

Our Group



Dr. Mary L. (Nora) Disis

A world-renowned expert in cancer immunology, Dr. Disis has spent over ten years spearheading the development of new cancer vaccines. She has a passion for women's medicine, especially translational research - working with scientists, physicians, and patients to bridge the gap between the latest scientific breakthroughs and patient care.



Dr. Lupe Salazar

Beginning her medical career as a nurse, Dr. Salazar holds patient welfare as her primary concern. With a focus on breast and ovarian cancer, her research looks at immunologic memory as a means of preventing cancer relapse years after remission.



Dr. Ron Swensen

With nearly twenty years of experience as an obstetrician and gynecologist and gynecologic oncologist, Dr. Swensen gets inspiration from his patients and believes that treating cancer is a celebration of life and hope. He conducts clinical research as a way to advance the level of care for all patients.



Dr. Heidi J. Gray

As a gynecologic oncologist with specialty training, Dr. Gray is an expert in treating patients with ovarian cancer. She is also dedicated to the research and implementation of novel immunotherapeutic strategies for women with all forms of gynecologic cancer.

Our team also consists of research coordinators, registered nurses, and a host of uniquely qualified scientists and support staff working together in an integrated environment to develop new and effective cancer therapies. To see biographical profiles of all of our researchers, please visit our website: www.tumorvaccinegroup.org



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Can a vaccine really fight cancer?

Cancer immunology is at the leading edge of cancer research. Scientific studies suggest that by using vaccines that enhance your body's own natural defenses, we can teach your immune system to recognize tumor cells and destroy them individually, before they can multiply out of control.

About our studies

The purpose of our studies is to develop immunologic therapies, including vaccines, for the treatment of breast cancer and the prevention of breast cancer relapse. To further develop these treatments and investigate exactly how well they work, doctors and scientists test them in patients. If you participate in one of our studies, you will be contributing to scientific knowledge and you will be helping future generations of patients, families, and communities worldwide.

Is there a cost?

All study-related medication, clinic visits, diagnostic tests and parking will be provided at no charge to you.

What is involved in a clinical trial?

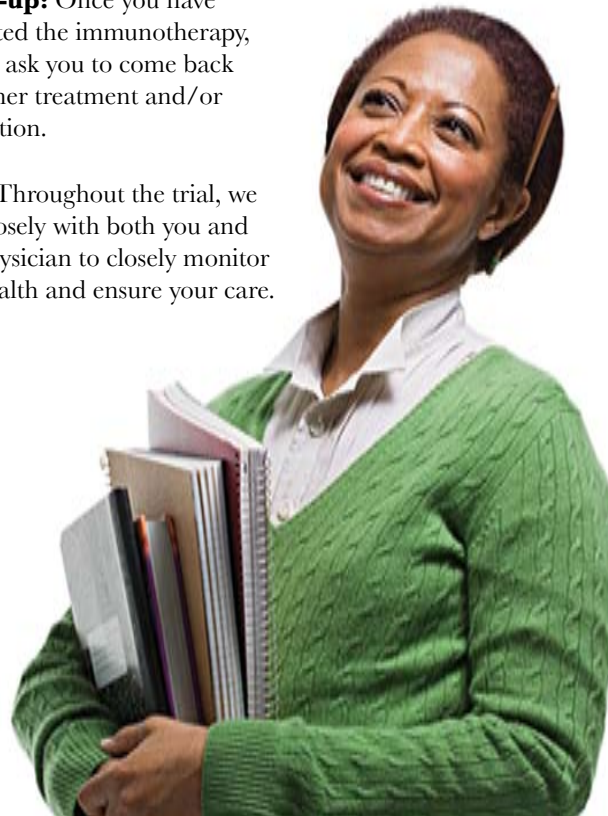
Screening: We will speak with you to discuss our studies and determine if you may be eligible. We may ask to collect your medical records to further assess your eligibility.

Initial meeting: This is your opportunity for a face-to-face discussion with our clinical staff, where we answer any questions, review the study, and formalize your participation.

Study visits: Your treatment may include vaccines or other treatments, physical exams, blood draws, or related tests at the University of Washington General Clinical Research Center in Seattle.

Follow-up: Once you have completed the immunotherapy, we may ask you to come back for further treatment and/or observation.

Care: Throughout the trial, we work closely with both you and your physician to closely monitor your health and ensure your care.



Am I eligible?

You may be eligible if you:

- Have ever been diagnosed with stage III or IV breast cancer
- Are 18 years or older

We have studies for people who have progressive disease, stable disease, or are in complete remission.

We have studies for people who are on chemotherapy, Herceptin, other medications, or none at all.

If you think that participating in one of our trials might be right for you, please give us a call.

How else can I contribute?

To continue our research, we rely upon blood donations as well as financial contributions both big and small. Your gift will create new opportunities for research and education.

To find out more:

Call our research coordinator at:
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Email us at:*
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