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“Challenges in Post-Treatment Surveillance for Early Stage Lung Cancer”

Dr. Leah Backhus trained in general surgery at the University of Southern California and cardiothoracic surgery at the University of California Los Angeles. She practices at Stanford Hospital and is Chief of Thoracic Surgery at the VA Palo Alto. Her surgical practice consists of general thoracic surgery with special emphasis on thoracic oncology and minimally invasive surgical techniques. She heads up the Thoracic Surgical Health Services Research group in the Division of Thoracic Surgery, and has grant funding through the Veterans Affairs Administration with a VA Merit Award and is Co-PI on an RO1 translational study examining diaphragm dysfunction among esophagectomy patients. She serves as an ad hoc reviewer for NIH Study Section on Image Guided Interventions and Surgery (IGIS). Her current research interests are in cancer surveillance and survivorship care in evaluating needs, quality of life, adherence to national standards of care. She is a member of the National Lung Cancer Roundtable of the American Cancer Society serving as Chair of the Task Group on Lung Cancer in Women. She also has served as a professional member of the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) Advisory Panel on Improving Healthcare Systems. As an educator, Dr. Backhus is the Associate Program Director for the Thoracic Track Residency and serves as the Chair of the ACGME Review Committee for Thoracic Surgery which is the accrediting body for all cardiothoracic surgery training programs in the US.

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