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AGENDA AT-A-GLANCE

Wednesday, Sept. 24

- 5:00-6:00 p.m. Networking Reception
- 6:00-7:00 p.m. Celebrating 20 Years with the Wisconsin Cancer Collaborative

Thursday, Sept. 25

- 8:00-8:45 a.m. Registration & Networking Breakfast
- 8:45-9:00 a.m. Welcome & Purpose of the Day
- 9:00-9:20 a.m. Setting the Stage
- 9:20-10:00 a.m. Opening Speaker
- 10:00-10:15 a.m. Networking Break
- 10:15-11:15 a.m. Breakout Sessions A & B
 - A: Nutrition & Health
 - B: Closing the Cancer Gap: Prevention and Screening in Rural Wisconsin
- 11:15 a.m. - Noon Poster Networking Session
- Noon -12:45 p.m. Awards/Lunch
- 12:45-1:45 p.m. Breakout Sessions C & D
 - C: Community Collaboration
 - D: Genetics in Cancer
- 1:45-2:00 p.m. Networking Break
- 2:00-3:00 p.m. Survivorship: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow
- 3:00-3:30 p.m. Closing Speaker
- 3:30-4:00 p.m. Wrap-up Discussion

The Summit

The Wisconsin Cancer Collaborative is excited to celebrate 20 years of cancer control and prevention work in Wisconsin with our member organizations. This summit will highlight milestones and successes throughout the coalition's history.

Registration

Registration is FREE - please register using this QR code or by going to our website: www.wicancer.org/wisconsin-cancer-summit/





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Session Descriptions

Day One | Wednesday

Celebrating 20 Years with the Wisconsin Cancer Collaborative

Patrick Remington, MD, MPH

The Wisconsin Cancer Collaborative is excited to celebrate 20 years of CDC-funded cancer control and prevention work in Wisconsin. This summit will highlight milestones and successes throughout the coalition's history and the advances we've made in that time. Long time member **Dr. Patrick Remington** will speak about his involvement with the Wisconsin Cancer Collaborative throughout its history, and about the programs and organizations that have grown through the years as well.

Day Two | Thursday

Setting the Stage | Sandra Millon Underwood, RN, PhD

Sandra Millon Underwood, RN, PhD, is a member of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF), which is a scientifically independent, volunteer panel of national experts in disease prevention and evidence-based medicine.

The session will feature the perspective of Sandra Millon Underwood, who has witnessed and participated in the public health cancer journey. We will honor groundbreaking discoveries, collaborative achievements, and passionate individuals who have shaped this field. It is an opportunity to recognize our shared history, and to reaffirm our commitment to a cooperative, inclusive approach to addressing the cancer burden in Wisconsin.

Treatment and Cancer Success Over the Years

Christian Capitini, MD

Dr. Christian Capitini currently serves as Acting Director of the University of Wisconsin Carbone Cancer Center. His presentation will provide a brief high-level overview of recent advancements in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cancer at the University of Wisconsin Carbone Cancer Center.

Session Descriptions

Breakout Session A – Nutrition and Health

Dana Boler and Kim Abell

Dana Boler of the La Crosse Area Family YMCA will talk about their collaboration with Emplify Health, which gives LIVESTRONG participants the opportunity to engage in Culinary Medicine Workshops designed to connect nutrition with survivorship. Hands-on experiences in their teaching kitchen and classroom let participants explore working whole foods and plant-forward choices into their diet.

Guided by the belief that “Food is Medicine,” they are passionate about empowering survivors with practical tools to support healing and long-term health.

Kim Abell will share about the work partners in Southeast Wisconsin are doing healthy eating and active living for cancer prevention and cancer survivorship, cancer centers addressing food insecurity among cancer patients and how food security impacts cancer patients and their caregivers.

