

The Founders Lecture 2019 Keynote Speaker

Monica M. Bertagnolli, MD

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I am pleased to announce that Dr. Monica M. Bertagnolli will give the Founders Lecture on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at the 40th Annual Meeting of the Society for Clinical Trials. Each year, the Founders Lecture is given by a prominent clinical investigator.

Dr. Bertagnolli is the Richard E. Wilson Professor of Surgery in the Field of Surgical Oncology at Harvard Medical School, and a member of the Gastrointestinal Cancer and Sarcoma Disease Centers at Dana-Farber/Brigham & Women's Cancer Center, where she collaborates with colleagues in medical oncology, radiation oncology, and pathology to treat cancer patients in a tertiary care setting.

Dr. Bertagnolli graduated from Princeton University, and attended medical school at the University of Utah. She trained in surgery at Brigham and Women's Hospital and was a research fellow at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute (DF/BWCC). Dr. Bertagnolli has a background in laboratory work focusing upon understanding the role of the inflammatory response in epithelial tumor formation. From 1994-2011, she led gastrointestinal correlative science initiatives within the National Cancer Institute (NCI)-funded Cancer Cooperative Groups, where she facilitated integration of tumor-specific molecular markers of treatment outcome into nation-wide clinical cancer treatment protocols. From 2007-2018, Dr. Bertagnolli served as the Chief of the Division of Surgical Oncology at DF/BWCC. Dr. Bertagnolli has also had numerous leadership roles in multi-institutional cancer clinical research consortia, and currently serves as the Group Chair of the Alliance for Clinical Trials in Oncology, a nation-wide NCI-funded clinical trials group. She is also the Chief Executive Officer of Alliance Foundation Trials, LLC, a not-for-profit corporation that conducts international cancer clinical trials. In addition, Dr. Bertagnolli is the 2018-2019 President of the American Society of Clinical Oncology, a 45,000 member organization serving the needs of physicians and other clinicians who care for patients with cancer.