hawaii, Italy, Turkey

PROFESSIONAL

Occupation: Physician

Specialty: Medical Oncologist

Institution: MD Anderson Cancer Center

Professional interests: Early Drug Development, Biomarker Discovery, Mentorship, Leadership, Team Development.

Expertise: Clinical, Research, Leadership, Event Planning

Years in Practice: 30 years

MY WHY

What difference do you want to make? Change the world for a better life for patients with aggressive breast cancer through clinical/translational research. I would like to see others succeed by committing to mentorship/relationship development.

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Janis Apted
Yadiny,
Consultant

MBTI: INFP

Core Values: Love, Family,
Integrity, Compassion, Learning

PERSONAL

Hobbies: Reading, Zooming,

Favorite book: Biographies of powerful women

Favorite sport: Skiing (which I no longer do)

Favorite place to travel: Anywhere with my husband. Morocco is a favorite

PROFESSIONAL

Occupation: Consultant and Professional Coach

Specialty: Coaching, working with teams, leadership development

Institution: Self-employed

Professional interests: Leadership, career development, teams

Expertise: Leadership and teams in healthcare

Years in Practice: 46 years of professional work, 12 as a coach

MY WHY

What difference do you want to make? I want to catalyze transformative change in individuals, groups and teams with heart and the courage to be honest, caring and insightful.



Joyce Neumann PhD,
APRN, AOCN, BMTCN,
FAAN

Program Director, SCT/APRN/Adjuvant
Ethicist

Core Values: honesty, integrity,
loyalty

PERSONAL

Hobbies: biking, walking, playing with
grandchildren

Favorite book: Where the crawdads sing

Favorite sport: basketball

Favorite place to travel: Japan, Europe

PROFESSIONAL

Occupation: nurse – advance practice nurse

Specialty: oncology, stem cell transplantation

Institution: MD Anderson Cancer Center

Professional interests: moral distress, professional burnout,
SCT QOL, ACP, graft versus host disease

Expertise: Clinical, research, education

Years in Practice: 47 years as nurse, 40 years advance
practice nurse

MY WHY

What difference do you want to make? Promote
and support ethical practice in order to provide
realistic and holistic oncology care that is
interdisciplinary.



**Aysegul Sahin,
MD**

Core Values: Honesty, Integrity,
Justice, Caring
MBTI: ESTP

PERSONAL

Hobbies: Traveling, reading
Favorite book: Don Quixote
Favorite sport: Swimming
Favorite place to travel: Italy, France, Japan

PROFESSIONAL

Occupation: MD
Specialty: Breast Pathology
Institution: MD Anderson Cancer Center
Professional interests: Clinical care, translational research,
education
Expertise: Breast Pathology
Years in Practice: 33

MY WHY

What difference do you want to make? Help breast cancer patients by providing the most accurate diagnosis



Jeffrey Bryan, PharmD

MBTI: ISTJ

Core Values: Family, Integrity,
Wisdom, Fortitude and
Perseverance

PERSONAL

Hobbies: Learning Japanese and Swimming

Favorite books: The Revenant

Favorite sport: College Football

Favorite place to travel: Camping in the
wilderness for the solitude and visiting Japan
for the adventure

PROFESSIONAL

Occupation: Clinical Pharmacist

Specialty: Leukemia

Institution: UT MD Anderson Cancer Center

Professional interests: Supporting Leukemia and Lymphoma Society

Years in practice: 16 years

Expertise: Myeloproliferative Neoplasms

MY WHY

What difference do you want to make?

Help patients better manage their health conditions
by improving their health literacy, skills, and
confidence.



Ashley Martinez, DNP, APRN

MBTI: ESFJ

Core Values: Honesty,
Accountability, Respect, and
Commitment

PERSONAL

Hobbies: Traveling, Crafts, Puzzles

Favorite book: Recent: Super Soul
Conversations

Favorite sport: American Football

Favorite place to travel: Anywhere with good
views and good food 😊

PROFESSIONAL

Occupation: Nurse

Specialty: Oncology

Institution: MD Anderson Cancer Center

Professional interests: Improving patient outcomes, nursing
leadership

Expertise: Clinical (breast medical oncology), Quality
Improvement

Years in Practice: 10

MY WHY

What difference do you want to make?

Improving patient outcomes through process improvement while creating methods that are sustainable and transferable to other care settings. Additionally, inspiring other nurses through transformational leadership.



**Paul F.
Mansfield, MD**
Professor of Surgical Oncology

MBTI: ENFP
Core Values: Integrity, civility,
compassion, curiosity

PERSONAL

Hobbies: Hiking, comics, coin collecting, current events
Favorite book: On the Beaten Path
Favorite sport: Hiking
Favorite place to travel: Japan, New Zealand, Iceland, U.S.

PROFESSIONAL

Occupation: Physician
Specialty: Surgical Oncology
Institution: UT MD Anderson Cancer Center
Professional interests: Gastric Cancer, Appendix Cancer, CDH1
Expertise: Patient care
Years in Practice: 30

MY WHY

What difference do you want to make?
Leave things better than I found them.



Nicholas "Nick"
Szewczyk, APRN,
MSN, ANP-C
MBTI: ISTP
Core Values: Honesty, Fairness,
Family, Humor

PERSONAL

Hobbies: Jogging, Listening to Music, Playing with my Dog

Favorite book: Currently Reading *Mandela, The Authorized Biography* by Anthony Sampson

Favorite sport: Football and Basketball

Favorite place to travel: I would love to travel anywhere at this point!

