



Physician

Specialties:

Hematology
Medical Oncology

Board Certifications:

Medical Oncology
Hematology
Internal Medicine

**Texas Oncology-Austin
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General Summary

Dr. Debra Patt is a practicing oncologist and breast cancer specialist in Austin, Texas, and an executive vice president of Texas Oncology with responsibilities in healthcare policy and strategic initiatives. She is an active leader in breast cancer research, serves on the US Oncology Research breast cancer committee, and chairs the breast cancer subsection of the pathways task force for The US Oncology Network as well as the leader locally for breast cancer research. She has expertise in healthcare policy and has testified before Congress to protect access to care for Medicare beneficiaries. She is a leader in clinical cancer informatics, and is involved in system innovations to enhance care delivery across a national network of oncology practices. She is the Editor In Chief of the Journal of Clinical Oncology-Clinical Cancer Informatics. Her clinical informatics research focuses in imaging informatics for breast cancer, clinical decision support systems, predictive analytics to reduce risk in patients with advanced cancer, and quality improvement.

She led healthcare informatics for The US Oncology Network from 2008-2015 and continues to lead analytics as a medical director for McKesson Specialty Health. In addition to a substantial background in informatics and health economics and outcomes research, she directs public policy for Texas Oncology. Nationally, she is the past-chair of ASCO's clinical practice committee and serves on ASCO's nominating committee for the ASCO Board and the Conquer Cancer Foundation as well as the health IT work group, EHR, technology, and data requirements workgroup, and guidelines committees.

Dr. Patt serves on the national board for the Community Oncology Alliance and local board of The Shivers Cancer Foundation. She serves as incoming chair on the Texas Medical Association's Council on Legislation and frequently speaks on healthcare policy at the state and federal level. She is a past chair for the Texas Medical Association's committee on cancer and has served on the council on science and public health. She is a former board member of Komen Austin and the breast cancer resource center. Dr. Patt is a nationally recognized leader in cancer research, has published many articles, and leads the service line for breast health services for the Dell Medical School. Dr. Patt is the president-elect for the Texas Society of Clinical Oncology.

Education

Accolades & Memberships

- Completed the ASCO Leadership Development Program
- Young Physician of the Year Award in Travis County
- ASCO Young Investigator's Award
- Fellow of the Year at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in Research for her excellence in breast cancer research
- Jesse H. Jones Fellowship in Cancer Education at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

Publications

- **Magnetization Transfer MRI of Breast Cancer in the Community Setting: Reproducibility and Preliminary Results in Neoadjuvant Therapy.**
Tomography, 2019
- **Understanding Utilization Management Policy: How to Manage This Increasingly Complex Environment in Collaboration and With Better Data.**
American Society of Clinical Oncology Educational Book, 2018
- **Recent study on site of care has severe limitations.**
American Journal of Managed Care, 2018
- **Clinical Challenges and Opportunities With Current Electronic Health Records: Practicing Oncologists' Perspective.**
Journal of Oncology Practice, 2018
- **Cancer Informatics in 2017: A New Beginning and a Bright Future.**
Yearbook of Medical Informatics, 2018

- **PhD in Health Economics and Health Services Research**
In Progress
- **Master of Business Administration**
The University of Texas, Austin, TX
- **Fellowship in Hematology and Medical Oncology**
The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX
- **Masters of Public Health with a focus on cancer health policy**
The University of Texas Health Science Center's School of Public Health, Houston, TX
- **Cancer Prevention Program**
National Cancer Institute, Rockville, MD
- **Residency in Internal Medicine and Pediatrics**
Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX
- **Medical Degree**
Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX
- **Bachelor of Science in Zoology, graduated with special honors**
The University of Texas, Austin, TX

Other Information

Dr. Patt is married to Hanoch Patt, M.D., a pediatric cardiologist in Austin. They have three children.



Dr. Patt testifying before Congress to protect cancer care for Medicare beneficiaries.