Breakout Session B – Closing the Cancer Gap: Prevention and Screening in Rural Wisconsin

Cheryl DeVault, Janelle Helgerson, and Michelle Witthun

Cheryl DeVault is the Primary Care Program Manager for Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative. She will discuss the work that rural health organizations are doing to increase cancer screening rates, reduce screening disparities, improve project participant quality measure scores, and decrease target population mortality rates.

Janelle Helgerson is a Population Health Nurse at Crossing Rivers Health in Prairie du Chien. She will share examples of her work, along with wins and challenges along the way.

Michelle Witthun is the Medical Imaging Manager at Prairie Ridge Health in Columbus. She will discuss how a multidisciplinary approach, emphasizing collaboration across clinical teams, administrative support, patient outreach, and operational planning has helped increase access to screening mammography services and improved patient volumes at their rural healthcare facility.

Session Descriptions

Breakout Session C – Community Collaboration

Emily Dieringer, Karen Greenwald, and
Isabella Beach

Isabella Beach from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Wellness and Health Center will explore a collaborative campaign designed to raise awareness of the long-term risks associated with human papillomavirus (HPV) and increase immunization among college students at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. She will highlight the importance of community engagement (among stakeholders and participants) and health-related empowerment.

Emily Dieringer is a Community Engagement Coordinator with Noble Community Clinics, and **Karen Greenwald** is a public health nurse for Dodge County Public Health. Their organizations have worked together to bring mobile mammography screenings and other important health education, prevention and awareness resources to residents who often experience barriers to getting these services.

Breakout Session D – Genetics in Cancer

Katia Vine

Katia Vine, a certified and licensed genetic counselor at the Genetic Support Foundation, will provide an overview of hereditary cancer, including its underlying genetic causes and patterns of inheritance. She will explore the role of genetic counseling in assessing cancer risk and guiding patients through the testing process. She will also review the history and evolution of genetic testing for hereditary cancer.

Session Descriptions

Cancer Survivorship: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

Melinda Stolley, PhD, Nona Crowe, and Ambrose Wilson-Brown

Melinda Stolley, PhD, Professor and Associate Director for Cancer Prevention and Control at the Medical College of Wisconsin's Cancer Center, will be moderating the session and sharing about her involvement with the many programs at Medical College of Wisconsin. She has worked in several areas of cancer research and prevention. Much of her work includes developing and testing lifestyle change interventions among children, adults, and cancer survivors.

Nona Crowe is the Medical Benefits Specialist and Wisconsin Well Woman Program Coordinator for the Bad River Tribal Health and Wellness Center. Their community outreach, including wellness fairs, mobile mammography, radon testing, and more, has the recurring theme of "Noojimo'ididaa - We Heal Together." Nona will discuss those outreach initiatives, as well as their monthly cancer support group.

Ambrose Wilson-Brown is a Community Program Coordinator at the Medical College of Wisconsin Cancer Center. He will discuss the Men Moving Forward study, a community-driven initiative addressing prostate cancer prevention, and cancer survivorship among men. He will also share insights and lessons learned that laid the foundation for the Health Griots program, highlighting strategies in outreach, education, and peer engagement to reduce cancer disparities in Wisconsin.

The Next 20 Years: From Progress to Persistence in Cancer Prevention | Sandra Millon Underwood, RN, PhD

As we conclude our conference celebrating two decades of transformative advances in cancer prevention, we look to the horizon. Our closing session will reflect on the progress we have made through collaboration and innovation, from tobacco control successes to the revolutionary impact of HPV vaccines.

We will continue to work to translate the lessons of the past into a renewed, unified vision for the future, ensuring that progress reaches every community and every individual.

Meet Our Presenters

Kim Abell, CHES



Kim Abell is an Associate Director of Community Partnerships at the American Cancer Society. She works with Federally Qualified Health Centers and community-based organizations on a variety of programming around healthy eating and active living for cancer prevention and cancer survivorship. She also works with programming that supports families through prevention, screening, diagnosis, and treatment of cancer in Southeastern Wisconsin.

