



Evelyn Arana, Dr.P.H., is a Research Assistant Professor in the Department of Surgery and Public Health Sciences at The University of Rochester School of Medicine & Dentistry. Dr. Arana is a bilingual social and behavioral scientist whose research includes promoting cancer prevention and control among underserved and understudied populations incorporating principles of community-based participatory approach in the U.S., Mexico, and Guatemala. Currently, she is conducting a needs assessment of rural older adult cancer survivors in the Wilmot catchment area. Dr. Arana is the recipient of an NCI Diversity Supplement Award to analyze the relationship between biopsychosocial factors and smoking patterns among Latinos. Her long-term research interests involve the development of culturally and linguistically appropriate interventions to address cancer control and survivorship among Latinos.

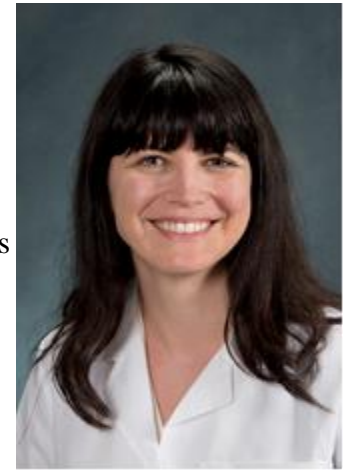
Nicholas P. Cherup, Ph.D., is a first year research assistant professor at the University of Rochester. Nicholas's research line has focused on the therapeutic effects of yoga in the elderly and those diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. He has now shifted his attention to working with cancer patients in the hopes of easing treatment associated toxicities. Nicholas is especially interested in how mind/body exercises can impact the trajectory of treatment and help patients to improve their psychological wellbeing and cognition, specifically domains of attention and executive function. Nicholas has 13 peer reviewed publications and was awarded the Swami Kuvalyananda top student research award at Kripalu (2018), the largest yoga retreat and training center in the United States. Nicholas has also conducted research examining the impact of mindfulness training to mitigate stress perception in college students and division I athletes.



Abdi Gudina, Ph.D., is a Research Assistant Professor and a T32 (Cancer Control Research Training Program) Fellow at the University of Rochester Medical Center. He is also a young investigator in the Wilmot Cancer Institute Community Outreach Engagement and Disparities Office where he is mentored on issues of cancer disparities faced by minority groups in the catchment area. In 2013 Dr. Gudina received a Master of Public Health (MPH) degree with a concentration in Biostatistics from Kent State University and a PhD in Epidemiology in 2020 from the same institution. Dr. Gudina has a strong background and substantial experience in quantitative studies. His area of research interest is cancer health disparities with an emphasis on lung cancer screening among underserved minorities. Dr. Gudina's long-term career plan is to become an independent investigator in cancer epidemiology, with the goal of reducing disparities and inequities among underserved populations. Dr. Gudina is currently a member of several professional associations (such as American Association for Cancer Research, Social and Behavioral Medicine, American Society of Clinical Oncology and Multinational Association of Supportive Care in Cancer), and he regularly collaborates with well-established and independent NCI-funded researchers and other professionals.



Sara J. Hardy, M.D., is dually trained radiation oncologist and neurologist at the University of Rochester Medical Center as a radiation oncologist and neurologist. Her main research focus is to understand and treat cognitive change after cranial radiation therapy for patients with brain tumors. Her interests include neuroanatomic structures important in predicting cognitive changes from cranial radiation therapy. She is also Director of the Cancer and Cognition Clinic at Wilmot Cancer Institute, which is a clinic specifically for patients with cognitive change in the setting of cancer or cancer treatment.



Lee Kehoe's, Ph.D., research focuses on developing and adapting mental health and psychosocial interventions for older adults with cancer, with a specific emphasis on including the caregiver in the intervention. Currently, she is beginning a pilot study adapting and testing the feasibility of using Life Review Therapy, an empirically based mental health intervention, as a dyadic life review intervention with older adults with advanced cancer and their caregivers. Dr. Kehoe's primary interest is in reducing emotional health issues and distress for caregivers of older adults with cancer.