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Research Interests

- Clinical outcomes, quality of life and lifestyle changes after the diagnosis of gynecological cancer.
- Clinical outcomes of obese endometrial cancer patients.
- Quality of life during the end of life.
- Evaluation of standard chemotherapy regimens in elderly patients.

Education

B.S.:	1984	Ohio State University, Columbus, OH. Major-Nursing
M.D.	1991	Wright State University, Dayton, OH.
Residency	1991-1995	Obstetrics and Gynecology, Akron City Hospital, Akron, OH.
Fellowship	1998-2001	Gynecology Oncology, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, TX.
Postgraduate	2000-2003	Physician Executive Institute, Weatherhead School of Management, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH.

Academic Appointments

2006-present	Associate Professor, Tenure Track, Department of Reproductive Biology, Case School of Medicine.
2002-2006	Assistant Professor, Tenure Track, Department of Reproductive Biology, Case School of Medicine.

Administrative Appointments

2006	Representative to Faculty Council for the Department of Reproductive Biology, Case School of Medicine, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH
2005-present	Director of Resident Research, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, MacDonald Women's Hospital, University Hospitals, Cleveland, OH
2000-2002	Chief, Division of Gynecologic Oncology, Akron General Medical Center, Akron, OH
2000-2002	Director, Basic Science Research, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Summa Health Systems
2002	Director, Medical Student Clerkship, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Northeastern Ohio University College of Medicine (NEOUCOM), Akron General Medical Center, Akron, OH
2001-2002	Director, Gynecologic Oncology Clinical Elective for NEOUCOM Medical Students, Akron General Medical Center, Akron, OH
2001-2002	Director, Gynecologic Oncology Research Elective for NEOUCOM Medical Students, Akron General Medical Center, Akron, OH

Licensure

2001 American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology/Gynecology Oncology
1999 American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology
1994 Texas J8160
1991 Ohio 018165

Recent Publications

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