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# Advancing Equitable Biomarker Testing in Community Oncology

**Wednesday, October 16, 2024**

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Presentation: 12:00–1:30 PM PT

MGM Grand Hotel and Convention Center

Room: Terrace 151



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## Activity Description

Biomarker and molecular testing to help oncologists match patients with the best cancer treatment can be challenging in the community oncology setting and in underserved communities. At present, patients with cancer in racially or ethnically underserved communities are not receiving biomarker testing at the same rate as White patients in communities with greater access to care. Barriers to testing include insurance restrictions, conflicting guidelines, and the reliance of community oncologists on single-gene testing instead of the multi-gene panels that are used more often by academic oncologists. In the multidisciplinary setting of community oncology, healthcare professionals (HCPs) would benefit from education on best practice models that provide cost-effective molecular testing services for the undertested underserved population, especially given that more recently U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved treatments require biomarker testing.

In this CME Outfitters live symposium, expert faculty will evaluate the latest biomarker testing strategies in prostate, bladder, and lung cancer; discuss how to integrate all members of the interdisciplinary care team in community oncology settings; identify root causes of health inequity in cancer care; and review strategies to address barriers that prevent the uptake of biomarker testing services in cancer care management.

## Target Audience

Managed care professionals including physician medical directors and pharmacists

## Financial Support

Supported by an educational grant from Janssen Biotech, Inc., administered by Janssen Scientific Affairs, LLC

## Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of this activity, learners will be able to better:

- Evaluate the latest biomarker testing strategies in prostate, bladder, and lung cancer, including their impact on treatment decision-making
- Integrate all members of the care team in strategies to provide equitable biomarker testing in community oncology settings
- Identify the root causes of health inequity in cancer care
- Incorporate action-oriented strategies to address unconscious bias and patient social determinants of health (SDoH) in cancer care management

## Faculty

**Diana Brixner,  
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Emeritus Professor  
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### Faculty



#### **Diana Brixner, BPharm, PhD, FAMCP (Moderator)**

Emeritus Professor  
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University of Utah  
Salt Lake City, Utah

#### DISCLOSURES

Dr. Brixner reports the following financial relationships:

Advisory Board: Bayer and Jazz Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Consultant: LEO Pharma; Millcreek Outcomes Group, LLC; Sanofi; and Tandem Therapeutics

Grants: Dexcom, Inc.

**Diana Brixner, BPharm, PhD, FAMCP** is Emeritus Professor in the Department of Pharmacotherapy and is a Founder of the Pharmacotherapy Outcomes Research Center (PORC) at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City, UT. She has been a member of both the Huntsman Cancer Institute Cancer Control and Population Sciences and the Center for Genomic Medicine. She also serves as a principal of the Millcreek Outcomes Group, LLC where she consults on translating evidence to value to support payer decision making. Prior to her academic appointment in 2002 Dr. Brixner worked both in the biotech (NeoRx) and pharmaceutical (SmithKline Beecham, Novartis) industry focused on value assessment of their technologies in the early years of the field. Dr. Brixner was a Past President of both the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy (AMCP) and International Society of Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research (ISPOR). She has served as a one-year Scholar-in-Residence for AMCP, recently served on the scientific advisory board of Lumanity and is a member of the Executive Board of the International Market Access Society.

Dr. Brixner received her B.S. degree in 1982 from the University of Rhode Island, Pharmacy. In 1987 she received her Ph.D. in Medicinal Chemistry from the University of Utah. She received a Modeling Approaches for Health Technology Assessment Certificate in 2010, a Clinical Epidemiology Certificate in 2013 and a Certificate in the Introduction to Health Technology Assessment in 2015 from the University of Health Sciences, Medical Informatics and Technology, Hall in Tirol, Austria where she did a sabbatical in 2011.

Dr. Brixner's research focus is on the design, conduct, and communication of pharmacoeconomic and outcomes research studies to demonstrate the value of pharmaceutical and related therapies from the perspective of the private and public payer. Much of her work is focused on oncology and personalized medicine. She has published over 150 articles in peer-reviewed journals, authored three book chapters, has one issued patent, and has been an invited speaker at a variety of national and international professional meetings.

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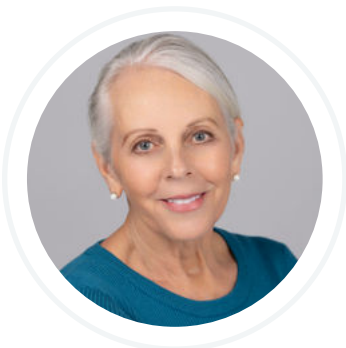
### Zach Rivers, PharmD, PhD

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**Zach Rivers, PharmD, PhD** is a passionate clinician-scientist with over 15 years of experience in outpatient infusion and oral chemotherapy. Dr. Rivers' research is centered on integrating personalized and precision medicine into cancer care utilizing large datasets to identify opportunities for precision medicine and develop health economic simulation models to assess the impact of novel biomarkers on health policy and implementation. He is especially interested in how different biomarker testing approaches can increase health equity in traditionally underserved populations.

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### Dusty Donaldson

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**Dusty Donaldson** is Founder and Executive Director of LiveLung, a 501c3 nonprofit serving the lung cancer community. She is also President of the Lung Cancer Action Network (LungCAN), a collaborative association of lung cancer nonprofit organizations and patient advocacy groups. In 2016, she co-authored the book "*The ABCs of Lung Cancer for Patients and Advocates*," and is working on the 2nd Edition soon to be released. Dusty has been a reviewer for lung cancer research proposals for the American Society of Clinical Oncology's (ASCO's) Conquer Cancer Foundation and the Congressionally Directed Medial Research Program's Lung Cancer Research Program. She is a contributing writer for [www.lungcancer.net](http://www.lungcancer.net) and serves on the National Lung Cancer Roundtable's Survivorship, Stigma & Nihilism Task Group. In 2022, Dusty received the International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer (IASLC) Patient Advocate Educational Award. Prior to being diagnosed with early-stage lung cancer in 2005, Dusty was a journalist and public relations professional. She earned undergraduate and graduate degrees in journalism.

#### DISCLOSURES

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