

Meet the Experts

PENN RADIATION MEDICINE INSTITUTE - ADMINISTRATOR TRACK



Christina Bach

Christina Bach is a licensed clinical, board certified oncology social worker and Psychosocial Content editor at Oncolink.org. Christina has been at OncoLink since 2014, specializing in curating patient education content

focused in psychosocial oncology, coping, financial literacy and survivorship. Christina has over 25 years of clinical experience in oncology social work in inpatient and outpatient settings and extensive work in healthcare provider education. She is an instructor and Field Liaison at the Bryn Mawr College Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research and a Financial Navigation Specialist at the Cancer Support Community Helpline. She also volunteers regularly in healthcare settings with her certified therapy dog Huckleberry.



Pamela Boimel

Dr. Pamela Boimel, MD, PhD, is a distinguished leader in Radiation Oncology at Penn Medicine, where she has played a pivotal role in advancing cancer treatment and expanding access to cutting-edge therapies. She

began her tenure at Penn Medicine in 2013 as a medical resident and has since risen to become the Medical Director of Penn Medicine Lancaster General Hospital in the department of Radiation Oncology. Dr. Boimel was a driving force behind the successful launch of the second proton therapy center with Penn Medicine—and only the second in Pennsylvania—spearheading the development of new clinical protocols, optimizing patient care workflows, and providing strategic guidance in facility design. Her leadership extended beyond clinical operations, playing a critical role in community outreach, marketing and education, significantly increasing awareness and accessibility of proton therapy.



Sebastian Haines

Sebastian Haines joined the Department of Radiation Oncology at Penn Medicine as its Senior Director of Operations in 2021 and was promoted into his current role as Associate Chief Operating Officer in 2024. He is accountable

for clinical operations for the department and serves as the administrative dyad to the Vice Chair of Clinical Operations and the Vice Chair of Network Operations. Sebastian's 15 year career has spanned several states and included roles with academic and for-profit healthcare systems. He has been with Penn Medicine for over 10 years and prior to joining the department served as the Director of Operations for the Primary Care Service Line where he led the development and implementation of practice based care management and mental health programs and was accountable for achieving success in value based payment programs covering over 500,000 patients. He received both his Bachelor's degree in both Economics and Integrative Physiology from the University of Colorado at Boulder and his Masters degree in Health Administration from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond.



Fabian Marechal

Fabian Marechal has been with the Department of Radiation Oncology at Penn Medicine as its Chief Operating Officer since 2020. He oversees all administrative functions for the department and serve as a critical strategic planning and business

partner for The Chair of the Department and the University of Pennsylvania health system. In a broad career that has spanned 23 years within healthcare and hospitality, notably 14 years with Penn Medicine, Fabian brings to the Department of Radiation Oncology a wealth of operational expertise and strategic inventiveness culled principally from his role as Director, Division Administration for the Division of Hematology Oncology, and prior as Senior Director of Operations for the Department of Orthopedics. He has a strong, proven track record, meeting financial and operational objectives combined with a sound understanding of practice management, ambulatory operations and collaborative, innovative programs. He received both his Bachelor's and Master's degree in Economics and Political Sciences at La Sorbonne University in Paris.



John Plastaras

John Plastaras, M.D., Ph.D. is a Professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology at Penn Medicine. His research program has focused on the use of proton therapy for gastrointestinal and hematologic malignancies as well as the combination of immune

therapies and radiation for lymphomas. He was the principal investigator for a multi-site trial using proton therapy for re-irradiation and has organized a multi-center effort around the use of radiation bridging for CAR T-cell therapy. He served in leadership positions on the Hematologic Track Scientific Committee for the Annual meeting of the American Society for Radiation Oncology (ASTRO). He has been the Chair of the Education Committee and a member of the Steering Committee of the International Lymphoma Radiation Oncology Group (ILROG). He is a member of NRG Lymphoma Working Group and represents NRG on the National Cancer Institute Leukemia Steering Committee. At Penn Medicine Radiation Oncology, he is the Vice Chair for Strategic Clinical Research and the Chief of the Hematologic Malignancies Service. He serves as the co-Chair of the Abramson Cancer Center's Scientific Protocol Review Committee. He has been a chair of one of the Institutional Review Boards at the University of Pennsylvania that focused on cellular therapies and high risk cancer trials for several years. His latest challenge is to bring proton therapy to the West Philadelphia community as Chief of Radiation Oncology and Proton Therapy at Penn Presbyterian Medical Center.



Debra Stephen

Debra Stephen is the Director of Business Development for the Department of Radiation Oncology at the University of Pennsylvania. Debra has more than 30 years experience in financial management, infrastructure improvement and project coordination in foreign and domestic work environments. She has proven effective at creating long-term value for organizations

by establishing strategic alliances based on positive leadership, respect, and mutual benefit. She has been recognized for her contributions to the achievement of business objectives and for effective communication, team-building, and problem-solving skills in multi-cultural work environments. Prior to joining Penn, she lived in Dubai and worked for Mubadala Development Corporation where she played an integral role in establishing the Cleveland Clinic Hospital in Abu Dhabi. Earlier in her career, she was one of the top foreign currency traders in the U.S. as evidenced by Chase Manhattan Bank featuring her in an international marketing campaign. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from The Pennsylvania State University where she received the Helen Eakin Eisenhower award for her contributions to the College of Business.



Megan Thacker

Megan Thacker MSN, RN, CBCN joined the University of Pennsylvania, Lancaster General Health, Ann B. Barshinger Cancer Institute in 2023 as the full-time proton nurse navigator in radiation oncology. Megan started

her career as a diploma nurse at Union Memorial Hospital in Baltimore City. She went on to receive her Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) and her Master of Science in Nursing Leadership and Management (MSN). She has 30-plus years of nursing experience with the majority in oncology nursing as a floor nurse, case manager, breast nurse navigator, and manager of nurse navigation and clinical programs. She enjoys educating patients and caregivers and loved being an adjunct college instructor before relocating to PA. She holds a special interest in holistic nursing and is proud to have been a nominee for *CURE* magazine Extraordinary Healer Award Nominee in 2014. Outside of work, Megan spends time with her husband, adult children, and three dogs.



Edna Volz

Edna Volz is the Director of Quality Management for the Department of Radiation Oncology at Penn Medicine. Edna is responsible for directing the Safety Culture and Quality Programs in this large, geographically diverse, and growing

department. Her team of improvement advisors leads robust process improvement initiatives, manages the incident reporting process, facilitates culture of safety survey and action plans, and facilitates excellence model implementation including APEX accreditation, QUEST internal audit program, and the Baldrige regional excellence model journey. Edna Volz has Master of Science degree in Computer Science, and American Society for Quality (ASQ) Certifications as Manager of Quality and Organizational Excellence (CMQ/OE), and, Six Sigma Black Belt (CSSBB). Edna is experienced with excellence model implementation, improvement and innovation methodologies, culture of safety, and TJC High Reliability Organization components.