



Charles Drescher

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Education:

- University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (M.D.)
- University of Michigan Medical Center, Ann Arbor (fellow, gynecologic oncology)
- University of Michigan Medical School, Ann Arbor (residency, obstetrics and gynecology)
- University of Washington School of Medicine (flexible internship)

Past positions

- Instructor, Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of Michigan Medical Center, Ann Arbor
- Member, National Cancer Institute Gynecological Cancer Steering Committee

Charles Drescher, M.D., will lead the Initiative for Cancer Prevention and Early Detection at the Paul G. Allen Research Center at Swedish Cancer Institute. Dr. Drescher's more than two decades of expertise in cancer research and patient care, including his current role as our director of Gynecologic Cancer Research, make him the ideal choice to guide this work in the vanguard of early cancer detection and prevention.

Since the start of his career, Dr. Drescher has focused on the prevention and early detection of cancer in the female reproductive system. His commitment to eradicating cancer is driven by vision, expertise and compassion.

Dr. Drescher's path to gynecological oncology began at the University of Michigan, where he trained in obstetrics and encountered patients struggling with serious gynecological cancers. "The diagnosis of cancer is such a frightening and life-changing event," he says.

Of particular interest to Dr. Drescher is ovarian cancer, so deadly because it often presents without symptoms and at an advanced stage. He played a significant role in the discovery and validation of the ovarian cancer biomarker HE4, a molecule in the blood that can be a sign of disease. Today, tests involving HE4 are used to help determine a patient's risk for ovarian malignancies and the course of their preoperative care.

Dr. Drescher joined Swedish in 2015. He also presently serves as an affiliate professor at Fred Hutch; as a clinical professor at the University of Washington; on the board of directors of the Rivkin Center; as co-leader of the Canary Foundation Ovarian Cancer Scientific Advisory Board; and as principal investigator of the Pacific Cancer Research Consortium, a National Cancer Institute Community Oncology Research Program (NCORP) site.

Dr. Drescher lives in Seattle with his wife and their numerous pets. Their only son is currently in residency training on the East Coast. And in his free time, Dr. Drescher is an avid runner, skier and sailor.



