Congratulating National Pancreas Foundation Rising Star Award

Katharine Germansky, MD



Katharine Germansky, MD, faculty in the **Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition,** has been recognized by the **National Pancreas Foundation** with the **2026 Rising Star Award**. She received it in honor of her exceptional promise, innovation, and compassion in her work to advance the understanding and management of pancreatic diseases. Dr. Germansky is the inaugural Director of the GI Cancer Genetics and Prevention Program at BIDMC and an attending gastroenterologist specializing in the care of patients and families at elevated risk for gastrointestinal malignancies.Over the past decade, she has led the program through exponential growth. As the program merges with Dana-Farber Cancer Institute this fall, Dr. Germansky will further expand her impact.

Dr. Germansky's clinical expertise and research interests are closely intertwined, enabling her to provide patients with cutting-edge care. Her research focuses on gastrointestinal cancer prevention among individuals at increased risk for cancer, as well as in the general population. She leads and participates in clinical trials investigating novel screening strategies for GI cancers, as well as studies aimed at optimizing quality and performance in early detection of these cancers. She has led a clinical trial evaluating a machine-learning algorithm designed to predict pancreatic cancer in the general population and has contributed to multiple studies investigating biomarkers and novel imaging techniques for the early detection of GI cancers in high-risk populations.

Dr. Germansky has contributed to national educational efforts in GI cancer genetics. She has served on the National Cancer Institute's Physician Data Query Cancer Genetics Editorial Board, including the colorectal and pancreatic cancer working group, as well as on the Education Committee of the Collaborative Group of the Americas on Inherited Gastrointestinal Cancer. Locally, she teaches medical students at Harvard Medical School and GI fellows at BIDMC.