The NIH Women Scientist Advisors (WSA) was established in 1992 as an open forum for women scientists in the NIH Intramural Research Program (IRP) to discuss and exchange ideas. CCR's WSA are elected by their colleagues and serve two, two-year terms.

The CCR WSAs support and promote career development and address issues that women scientists may face. Their activities include:

- Sponsor the annual NCI Rosalind E. Franklin Award Lecture for Women in Cancer Research held at the intramural PI retreat and other lectures throughout the year of interest to the community;
- Hold “Brown Bag” informal open meetings to update CCR women scientists and hear about their concerns;
- Attend CCR Lab/Branch Chief meetings as WSA representative;
- Meet on a regular basis with the CCR Scientific Directors to discuss activities and issues of interest to the women scientist community;
- Represent CCR at NIH WSA meetings and activities;
- Provide career development advice and/or resources to CCR women scientists.

(L to R) Pat Steeg, Carol Thiele, Mary Kearney, Terri Armstrong, Nirali Shah, Brunilde Gril (not pictured)

CCR Women Scientific Advisors (WSAs)

- **Terri Armstrong, Ph.D.** - Neuro Oncology Branch (Bethesda Campus - Term ends 2022)
- **Mary Kearney, Ph.D.** - Host - Virus Interaction Branch (Frederick Campus - Term ends 2022)
- **Shioko Kimura, Ph.D.** - Laboratory of Metabolism (Bethesda Campus - Term ends 2024)
- **Shalini Oberdoerffer, Ph.D.** - Laboratory of Receptor Biology and Gene Expression (Bethesda Campus - Term ends 2024)

Past WSAs

- **Carol J. Thiele, Ph.D.** - Pediatric Oncology Branch (Bethesda Campus - Term ended Jan 1, 2020)
- **Patricia S. Steeg, Ph.D.** - Women's Malignancies Branch (Bethesda Campus - Term ended Jan 1, 2020)

Adjunct CCR WSAs

- **Brunilde Gril, Ph.D.** - Women's Malignancies Branch, (Staff Scientists)
- **Fatima Karzai, M.D.** - Genitourinary Malignancies Branch, (Staff Clinicians)

Past WSA

- **Nirali Shah, M.D.** - Pediatric Oncology Branch, (Staff Clinicians - Term ended Jan 1, 2020)

CCR OD Liaison

- **Beverly Mock, Ph.D.** - CCR Deputy Director
- **Laura Hooper, Ph.D.** - Scientific Program Analyst
Upcoming Events

WSA Grand Rounds and Networking Event

February 21, 2019

The CCR WSAs will be hosting a Special Grand Rounds (12-1pm, Lipsett Amphitheater) featuring Kylie Walters, Ph.D., Acting Chief and Senior Investigator of the Structural Biophysics Laboratory. Following her presentation, "The Proteasome: Substrate Receptors and Beyond," there will be a speed-networking session on the FAES terrace featuring WSA members and NCI and CCR leadership including Drs. Sharpless, Lowy, Dahut and Merlino.

Seminar Series: Women Leaders in Biotech and Pharma

March 5 - Bldg. 549 Auditorium, 1-2pm, in Frederick and via webex (reception/discussion with trainees to follow)

Joanne Weidhaas, M.D., Ph.D.
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