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**A DECADE OF PROMISE FOR  
SURVIVORSHIP IN 2025:**

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**October 15, 2025**



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## AGENDA

OCTOBER 15, 2025

**8:00 am – 8:20 am Welcoming Remarks**

**James Willsey**, Conference Facilitator

**Patricia Stout, DNP, APRN-CNP**, Board Chair, PRCRI; Professor Emerita, College of Nursing, University of Rhode Island

**Megan Daniel**, Executive Director, Partnership to Reduce Cancer in Rhode Island

**8:20 am – 8:25 am Greetings from the Rhode Island Department of Health**

**Jerome Larkin, MD**, Director, RIDOH

**8:25 am – 9:00 am Rhode Island Cancer Report**

**Victoria Fruh, PhD**, Rhode Island Cancer Registry Program Manager, RIDOH

**9:00 am – 10:00am Keynote | Presentation on Integrative Therapies in Cancer Care**

**Daniel Glidden, M.S., PA-C**, Integrative Oncology Physician Assistant, Dana Farber Zakim Center for Integrative Care

**10:00 am – 10:15 am Award Presentations**

**10:15am – 10:45 am Exhibitor Break**

**10:45 am – 11:45 am Nutrition & Treatment: Supporting the Whole Cancer Journey**

**Donna Castricone, RDN, CSO**, Certified Specialist in Oncology Nutrition, South County Cancer Center

**Tyler Carden, RD, LDN**, Dietitian, Brown University Health

**Kristina Ward, PharmD, BCPS**, Clinical Professor and Chair, Pharmacy Practice and Clinical Research, University of Rhode Island College of Pharmacy

**11:45 am – 12:15 pm Exhibitor Break, Snacks**

**12:15 pm – 1:15 pm Movement Matters: Panel on Exercise in Cancer Treatment and Survivorship**

**Jackie Robison**, Director of LiveSTRONG, Hockomock YMCA

**Alexandra Gunderson, MD**, Director, Cancer Rehabilitation, Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Brown University Health

**Judy Ammidown**, LiveStrong Alumni (STRONG Program) Coordinator, Cancer Survivor Moderated by: **Randi Belhumeur, MS RDN LDN CDOE**, Healthy Eating and Active Living Program Administrator, Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Management, RIDOH

**1:15 pm – 1:30 pm Closing Remarks**



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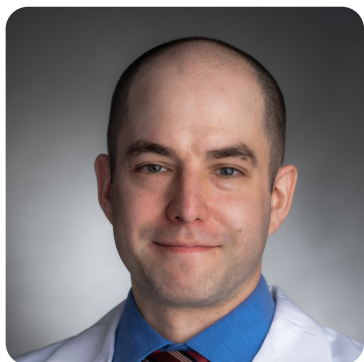
## OUR PRESENTERS



**Jerome Larkin, MD** is the Director of the Rhode Island Department of Health. Dr. Larkin previously served as the Medical Director of Inpatient Infectious Diseases Consultation Services at Rhode Island Hospital. He has also served as the Co-Director of the Pediatric HIV Clinic at Hasbro Children's Hospital and the Medical Director of the Infectious Disease Clinic at Rhode Island Hospital. Dr. Larkin has authored many abstracts, chapters, and works in peer-reviewed journals and publications and has been recognized with multiple awards and honors. They include the 2022 Steven M. Opal Award for Teaching Excellence and the 2015 Beckwith Family Award for Outstanding Teaching, both from Brown University's Warren Alpert Medical School. Dr. Larkin is board-certified in Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases by the American Board of Internal Medicine and in

General Pediatrics by the American Board of Pediatrics. He received his medical degree from the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey and completed his undergraduate degree at Boston College.

**Victoria Fruh, MPH** is the Cancer Registry Program Director and Manager at the Rhode Island Department of Health. She leads evaluations of RI cancer registry data and assesses cancer rates across the state.