PROFESSIONAL

Occupation: Advanced Practice Registered Nurse

Specialty: Stem Cell Transplant / Cellular Therapy

Institution: MD Anderson Cancer Center

Professional interests: Cancer Rehabilitation, Education, QI of Clinical Pathways

Expertise: Clinical and educating team members

Years in Practice: 22 years as a Registered Nurse, 16 years as an Advanced Practice Nurse

MY WHY

I have been in nursing long enough to see real improvement and excellence in patient care; from treatment modalities, to education of patients and staff, and clinical modalities (ways we see and treat our patients). Yet there is still patient suffering and there are still deficiencies in our health care systems. I not only want to continue to improve of this for our patients, but also for myself as a healthcare provider.



Chantal Reyna, MD

MBTI: ESFJ

Core Values: Integrity, Optimism,
Compassion

PERSONAL

Hobbies: Reading, traveling

Favorite book: Pride and Prejudice vs Harry Potter

Favorite sport: Soccer

Favorite place to travel: Cambodia; UK

PROFESSIONAL

Occupation: Physician

Specialty: Breast Surgical Oncology

Institution: University of Cincinnati

Professional interests: Axillary management; minimizing surgical intervention

Expertise: Axilla, male breast cancer

Years in Practice: 7

MY WHY

What difference do you want to make?

Eliminate axillary surgery in breast cancer treatment



Melvin J. Rivera,
PharmD, BCOP

MBTI: INFJ

Core Values: Hard Work, Respect,
Loyalty, Compassion, Determination

PERSONAL

Hobbies: coaching my kids baseball and softball teams, watching sports, watching movies

Favorite book: Extreme ownership

Favorite sport: Baseball, Boxing, Football

Favorite place to travel: Home (Massachusetts to see family) and loved Barcelona

PROFESSIONAL

Occupation: Clinical Oncology Pharmacist

Specialty: Thoracic Medical Oncology

Institution: MD Anderson Cancer Center

Professional interests: Education, Leadership, Mentoring

Expertise: Clinical, Education

Years in Practice: 13 years

MY WHY

What difference do you want to make? I want to help patients and their families feel educated regarding their treatment, as well as helping manage their toxicities throughout their cancer journey. I also want to share my experiences with other health care professionals to bring awareness of the potential role of pharmacist on the healthcare team.



Zhongxing Liao,
MD

MBTI: INJP

Core Values: Integrity, Compassion,
innovation

PERSONAL

Hobbies: Reading, traveling, gardening

Favorite book: 1421: The Year China Discovered America

Favorite sport: Taichi, Yoga

Favorite place to travel: Tibet, Thailand,
Bordeaux

PROFESSIONAL

Occupation: (physician, nurse, pharmacist, etc), Physician

Specialty: Thoracic Radiation Oncology

Institution: MDACC

Professional interests: Patient care, Clinical and translation research,
prospective clinical trial, strategic planning and organizing clinical
research program, training and education, international collaboration

Expertise: Clinical, research, education, policy,

Years in Practice: 21

MY WHY

What difference do you want to make?

My “why” relates to my personal mission to “Offer the best treatment to every patient.” Clinical and translational research is the only way to develop the best treatment and education and training is important to increase awareness and understanding of cutting edge therapy for physicians, medical staff, patients, and public.



Richard Theriault,
Medical Director,
MDAPN

MBTI: INFP

Core values: Kindness, empathy,
doing good

PERSONAL

Hobbies: Reading, Growing Orchids and
Roses

Favorite book: Historical political texts

Favorite sport: Running

Favorite places to travel: Ireland, Japan

PROFESSIONAL

Occupation: Physician

Specialty: Medical Oncology

Institution: MD Anderson Physicians Network

Professional interests: Organizational development

Expertise: Clinical, research, education, guideline
development and implementation

Years in Practice: 44

MY WHY

What difference do you want to make?

Impact young age medical personnel to develop
their strengths, recognize weaknesses and
become whole human beings



Theresa Johnson-
Foreman

MBTI: ENFP

Core Values: Honesty,
Kindness, Work Ethic

PERSONAL

Hobbies: Cooking and trying new restaurants,
Travel

Favorite book: Don't have one

Favorite sport: Football

Favorite place to travel: Any beach or Italy

PROFESSIONAL

Occupation: Nurse

Area of practice: Sarcoma

Institution: UTMDAnderson Cancer Center

Professional interests: Leadership, Quality,
Mentoring

Expertise: Leadership, Quality

MY WHY

Mission: To create a working environment that is healthy and positive for all.

Vision: Maintain a high standard while supporting those who work on the team.

Impact: To develop the highest standard of operations for our patients and clinicians.



Naru Ikoma
Assistant
Professor

MBTI: INFJ

Core Values: Confidence, Team Work

PROFESSIONAL

Occupation: Surgeon

Specialty: Pancreas and gastric cancer

Institution: MD Anderson Cancer Center

Professional interests: Robotic surgery

Expertise: Clinical, research, education

Years in Practice: 3

PERSONAL

Hobbies: Golf

Favorite book: Outliers (M. Gladwell)

Favorite sport: Golf, baseball

Favorite place to travel: Anywhere.

MY WHY

What difference do you want to make?

I want to promote patient-centered treatment through my research in minimally-invasive surgery and patient-reported outcomes.