

# SAA-ST. LOUIS IMPACT REPORT



SWIM ACROSS AMERICA  
2023 GRANT  
**\$250,000**

OUR LOCAL BENEFICIARY  
**SITEMAN**  
CANCER CENTER  
SUPPORTED SINCE 2016

SAA-ST. LOUIS  
HAS RAISED OVER  
**\$1.3 MILLION**  
TO FIGHT CANCER  
SINCE 2016

## RESEARCH EMPHASIS



BREAST  
CANCER



PANCREATIC  
CANCER



BLOOD  
CANCERS



LYMPHOMA

## GRANT RECIPIENTS



**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.



**David DeNardo, MD**

**PROJECT GOAL:**

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.



**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.



**Nusayba A. Bagegni, MD**

**PROJECT GOAL:**

Phase II study to further research and prospective trials in 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.

**RESEARCH MILESTONE!** 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).

"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