**Dan Glidden, PA-C**, is a Physician Assistant at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute's Zakim Center for Integrative Therapies and Healthy Living. He began his career in Emergency Medicine after graduating from the Northeastern University Physician Assistant program and later joined the Division of Genitourinary Medical Oncology at Dana-Farber. Dan developed a strong interest in whole-person care and integrative approaches to oncology, which led to his current focus on Integrative Oncology. At the Zakim Center, he provides Integrative Oncology consultations that address symptom management, lifestyle interventions (including nutrition, physical activity, stress management, and sleep), mind-body practices, and safe use of complementary therapies alongside standard cancer treatments. He also leads outreach efforts across Dana-Farber clinical

teams and supports academic initiatives to advance the field. Dan moderates a monthly Integrative Oncology tumor board within the Zakim Center and currently serves as Chair of the Advanced Practice Providers Special Interest Group within the Society for Integrative Oncology.



**Tyler Carden, RD, LDN**, is a Dietitian at Brown University Health Cancer Institute. Tyler received his bachelor's degree from Framingham State University. Tyler had the privilege of being a part of the Coordinated Program in Dietetics, interning at various food service and clinical operations. Since passing his RD exam, Tyler has worked exclusively in oncology. There, Tyler works with patients and providers to manage symptoms, coordinate care, and optimize nutrition. Survivorship begins at diagnosis, and positive health outcomes through nutrition are important regardless of what step of the journey one is on. His goal is to provide compassionate, evidence-based care for the individuals he has the privilege of working with.



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**Donna Castricone, RDN, CSO**, is a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist at South County Hospital Cancer Center with a BS in Culinary Arts Nutrition from Johnson & Wales University and a minor in Leadership Studies. After completing a Dietetic Internship at Brigham and Women's Hospital and many years of inpatient and outpatient experience, she specialized in oncology nutrition, becoming one of the few Certified Specialists in Oncology Nutrition in Rhode Island. In 2024, she founded The Ready Kitchen to combine her culinary skills and counseling experience by offering in-home medical nutrition therapy, education, and cooking instruction, for those unable to access traditional visits. Donna is also a member of the Rhode Island Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and the AND Oncology Nutrition Dietetics Practice Group.



**Kristina Ward, PharmD, BCPS**, is the Clinical Professor and Chair of Pharmacy Practice and Clinical Research at University of Rhode Island College of Pharmacy. She received her Bachelor of Science from the University of Rhode Island and Her Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of Pittsburgh before embarking on two post-doctoral residencies at University Medical Center in Jacksonville, Florida. Her expertise is in Drug Information Practice and Therapeutic Policy Management. She joined faculty at the University of Rhode Island in 2004 and started the College of Pharmacy's Drug Information Service that same year where she continues to serve as its Director. Drug Information Services provides healthcare practitioners with timely, evidence-based drug information to promote the safe, rational use of medications and serves as a training site for URI

PharmD students and post-doctoral residents from programs across the State of Rhode Island.



**Randi Belhumeur, MS RDN LDN CDOE**, is the Program Administrator for the Healthy Eating and Active Living Center at the Rhode Island Department of Health. Randi has worked across many settings within the public health, health care and community-based landscape for twenty-five years. She is a registered dietitian, by education and also holds a degree in Communications and a master's degree in Community Nutrition. Randi thoroughly enjoys marrying her health care and communications skills in her work within the public health arena. In the early part of her career, Randi spent time in clinical nutrition in both inpatient and outpatient settings. Randi's gravitation towards systems change solutions to many of our health issues led her to a career in public health. Fun fact: Randi is one of the founding members of RI's Food Policy Council. She currently

holds a role as Program Administrator at RIDOH and is overseeing the rebuild of RIDOH's Healthy Eating and Active Living Program. She led the writing process for bringing the CDC State Physical Activity and Nutrition funding back to the State of RI.



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**Judy Ammidown**, is the LiveStrong at the YMCA Alumni Network Coordinator for the Hockomock area YMCA. A retired medical billing specialist who was first diagnosed with breast cancer in 2010. During treatment she became a participant in the LiveStrong program at the Hockomock Area YMCA, and has been closely associated with the program ever since. After completing the program and realizing its tremendous value, she became a volunteer, peer mentor, and helped to form the STRONG alumni group to continue supporting participants long after the initial 12 week program ended. The recurrence of breast cancer and subsequent mastectomy in 2015 saw Judy take on a unique role as both participant and instructor. In 2016, Judy joined the YMCA staff as a certified LiveStrong program instructor, supporting both the LiveStrong and STRONG

groups until her "second retirement" in 2023. Judy credits the LiveStrong at the YMCA program with not only helping her and others stay physically active after cancer treatment, but also with creating a supportive environment with others who were going through the cancer journey.



