

Dr. Wortá McCaskill-Stevens

Brief Biographical Sketch

Dr. Wortá McCaskill-Stevens is a medical oncologist and Chief of the Community Clinical Oncology Program and program director for the Minority-Based Community Clinical Oncology Program at the National Cancer Institute's Division of Cancer Prevention. After attending Washington University in St. Louis and the American College of Switzerland as an undergraduate, she completed medical school and an internal medicine residency at Georgetown University Medical School followed by a medical oncology fellowship at the Mayo Clinic (Rochester, MN). In 1991, she joined the faculty of Indiana University Cancer Center as Co-Director of the Breast Care and Research Center at Indiana University's Cancer Center.

After arriving at the NCI in 1998, she became the program director for the "The Study of Tamoxifen and Raloxifene (STAR)," and assumed responsibilities for breast cancer prevention with the Community Oncology and Prevention Trials Research Group. She chaired the September 2009 NIH State-of-the-Science Conference on DCIS and is a member of the Early Breast Cancer Clinical Trialist Group (Oxford, UK); the NCI Premalignancy Research Program Steering Committee which oversees the Breast Cancer Research Stamp Funds; and the NCI Breast Cancer Steering Committee. She is currently the chair of the Women in Cancer Research Council of the American Association of Cancer Research. She has served on the NCCCP Advisory Committee since 2007. Her honors and awards include: Sarah Stewart Award for Leadership in Medicine, 1985; Kaiser Family Fund Award for Excellence in Academic Achievement and Leadership in Medicine; a member of the Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society; the NIH Director's Award for Clinical Trials in the NCI Community Cancer Centers Program; and, the NCI Merit Award for breast cancer prevention.

Prior to medical school, Dr. McCaskill-Stevens was a medical editor for Marcel Dekker and the Alan Guttmacher Institute in New York City.