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Bio

BIO

Dr. Nicholas Trakul is a radiation oncologist with Stanford Medicine Cancer Center and clinical associate professor of Radiation Oncology-Radiation Therapy with Stanford School of Medicine. Dr. Trakul serves as Medical Director for Stanford Medicine Radiation Oncology in Pleasanton and for the Stanford Medicine I Sutter Health Cancer Collaborative in Castro Valley.

Dr. Trakul completed residency training at Stanford in 2013 and then joined the faculty at the University of Southern California, where he specialized in head and neck and central nervous system malignancies, with an emphasis on stereotactic radiosurgery (SRS) and stereotactic ablative radiotherapy (SABR/SBRT). He is widely published as first author in peer-reviewed journals. His research focus involves the creation of novel clinical databases as well as outcomes in the treatment of head and neck, gastrointestinal and thoracic malignancies. In 2017, Dr. Trakul returned to Stanford Medicine, becoming the Medical Director of Stanford Medicine Radiation Oncology in Pleasanton. In 2020, he was named Medical Director of Stanford Radiation Oncology Network Sites. Dr. Trakul served as medical directorship of Eden Radiation Oncology Center from 2022 to 2023, the first site to become operation under the Stanford/Sutter Cancer Collaborative. In 2024, he was named Vice Chair and Director of the Radiation Oncology Network. In November of 2024, Dr. Trakul was named Medical Director of Alta Bates Herrick Radiation Oncology. He is focused on providing access to high quality radiation therapy, collaboration with community health care systems and creating/maintaining productive and high engagement workplace culture. He believes in providing personalized, high-quality care, and bringing new technology to the East Bay, allowing patients to access cancer care while staying connected to their communities and support networks.

CLINICAL FOCUS

- Radiation Oncology

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Clinical Professor, Radiation Oncology - Radiation Therapy

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Associate Chair: Director of Radiation Oncology Network, Stanford Radiation Oncology, (2022- present)

- Medical Director, Eden Radiation Oncology Center, (2022- present)
- Medical Director, Stanford Radiation Oncology Pleasanton, (2017- present)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Academic Achievement Award, Wayne State University (2008)
- Edwin H. Lorentzen Scholarship, Wayne State University School of Medicine, Detroit MI (2005)
- Elected to Alpha Omega Honor Society, Wayne State University School of Medicine (2006)
- Gordon B. Myers Award, Wayne State University, Department of Internal Medicine (2008)
- Introduction to Academic Radiology Program at the Annual RSNA Meeting, Travel Award: RSNA/AUR/ARRS (2010)
- James A Orbison, MD Award, Intern of the Year, University of Hawaii (2009)
- Malcolm Bagshaw Award, Stanford University, Department of Radiation Oncology (2013)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Residency: Stanford University Dept of Radiation Oncology (2013) CA
- Board Certification: Radiation Oncology, American Board of Radiology (2014)
- Internship: University of Hawaii Internal Medicine Residency Program (2009) HI
- Medical Education: Wayne State University School of Medicine (2008) MI

LINKS

- Get a Second Opinion: <https://stanfordhealthcare.org/second-opinion/overview.html>

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

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- **Colorectal Histology Is Associated With an Increased Risk of Local Failure in Lung Metastases Treated With Stereotactic Ablative Radiation Therapy** *INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF RADIATION ONCOLOGY BIOLOGY PHYSICS*
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2015; 92 (5): 1044-1052
- **Stereotactic ablative radiotherapy (SABR) for treatment of central and ultra-central lung tumors** *LUNG CANCER*
Chaudhuri, A. A., Tang, C., Binkley, M. S., Jin, M., Wynne, J. F., von Eyben, R., Hara, W. Y., Trakul, N., Loo, B. W., Diehn, M.
2015; 89 (1): 50-56
- **Lung Volume Reduction After Stereotactic Ablative Radiation Therapy of Lung Tumors: Potential Application to Emphysema** *INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF RADIATION ONCOLOGY BIOLOGY PHYSICS*
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2014; 4 (4): 272-278
- **Stereotactic Body Radiotherapy in the Treatment of Pancreatic Cancer** *SEMINARS IN RADIATION ONCOLOGY*
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- **Stereotactic body radiotherapy in the treatment of pancreatic cancer.** *Seminars in radiation oncology*
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