**Alexandra Gunderson, MD**, is the Director, Cancer Rehabilitation, Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Brown University Health. Dr. Gundersen earned her medical degree at Penn State College of Medicine in Hershey, PA. She completed an internship at the Warren Alpert Medical School at Brown University at Rhode Island Hospital. She then completed a residency in Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (PM&R) at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital through Harvard Medical School in Charlestown, MA followed by a fellowship in Cancer Rehabilitation at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York, NY. She has served as the Director of the Cancer Rehabilitation Program at Brown University Health Cancer Institute since 2022, where she remains the only fellowship-trained cancer rehabilitation specialist in Rhode Island. She has since

expanded the program to encompass four cancer institute sites across the state. Dr. Gundersen evaluates and treats musculoskeletal and neurological complications resulting from cancer and its treatment. She works with patients with a cancer diagnosis to help maximize both their function and quality of life throughout their cancer care continuum, starting at diagnosis through the survivorship stage and beyond. Her treatment plans typically include a detailed skilled therapy prescription, individualized exercise prescription, non-opioid pain management, orthotic & prosthetic prescriptions, and interventional procedures.



**Jackie Robison**, is the Director of LiveSTRONG at Hockomock YMCA. Jackie Robison is a dedicated wellness professional with over a decade of experience designing and leading specialized fitness programs for cancer survivors. As the Director of the LiveSTRONG at the YMCA program at the Hockomock Area YMCA in Foxboro, MA, Jackie has empowered hundreds of individuals in their post-treatment recovery journeys through tailored exercise, emotional support, and community connection. In addition to managing the core LiveSTRONG program, Jackie pioneered the LiveSTRONG Alumni Program, a first-of-its-kind initiative offering ongoing workshops, group fitness, and social engagement opportunities for program graduates. Her work emphasizes not only physical rehabilitation but also long-term survivorship and holistic wellness. Jackie holds certifications in personal training, Spinning, TRX, Kickboxing, and Barre, and regularly leads group fitness classes designed to be inclusive

and adaptive. Her approach blends clinical understanding with compassionate care, shaped by earlier roles supporting patients with eating disorders and substance use challenges in hospital settings. Recognized with multiple YMCA awards, including the Unsung Hero and Mission Driven awards, Jackie is passionate about creating inclusive wellness spaces and fostering resilience in individuals facing life after cancer. At this summit, Jackie brings her deep experience in survivor-focused fitness, her commitment to community health, and her belief that recovery extends far beyond treatment.



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## AWARDS

The Partnership is recognizing two individuals whose contributions have helped to prevent cancer and improve access to quality cancer care for all Rhode Islanders.

### The Partnership Spirit Award

The 2025 recipient is  
Diane Martins, PhD, RN, FAAN

The Partnership's Spirit Award recognizes an outstanding work, project, or collaboration in the past year that has enhanced the mission of the Partnership, a broad-based coalition of stakeholders who coordinate and integrate processes to implement Rhode Island's Comprehensive Prevention and Control Plan. The Spirit Award recognizes an individual or an organization.

### The Community Service Award

The 2025 recipient is Bonnie Abols

This community service award recognizes a person or group that makes changes within their community to educate and facilitate cancer prevention on a grassroots level. This award may also recognize a person or group that acts as a significant community support to lessen the day to day burden of those touched by cancer.

## PLANNING COMMITTEE

**Thank you to our Summit Planning Committee, Volunteers and Consultants!**

**For your dedicated efforts in making this year's Cancer Summit a success.**

Lynn Basilio

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## CONTINUING EDUCATION

### CEUs For Today's Summit



In support of improving patient care, this activity has been planned and implemented by Partnership to Reduce Cancer in Rhode Island and Medical Learning Institute Inc. Medical Learning Institute Inc is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

#### Physician Continuing Medical Education

Medical Learning Institute, Inc. (MLI) designates this live activity for a maximum of 3.25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

#### PA/NPs

Participants will receive a Certificate of Attendance stating this program is designated for 3.25 hours AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. This credit is accepted by the AAPA and AANP.

#### Nursing Continuing Professional Development

Successful completion of this nursing continuing professional development activity will be awarded 3.25 contact hour(s) and 0.75 contact hour(s) in the area of pharmacology.

