

Rita S. Mahaffey, RN, BSN, OCN



Rita Mahaffey, an oncology certified nurse, serves as breast care coordinator for The Breast Care Center at M. D. Anderson – Orlando. Since 1997 she has coordinated care for women facing breast health issues. Additionally, she is clinical coordinator in the Medical Education Department at Orlando Regional Medical Center.

Rita graduated from Wyoming County School of Nursing and earned a bachelor’s in nursing from Florida Southern College. With more than 40 years of nursing experience, she speaks often to community and social groups about women’s health topics. She has published several articles, including a protocol on the symptoms of menopause in the book *Telephone Triage for Oncology Nurses* from the Oncology Nursing Society.

She is a member of the National Consortium of Breast Centers, Inc. and the Oncology Nursing Society.

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Danelle K. Chambers, MD, FACS



Dr. Chambers serves as leader of surgical oncology for the Melanoma/Sarcoma Specialty Section and is a member of the Gastrointestinal and Breast Cancer Specialty Sections at M. D. Anderson Cancer Center Orlando.

Dr. Chambers served as chief surgical resident at Orlando Regional Medical Center, where she completed an internship and residency in general surgery. She earned a medical degree from the

University of Florida.

Board certified in general surgery by the American Board of Surgery, Dr. Chambers is a diplomate on the National Board of Medical Examiners. Additionally, she serves on the TransLife Organ Recovery Team.

Dr. Chambers is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and a member of the Florida Surgical Society. Well known in the academic community, she has taught medical courses throughout the United States and England.

Marc L. Demers, MD, FACS



Dr. Demers serves as leader of surgical oncology for the Gastrointestinal Cancer Specialty Section and is a member of the Melanoma/Sarcoma and Breast Cancer Specialty Sections at M. D. Anderson – Orlando.

Dr. Demers completed a fellowship in surgical oncology at The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. He fulfilled a residency in general surgery at Maine Medical Center in Portland, Maine, and earned his medical degree from Boston

University. He is board certified in general surgery by the American Board of Surgery.

Dr. Demers has made numerous presentations at annual meetings and symposiums. He has been published in journals including the *Journal of Surgical Oncology* and the *Journal of the Society of Laparoendoscopic Surgeons*. In 1999, he received the surgical resident teaching award from Orlando Regional Medical Center.

Dr. Demers is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and a member of the Society of Surgical Oncology and the Massachusetts Medical Society. He sits on the Florida Surgical Society’s board of directors.

Michael Kahky, MD, FACS



Dr. Kahky is the chief of surgical oncology at M. D. Anderson – Orlando. He is a member of the Breast, Gastrointestinal and Melanoma/Sarcoma Cancer Specialty Sections.

Board certified in general surgery, Dr. Kahky completed a surgical oncology fellowship at The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. He fulfilled a surgical residency at State University of New York (SUNY) – Downstate Medical Center, where he

also earned his medical degree.

Dr. Kahky served as a junior faculty associate at M. D. Anderson, assistant instructor at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and a clinical assistant instructor at SUNY-Downstate Medical Center.

He is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, and a member of the Society of Surgical Oncology and the Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract.

Dr. Kahky has published numerous articles on the role of liver immunology on cancers of the gastrointestinal tract, as well as articles on Paget’s disease of the breast, melanoma and thyroid surgery.

Alberto F. Padron, MD



Dr. Padron, whose specialty is advanced laparoscopic surgery, is a member of the Melanoma/Sarcoma, Breast and Gastrointestinal Cancer Specialty Sections at M. D. Anderson – Orlando.

Dr. Padron completed residencies in emergency medicine at Richland Memorial Hospital at the University of South Carolina, and in general surgery at Shands Hospital at the University of Florida and Orlando Regional Medical Center. He received a

medical degree from the University of Florida.

Fluent in English and Spanish, Dr. Padron is board certified in general surgery by the American Board of Surgery. He holds board certification in advanced trauma life support.

Dr. Padron’s research interests include metastatic colorectal cancer and laparoscopic ventral hernioplasty.

Jeffery R. Smith, MD, FACS



Dr. Smith is a member of the Melanoma/Sarcoma, Gastrointestinal and Breast Cancer Specialty Sections at M. D. Anderson – Orlando. Additionally, he is on faculty as an assistant clinical professor at Florida State University.

Dr. Smith was chief surgical resident at Orlando Regional Medical Center, where he completed an internship in general surgery. He earned a medical degree from the University of Florida.

Board certified in general surgery by the American Board of Surgery, Dr. Smith is a diplomate of the National Board of Medical Examiners. Also, he serves on the board of directors for the Central Florida Chapter of the American Cancer Society.

A fellow of the American College of Surgeons, Dr. Smith has made multiple presentations and has been published in several journals, including the *American Journal of Surgery*.