Isabella Beach



Isabella Beach has a background in Public Health and Community Health Education, with an emphasis on sexual health promotion and harm reduction. She currently serves as Student Wellness Coordinator at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, where she oversees health promotion programming in all areas of wellness, the Peer Health Advocates (peer educators), and substance use interventions.

Dana Boler



Dana Boler is the Health Director at the La Crosse Area Family YMCA, where she leads the LIVESTRONG at the YMCA program for cancer survivors. She is passionate about integrating culinary medicine into survivorship support through workshops that highlight the role of nutrition in recovery and long-term wellness.

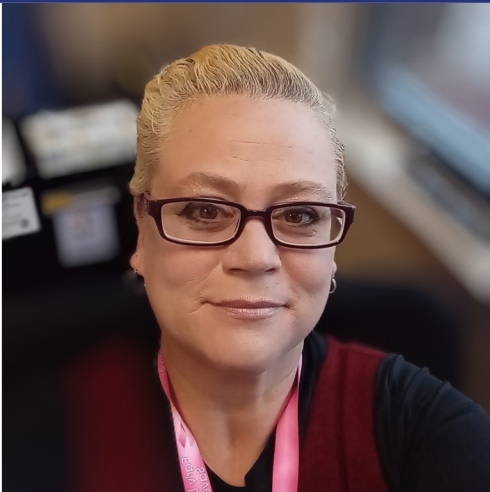
Meet Our Presenters

Christian Capitini, MD



Dr. Christian Capitini is the Jean R. Finley Professor of Pediatric Hematology and Oncology, and a tenured Professor of Pediatrics, who serves as Acting Director of the University of Wisconsin Carbone Cancer Center and Chief of the Division of Hematology, Oncology, Transplant and Cellular Therapy at UW-Madison. Dr. Capitini leads an NIH-supported laboratory focusing on development of cell-based therapies, including CAR T cells and NK cells, for the treatment of pediatric solid tumors and for complications of bone marrow transplant.

Nona Crowe



Nona Crowe has been the Medical Benefits Specialist and Wisconsin Well Woman Program Coordinator for the Bad River Tribal Health and Wellness Center since 2023. Previously her career and education had been in child development, social work, and Ojibwe language and culture. Her primary work is focused on creating partnerships to bring collaboration and resources to the Bad River Community.

Cheryl DeVault, MS, BSN, RN, AMB-BC



Cheryl DeVault has been the Primary Care Program Manager for Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative for the last eight years. She has been a Registered Nurse for “a long time” and her career in healthcare started when nurses wore all white and a nursing cap! She has vast experience in inpatient and outpatient care, staff education, and management in ambulatory, primary care, oncology, and rural health care. She believes in “boots on the ground” work and feels privileged to be invited into healthcare organizations to assist them with process improvement work to help align Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative’s vision that “Wisconsin communities will be the healthiest in America.”

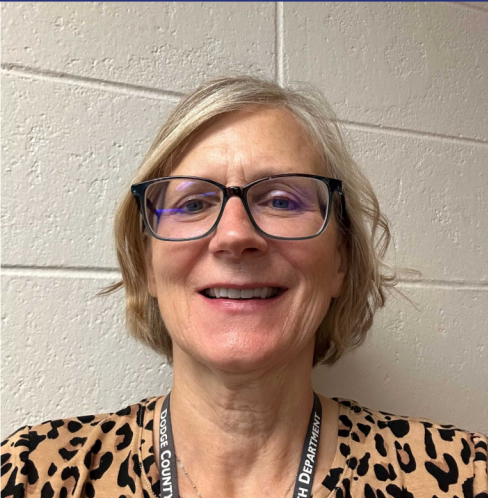
Meet Our Presenters

Emily Dieringer



Emily Dieringer is a Community Engagement Coordinator with Noble Community Clinics serving rural South-Central Wisconsin. She connects people with Noble and connects Noble to other organizations, strategizing on how best to meet the needs of those who are underserved or underrepresented, and working together to fill gaps and increase access.