#### Pharmacy

Medical Learning Institute Inc designates this knowledge-based continuing education activity for 3.25 contact hours (0.325 CEUs) of the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education.

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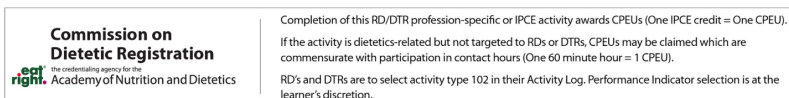
#### Social Worker Continuing Education



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Social workers completing this course receive 3.25 general social work continuing education credits.

#### Dietitian Continuing Professional Education Units (CPEUs)



Completion of this RD/DTR profession-specific or IPCE activity awards CPEUs (One IPCE credit = One CPEU). If the activity is dietetics-related but not targeted to RDs or DTRs, CPEUs may be claimed which are commensurate with participation in contact hours (One 60 minute hour = 1 CPEU). RD's and DTRs are to select activity type 102 in their Activity Log. Performance Indicator selection is at the learner's discretion.

Medical Learning Institute Inc is a Continuing Professional Education (CPE) Accredited provider with the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR).

CDR Credentialed Practitioners will receive 3.25 Continuing Professional Education units (CPEUs) for completion of this activity/material.

#### Interprofessional Continuing Education (IPCE) Statement



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This activity was planned by and for the healthcare team, and learners will receive 3.25 Interprofessional Continuing Education (IPCE) credits for learning and change.

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### THE PARTNERSHIP

#### Mission Statement

"The mission of the Partnership to Reduce Cancer in Rhode Island is to lead and collaborate on efforts to prevent cancer and to improve the quality of life for all Rhode Islanders living with cancer through education, advocacy, and supportive resources."

#### Vision Statement

"Create a cancer free Rhode Island through leadership and community engagement."

#### Guiding Values

- A culture of integrity, collaboration, transparency, and excellence.
- Inclusive, equitable, and accessible healthcare.
- The efforts of all who work with and on behalf of the Partnership to Reduce Cancer in Rhode Island in pursuit of its mission.
- The voices, experiences, and personal stories of cancer survivors and their families.
- A diverse, engaged membership and their role in and contributions to the organization.
- Innovation through evidence-based practice, quality improvement, and research.

The Partnership has continued to grow over the past year, thanks to the support of our sponsors, partners, and members.

In 2025, we hosted three quarterly member meetings, launched our first-ever Project ECHO series, The Role of Navigation in Cancer Care, and organized the Rhode Island Lung Cancer Screening Roundtable. We also brought back our Spring into Summer fundraiser for its second year.

This year, we distributed 400 oral health kits to cancer centers across the state and hosted our first oral cancer screening, where about 30 individuals were screened. At seven skin cancer screening events held at local beaches, we helped screen more than 350 individuals with the support of our partners. In addition, we participated in a number of community outreach events with organizations across Rhode Island.

None of this would have been possible without the dedication of our partners, work group and committee members, volunteers, and so many others who have helped us achieve this important work over the past year. Thank you for your ongoing efforts to work together for a better tomorrow.

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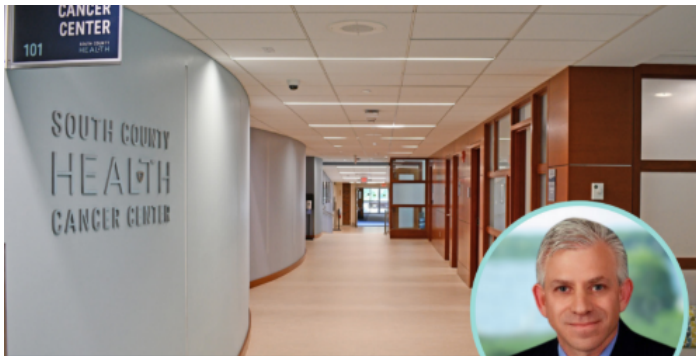
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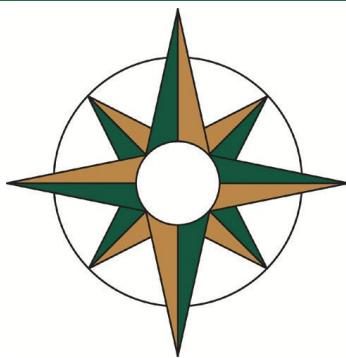
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