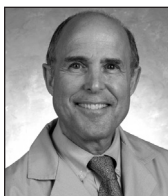


Clinical Team



Charles Brendler, M.D.

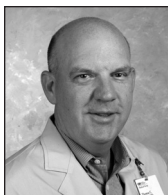
Co-Directors

Dr. Charles Brendler brings to NorthShore University HealthSystem (NorthShore) a wealth of expertise and knowledge in prostate cancer. He served 13 years as Professor and Chief of Urology at the University of Chicago and previously another 13 years at The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. He has performed more than 2,000 prostate cancer operations.



Michael McGuire, M.D.

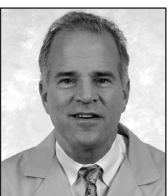
Dr. Michael McGuire completed urologic residency at Northwestern University in 1996 and then did a two year fellowship in urologic cancer at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City. Dr. McGuire is an experienced urologic cancer surgeon with great expertise in both traditional open and robotic prostate cancer surgery.



Thomas Keeler, M.D.

Urology

Led by Dr. Thomas Keeler, the Division of Urology offers a full range of services to diagnose and treat urologic diseases. NorthShore has great experience with the da Vinci robotic surgical system, and men undergoing robotic surgery benefit through reduced pain and recovery time, a shorter hospital stay, lower complication rates, and improved recovery of both urinary and sexual function.



Michael Blum, M.D.

Dr. Michael Blum is a lifelong resident of the North Shore and graduated from the Honors Program in Medical Education at Northwestern University in 1979. After completing urology residency and fellowship at Northwestern University, he joined the staff of Evanston Hospital in 1985. Now a Senior Attending Physician and Assistant Professor of Surgery at the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine, Dr. Blum brings a quarter century of experience in the diagnosis and surgical treatment of prostate cancer to our Center.



William Johnston, III, M.D.

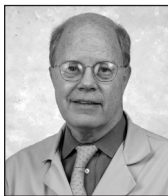
Robotic Surgery

Our team of surgeons includes William Johnston, III, M.D., who specializes in laparoscopy and robotic surgery and serves as a da Vinci Robotic Mentor and Instructor. Dr. Johnston completed his fellowship at the University of Michigan in laparoscopic, robotic, and minimally invasive urologic surgery. He is currently Director of Laparoscopy and Minimally Invasive Urology and was recently appointed Section Editor for the *Journal of Endourology*.



Amanda Macejko, M.D.

Dr. Amanda Macejko graduated from Emory University School of Medicine in 2001 and subsequently completed her urology residency and a fellowship in endourology at Northwestern University. As a recent addition to the NorthShore University HealthSystem faculty, her specialized training in robotic prostate cancer surgery makes her a valuable addition to our team.



William Bloomer, M.D.

Radiation Therapy

Our team of radiation therapists is led by William Bloomer, M.D., Chairman of Radiation Oncology. He and his team have extensive experience both in intensity modulated radiation therapy (IMRT), which is computer assisted external beam radiation therapy, and also brachytherapy in which radioactive seeds are implanted directly in the prostate.

Clinical Team *(continued)*



Daniel Shevrin, M.D.

Medical Oncology

Our team of medical oncologists is led by Daniel Shevrin, M.D., Director of Urologic Medical Oncology. Dr. Shevrin and his colleagues are participating in a national prostate cancer clinical trial initiative sponsored by the Department of Defense. Through this program, our patients will have an opportunity to participate in clinical trials and benefit from translational research, through which laboratory discoveries are translated to the clinical arena as quickly as possible.



Peter Colegrove, M.D.

Sexual Health and Rehabilitation

Because of the prostate's location near the organs responsible for sexual function, it is important to provide a comprehensive strategy for sexual health preservation and recovery. Peter Colegrove, M.D., a NorthShore urologist, is available to meet individually with our patients to evaluate their sexual function prior to treatment and to develop a treatment strategy to help men preserve and regain their sexual health following treatment.



Martha McCurdy, R.N.,
B.S.N.

Nursing Support

Martha McCurdy, R.N., B.S.N., is the Nurse Coordinator of the Prostate Cancer Center. Martha received her nursing degrees at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and she has held various positions in the nursing field including the hospital setting, the community environment, and corporate health care. Her current position involves the management and coordination of men diagnosed with prostate cancer. Coordinating a network of medical services, she helps to develop a comprehensive and customized care plan for each patient.



Lorna Cabrera, B.S.N.

Lorna Cabrera, B.S.N., is originally from the Philippines and received her nursing degree there. Lorna brings 35 years of nursing experience to our Prostate Cancer Center. Prior to joining us, Lorna was for several years the Nursing Supervisor of a large NorthShore University HealthSystem medical and surgical multi-specialty group. She has special expertise and a dedicated interest in caring for cancer patients, and she is an extremely valuable member of our team.



Lynne Ranz, B.S.

Patient Support

Lynne Ranz, B.S., is the Patient Support Associate for our Prostate Cancer Center, and she provides administrative and customer support that includes clinical coordination, front desk reception, and phone triage. Lynne holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree from Roosevelt University in Chicago. She has been employed by NorthShore University HealthSystem since 2004 and has been with the Prostate Cancer Center since its inception in September, 2007.



Amy Ernst, B.A.

Clinical Trials

Amy Ernst, B.A., is the Project Coordinator for our prostate cancer active surveillance protocol. Amy received her undergraduate degree in Psychology/Neuroscience from Colorado College and joined our team in 2008. Amy ultimately plans to obtain a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology.