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Tara Schapmire, PhD, MSSW, OSW-C, APHSW-C, FAOSW, FAPOS earned her PhD in Social Work from the University of Louisville, where she serves as Associate Professor in the School of Medicine and holds an honorary appointment in the Kent School of Social Work. Her research interests include psychosocial oncology, gerontology, palliative care, and interprofessional collaborative practice. She is Principal Investigator (PI) of ESPEC Oncology: Transforming Psychosocial and Palliative Cancer Care, an NIH/NCI-funded grant delivering a comprehensive, oncology-tailored, evidence-based curriculum to build leadership and palliative care skills among oncology social workers nationwide. She is also a co-investigator on multiple HRSA grants focused on interprofessional training in Age-Friendly Healthcare and the integration of primary care and behavioral health for learners in community health, dentistry, medicine, nursing, pharmacy, and social work. In addition, she serves as site PI for an NCI R01 randomized clinical trial (MPI Studts & Stapleton) testing a precision lung cancer survivorship care intervention to improve quality of life among rural survivors in socioeconomically distressed U.S. regions. Her past work includes co-leading an NIH/NCI project (MPI Pfeifer/Schapmire) to prepare oncology educators in interprofessional palliative oncology education. She also served as Co-I on NIH/NCI and American Cancer Society (ACS)-funded studies, including a required interdisciplinary oncology palliative care curriculum and a study on emotional distress in older adults with

cancer. Dr. Schapmire has received national recognition, including the 2017 AOSW/ACS Leadership in Oncology Social Work Award, the 2024 AOSW/ACS Quality of Life in Cancer Award, and the ACS C.A.R.E. Award. A Past President and Fellow of the Association of Oncology Social Workers, she was inducted in 2025 as a Fellow of the American Psychosocial Oncology Society. She is Associate Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Psychosocial Oncology.



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Myra Glajchen, DSW, MSW, BSW, ACSW, APHSW-C, is Project Director for Educating Social Workers in Palliative and End-of-Life Care (ESPEC), a national training program for social workers. She is Co-Investigator for ESPEC Oncology: Transforming Psychosocial and Palliative Cancer Care, an NIH/NCI-funded grant delivering a comprehensive, oncology-tailored, evidence-based curriculum to build leadership and palliative care skills among oncology social workers nationwide. She is Director of Education and Training in the MJHS Institute and Co-Project Director of the Caregiver Initiative. She manages the Social Work Internship, Physician Fellowship, and Interprofessional Training at MJHS Hospice and Palliative Care. She is Assistant Professor of Family and Social Medicine at Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Dr. Glajchen has extensive experience as a social work clinician, educator, and researcher in oncology and palliative social work. She was a board member of the Social Work Hospice and Palliative Care Network (SWHPN), Past President for the

Advanced Palliative Hospice Social Work Certification (APHSW-C), and a CE provider for Social Work in New York State. Dr. Glajchen has a distinguished teaching portfolio. She serves as core faculty for the Interprofessional Communication Curriculum (ICC) funded by the NCI. She developed ESPEC Safety Net with a focus on the social determinants of health and is launching ESPEC-O for oncology social workers. She is a frequent local and national presenter with numerous publications on caregiver burden, family meetings, interprofessional training, and palliative care.



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