

Curriculum Vitae



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Major Scientific Expertise

I am a Palliative Care specialist with a research interested in furthering palliative care education and research in Africa. I am investigating end-of-life and palliative needs of cancer patients in Soweto, Johannesburg and their physical, psychosocial and spiritual pain experience. I am undertaking a PhD to develop and test an intervention to improve informed decision-making for oncology patients in South Africa and my most recent research interests are on optimizing patient-centered care in resource-constrained settings

Employment history

- since 2011 Research Director NCD Research Division, University of Witwatersrand
- 2000-2011 Head of Clinical Research, University of Witwatersrand
- 1994- 1999 Director STAAR Surgical South Africa
- 1984-1989 Lecturer, University of Witwatersrand, South Africa

Qualifications

- 2013 Higher Certificate Diploma -Palliative Care Leadership Development
- 2009 MPhil (Palliative Medicine), University of Cape Town, South Africa
- 2006 Management Development Programme, University of South Africa
- 2004 Palliative Medicine Diploma, University of Cape Town, South Africa
- 1990 BSc – Physiology, Microbiology, University of South Africa
- 1998 MBBCh –University of Witwatersrand, South Africa
- 1983 PhD, University of Witwatersrand, South Africa (Medical Biochemistry)
- 1977 BSc (Hons), University of Witwatersrand, South Africa (Biochemistry)
- 1976 BSc, University of Witwatersrand, (Chemistry, Biochemistry)

Scientific Activities, Achievements and Awards

- 2021 Board member of the Soweto Comprehensive Cancer Centre
- 2006-2010 Member of the team that developed the South African National Clinical Trials Register

Research Grants

- 2020–2025: Novel predictors of survival among breast cancer patients with/without HIV in South Africa
R01CA250012 (Joffe, Ruff, Neugut, El-Sadhr), Role: **Co-Investigator**
- 2020–2021: Global Oncology Innovation Grant
Validation of a Clinical Tool for Direct-Patient Reporting of Cancer- and Chemotherapy-Related Symptoms in a South African Population, Role: **Sub-PI**
- 2017–2019: HIV and age effects on total pain experience among cancer patients from Soweto following a short-term palliative care intervention
3P30CA013696-42S4 (Abate-Sen), Role: **Subaward PI**
- 2015 – 2017: Palliative Care and end of life issues among cancer patients in Soweto, South Africa
3P30CA013696-4154 (Emerson), 1(GG010416-62), NCI, Role: **Co-Investigator**

Further relevant information

- Our oncology research group collaborates with African, European and US academics

Publications

1. **Blanchard CL**, Mmoledi K, Antoni MH, Demetriou G, Joffe M, Lopes G, Ruff P, O’Neil DS. Validating an Instrument for Direct Patient Reporting of Distress and Chemotherapy-Related Toxicity among South African Cancer Patients. 2022. *Cancers* 14, 95. Doi 10.3390/cancers14010095
2. Radbruch L, De Lima L, Knaul F, Wenk R, Ali Z, Bhatnaghan S, **Blanchard C et al.** Redefining Palliative Care—A New Consensus-Based Definition. 2021 *J Pain and Symptom Man* 60(4): 754-6
3. **Blanchard CL** et al. A prospective cohort study of factors associated with place of death among patients with late-stage cancer in Southern Africa. *J Pain Symptom Manage* 57(5): 923-932, 2019
4. P. Ruff, S. Al-Sukhun, **C. Blanchard**, and L.N. Shulman Access to Cancer Therapeutics in Low- and Middle-Income Countries: Cultural and Regulatory Barriers to Treating Cancer Pain. 2016 ASCO EDUCATIONAL BOOK | asco.org/edbook
5. Cancer Therapy in Developing Countries. The role of palliative care. R.A. Powell, **C.L. Blanchard**, L. de Lima, S.R. Connor, M.R. Rajagopal. Chapter in: *Palliative Care in Oncology*. B. Alt-Epping, F Nauck (Editors). Springer Verlag. Berlin. 2015. Pages 247 – 269