

Biographical information:

Dr. Brenda Weigel is a Pediatric Hematologist/Oncologist at the University of Minnesota Amplatz Children's Hospital. Dr. Weigel received her medical degree from McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario. She came to the University of Minnesota in 1996 to do her fellowship. During her fellowship, Dr. Weigel worked in the lab of Dr. Bruce Blazar and developed a mouse model in which to study a rare cancer called rhabdomyosarcoma.

Dr. Weigel is currently the Director of the Division of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology. She is an associate professor cross-appointed at the University of Minnesota's Cancer Center and the Department of Pediatrics, and the recipient of the Lehman/Children's Cancer Research Fund Endowed Chair in Pediatric Cancer. She is also the Co-Director of the Sarcoma Program for the Masonic Cancer Center, and an Associate Director of the Cancer Experimental Therapeutics Initiative for the Masonic Cancer Center.

Dr. Weigel's translational research interests are centered in her extensive involvement with the Children's Oncology Group (COG). She serves as Co-Chair of the Developmental Therapeutics Committee of the COG leading the development of new therapies for children with cancer nationally. Her major interests are sarcoma (tumors of bone and muscle) and advancing new therapies, particularly therapies that harness the immune system's role in fighting cancer.

