



Dr. Ursula Matulonis – Medical Advisor

Dr. Matulonis is the Medical Advisor for Ovations for the Cure and serves as the Medical Director of the Madeline Franchi Ovarian Cancer Research Fund at Dana Farber Cancer Institute. She was appointed to the Board of Directors at the Ovations for the Cure Foundation in December 2006.

Dr. Matulonis received her MD from Albany Medical College, New York, in 1987. She completed an internship and residency at the University of Pittsburgh, followed by a medical oncology fellowship at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Since 1994, she has been an attending physician at DFCI and Brigham and Women's Hospital. Her research focuses on gynecologic malignancies.

As the Director and Program Leader of Medical Gynecologic Oncology at DFCI, Dr. Matulonis is working to develop new therapeutic agents for the treatment of ovarian cancer, to decipher the differences between premenopausal and postmenopausal ovarian cancer and to better understand how patients with ovarian cancer make medical decisions. She is also pursuing efforts to determine a proteomic or protein profile of patients with newly diagnosed ovarian cancer in order to try to predict prognosis, to make rational decisions about adding other more "targeted" treatments to chemotherapy, and to determine why ovarian cancer is very sensitive initially to the drug Cisplatin. Dr. Matulonis is currently collaborating in the testing of a new type of drug, PARP inhibitors, against recurrent ovarian cancer.

Dr. Matulonis started the tissue and clinical information bank, runs the clinical trials program in gynecologic cancers, and is the principal investigator of several clinical trials at DFCI. Additionally, Dr. Matulonis is an Assistant Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School.