Karen Greenwald, RN, BSN



Karen Greenwald is a public health nurse who provides community-based services to individuals, families, public facilities and the Dodge County population. In her role, she collaborates with her teammates and community partners to prevent disease, promote healthy behaviors, and protect her community from public health threats.

Janelle Helgerson, RN



Janelle Helgerson is a registered nurse who has worked in a variety of settings including acute care, pediatrics, OB, ER, public health, and primary care over her 30-year career. Through this diverse experience, she has gained an understanding of the importance of early intervention and health education in reducing the burden of chronic illness, including cancer. In her current role as Population Health Nurse at Crossing Rivers Health, she uses a compassionate and proactive approach to guide patients and communities toward healthier lives.

Meet Our Presenters

Sandra Millon Underwood, RN, PhD



Sandra Millon Underwood, RN, PhD, is a member of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF), a scientifically independent, volunteer panel of national experts in disease prevention and evidence-based medicine. She is professor emerita in the College of Nursing at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and an adjunct professor at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside. She is a nurse researcher, educator, and clinician with 40 years of experience in the design, implementation, and evaluation of evidence-based programs.

Patrick Remington, MD, MPH



Dr. Patrick Remington is an Emeritus Professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and remains active in public health advocacy. He practiced public health for 15 years at the CDC and the Wisconsin Division of Public Health and then worked for 25 years at the UW School of Medicine and Public Health, integrating public health into the school's teaching, research, and service missions.

Melinda Stolley, PhD



Melinda Stolley, PhD, is a Professor and Associate Director for Cancer Prevention and Control at the Medical College of Wisconsin's Cancer Center. As a Health Psychologist, Dr. Stolley's research focuses on health behaviors and health behavior changes that can improve patient-reported and cancer outcomes. She has nearly 20 years of experience developing and testing lifestyle change interventions among children, adults, and cancer survivors. An important aspect of her work is her focus on communities of color and underserved communities, working closely with community organizations to answer relevant research questions.

Meet Our Presenters

Katia Vine, MS, LCGC



Katia Vine is a certified and licensed genetic counselor at the Genetic Support Foundation, where she provides care to oncology, preconception, and prenatal patients. Originally from Lima, Perú, she earned her B.S. in Genetics and Genomics and M.S. in Genetic Counseling Studies from the University of Wisconsin–Madison. Katia is passionate about making genetic services accessible to all, with a special focus on supporting the Hispanic community.

Ambrose Wilson-Brown



Ambrose Wilson-Brown is a Community Program Coordinator at the Medical College of Wisconsin Cancer Center. He leads Health Griots, a community-based initiative inspired by and building upon the Men Moving Forward study, dedicated to advancing prostate cancer prevention, survivorship, and overall men's health. His work bridges research and community impact to reduce health disparities and strengthen outcomes for men and their families.

Michelle Witthun, RT (R)(M), CRA



Michelle Witthun has been the Medical Imaging Manager at Prairie Ridge Health for the past eight years. She has worked in health care for 37 years, beginning her career as a CNA while in high school and attending college. She spent eight years as a trauma technologist at St. Mary's Hospital in Madison, and then found her true passion, working in rural health care as a general imaging technologist and mammographer. After 20 years she moved into her current position with Prairie Ridge Health. Although she spends much of her time leading the team, she also still performs patient care in mammography and general imaging.

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As a member of the Wisconsin Cancer Collaborative, you can shape the future of cancer prevention and control in Wisconsin.

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Want to learn more about the Wisconsin Cancer Plan?

The Wisconsin Cancer Plan 2020–2030 combines best practices, reliable data, and concrete action steps designed to help you reduce the burden of cancer in your community. You can view the Wisconsin Cancer Plan by visiting our website at www.wicancer.org/cancer-plan/

Questions about the Summit?

Please contact Tina Pap at tvppap@wisc.edu or Beth Brunner at eabrunner@wisc.edu with Summit-related questions.

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