

SAA-ST. LOUIS IMPACT REPORT



SWIM ACROSS AMERICA
2024 GRANT
\$250,000

OUR LOCAL BENEFICIARY

 **SITEMAN**
CANCER CENTER
SUPPORTED SINCE 2016

SAA-ST. LOUIS
HAS RAISED OVER
\$1.6 MILLION
TO FIGHT CANCER
SINCE 2016

RESEARCH EMPHASIS



PROSTATE
CANCER



BREAST
CANCER



PANCREATIC
CANCER



BLOOD
CANCERS



LYMPHOMA

GRANT RECIPIENTS



Melissa Reimers, MD

PROJECT GOAL:

To evaluate the safety and efficacy of therapies in reducing tumor burden in high-risk localized prostate cancer patients before radical prostatectomy.



Nusayba A. Bagegni, MD

PROJECT GOAL:

Phase II study to further research prospective trials for breast cancer patients to validate the clinical utility of PAM50 subtyping and personalized treatment selection in ER+/HER2-BC, particularly for Black patients.



Neha Mehta-Shah, MD

PROJECT GOAL:

Phase I Study for patients with Cutaneous T-cell lymphomas (CTCL) to understand the mechanisms of response and resistance to EZH2 Inhibitor CPI-0209 (Tulmimetostat) and provide insight into future combined therapies.



Imran Zoberi, MD

PROJECT GOAL:

To reduce the number of required post-lumpectomy radiation treatments for breast cancer patients by determining whether just one treatment of Accelerated Partial Breast Irradiation is as safe and effective as the five-treatment standard of care.



Mark Schroeder, MD

PROJECT GOAL:

To explore whether blood cancer patients who receive blood or marrow transplants experience less Graft versus Host Disease when given baricitinib.

RESEARCH MILESTONE! Dr. David DeNardo received philanthropic funding from Swim Across America - St. Louis in 2020. The project goal was to test whether a novel combination therapy in PDAC patients will prime the patient's immune system to attack cancer cells and drive tumor protective immunity during and after pancreas cancer surgery.

Early findings from Dr. DeNardo's Swim Across America study were promising and positioned him to expand his research with a \$2.8 million grant from the National Cancer Institute at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). **Click to read about Dr. DeNardo's NIH grant.**

"Without the funding from Swim Across America, the NIH grant simply would not have happened," Dr. DeNardo said. "Reviewers of the NIH grant directly commented that the progress on this SAA trial was a strength in our application."



500+
PARTICIPANTS



100+
VOLUNTEERS



THOUSANDS
OF GENEROUS
DONATIONS



30+
TEAMS



10
OLYMPIAN
GUESTS



COUNTLESS
LIVES SAVED THANKS TO
SWIM ACROSS AMERICA