

## The Founders Lecture 2019 Keynote Speaker

### Monica M. Bertagnolli, MD

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I am pleased to announce that Dr. Monica M. Bertagnolli will give the Founders Lecture on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for Clinical Trials. Each year, the Founders Lecture is given by a prominent clinical investigator.

Dr. Bertagnolli is the Richard E. Wilson Professor of Surgery in the Field of Surgical Oncology at Harvard Medical School, and a member of the Gastrointestinal Cancer and Sarcoma Disease Centers at Dana-Farber/Brigham & Women's Cancer Center, where she collaborates with colleagues in medical oncology, radiation oncology, and pathology to treat cancer patients in a tertiary care setting.

Dr. Bertagnolli graduated from Princeton University, and attended medical school at the University of Utah. She trained in surgery at Brigham and Women's Hospital and was a research fellow at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute (DF/BWCC). Dr. Bertagnolli has a background in laboratory work focusing upon understanding the role of the inflammatory response in epithelial tumor formation. From 1994-2011, she led gastrointestinal correlative science initiatives within the National Cancer Institute (NCI)-funded Cancer Cooperative Groups, where she facilitated integration of tumor-specific molecular markers of treatment outcome into nation-wide clinical cancer treatment protocols. From 2007-2018, Dr. Bertagnolli served as the Chief of the Division of Surgical Oncology at DF/BWCC. Dr. Bertagnolli has also had numerous leadership roles in multi-institutional cancer clinical research consortia, and currently serves as the Group Chair of the Alliance for Clinical Trials in Oncology, a nation-wide NCI-funded clinical trials group. She is also the Chief Executive Officer of Alliance Foundation Trials, LLC, a not-for-profit corporation that conducts international cancer clinical trials. In addition, Dr. Bertagnolli is the 2018-2019 President of the American Society of Clinical Oncology, a 45,000 member organization serving the needs of physicians and other clinicians who care for patients with cancer.