

PaRC Annual Report -FY19

Core Research Faculty and Postdoctoral Fellows :

- Yael Schenker, MD, MAS, FAAHPM
- Robert Arnold, MD, FAAHPM
- Amar Bansal, MD, FASN
- Hailey Bulls, PhD, MA
- Natalie Ernecoff, PhD, MPH
- Jessica Merlin, MD, PhD, MBA
- Jane Schell, MD, FNKF
- Justin Yu, MD

Palliative Research Center Mission :
The mission of the Palliative Research Center (PaRC) is to promote the field of palliative care by building the scientific evidence base, exploring ethical dilemmas, fostering transdisciplinary collaborations, and mentoring a diverse generation of emerging palliative care research scientists.

Advisory Board:

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| • Robert Arnold, MD, FAAHPM | <i>University of Pittsburgh</i> |
| • J. Randall Curtis, MD, MPH | <i>University of Washington</i> |
| • Betty Ferrell, PhD | <i>City of Hope Medical Center</i> |
| • Jean Kutner, MD, MPH/MSPH | <i>University of Colorado</i> |
| • Kathryn Pollak, PhD | <i>Duke University</i> |
| • R. Sean Morrison, MD | <i>Icahn School of Medicine</i> |
| • Tammie Quest, MD | <i>Emory University</i> |

Recruitment & Growth :

- **Hailey Bulls** joined the Palliative Research Center as an Assistant Professor of Medicine and scholar in the Clinical and Translational Science Scholars (KL2) Program
- **Natalie Ernecoff** began a Post-doctoral appointment in the Clinical and Translational Science (TL1) Fellowship Program
- **Amar Bansal** joined the Palliative Research Center as a core faculty member
- PaRC hired **eight new staff members** to support **10 ongoing research studies**:
 - * Shane Belin, BS
 - * Lindsay Bell, MPH
 - * Kristen Czajkowski, BS
 - * Roberta Flowers, BSN, RN
 - * Carolyn Impagliazzo, BS
 - * Maranda Trapolsi, BS
 - * Kelsey Vukic, BS
 - * Steven Orris, BS
- Core research faculty supported **36 total mentees**, including medical students, residents, fellows, post-doctoral fellows, and junior faculty

Research Impact & Funding :

- **8 new grants funded** including:
 - * Consensus-based approaches to managing opioids, including opioid misuses and addiction in ambulatory palliative care: development and dissemination (Cambia Health Foundation)
 - * Patient-centered and efficacious advance care planning in cancer: the PEACe comparative effectiveness trial (NCI R01)
 - * Expanding Palliative Education Research and Training (Arthur Vining Davis Foundation)
 - * Impacts of the opioid crisis and optimal opioid prescribing practices by medical oncologists for patients receiving active treatment for cancer (Hillman Development Fund)
- **4 additional grants submitted** and pending review

Palliative Research Center Vision:
We generate rigorous, innovative palliative care research and support a diverse community of researchers committed to improving the lives of people with serious illness and their families.

Awards & Recognition :

- **Yael Schenker** was appointed Fellow of the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine
- **Jane Schell** and **Yael Schenker** were named Emerging Leaders by the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine
- **Jessica Merlin** was appointed to the Cambia Health Foundation 2019 Sojourns Scholar Leadership Program
- **Robert Arnold** was named a Hastings Center Fellow

Other Key Accomplishments:

- PaRC held its **first faculty retreat** using **human-centered design methods** to identify goals and foster collaboration within the center
- Monthly PERCOLATE sessions provided the opportunity for faculty and mentees to receive feedback on works-in-progress
- PaRC created a **strategic plan** for foundation funders

