

PROMOTION RECOMMENDATION
THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
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DEPARTMENT OF EPIDEMIOLOGY

Lauren P. Wallner, PhD., assistant professor of internal medicine, Department of Internal Medicine, Medical School, and assistant professor of epidemiology, Department of Epidemiology, School of Public Health, is recommended for promotion to associate professor of internal medicine, with tenure, Department of Internal Medicine, Medical School, and associate professor of epidemiology, without tenure, Department of Epidemiology, School of Public Health.

Academic Degrees:

Ph.D.	2010	Epidemiology, University of Michigan
M.P.H.	2005	University of Michigan
B.S.	2003	University of Michigan

Professional Record:

2015-present	Assistant Professor of Epidemiology, University of Michigan
2014-present	Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine, University of Michigan
2014-present	Adjunct Investigator of Research and Evaluation, Kaiser Permanente

Summary of Evaluation:

Teaching: Dr. Wallner has an impressive teaching record. She has been involved with teaching and mentoring of undergraduate, graduate, medical students and junior faculty across multiple disciplines. She mentors 12 pre-doctoral and post-doctoral trainees, one faculty member, one clinical fellow and served on three dissertation committees in the Schools of Nursing and Public Health. She has taught and facilitated several academic courses and workshops through both the Schools of Medicine and Public Health. Dr. Wallner has been involved in peer educational activities, including continuing medical education for primary care physicians and the development and teaching of a career development workshop for junior faculty in the Institute of Health Care Policy and Innovation. She is also known nationally from her mentoring on the ECOG-AACRIN (National Cancer Institute) Cancer Care Delivery Research Committee and two recent visiting professorships.

Research: Dr. Wallner's research interests include cancer care delivery research, including survivorship and related quality of care and coordination issues; cancer epidemiology and health services research, including screening, detection; and outcomes and evaluation and implementation of health technology interventions. She has published more than 55 peer-reviewed articles in general medicine journals including *JAMA*, as well as cancer focused journals such as *Journal of Clinical Oncology*, *Urology* and *Cancer Epidemiology and Biomarkers*. Dr. Wallner is the principal investigator of an NIH K07 grant, and an American Cancer Society grant. She is a co-investigator of two NIH R01 grants, and an NIH P30 grant.

Recent and Significant Publications:

Wallner LP, Reyes-Gastelum D, Hamilton AS, Ward KC, Hawley ST, Haymart MR: Patient perceived lack of choice in receipt of radioactive iodine for treatment of differentiated thyroid cancer. *J Clin Oncol*. 2019. (In Press)

Radhakrishnan A, Li Y, Furgal AK, Hamilton AS, Ward KC, Jagsi R, Katz SJ, Hawley ST, Wallner LP. Provider involvement in care during initial cancer treatment and patient preferences for provider roles. *J Oncol Pract*. Apr; 15(4): e328-e337. 2019.

Wallner LP, Li Y, Furgal AK, Friese CR, Hamilton AS, Ward KC, Jagsi R, Katz SJ, Hawley ST. Patient Preferences for Primary Care Provider Roles in Breast Cancer Survivorship Care. *J Clin Oncol*. 35(25): 2942-2948. 2017.

Wallner LP, Abrahamse P, Martinez KA, Li Y, Janz NK, Katz SJ, Hawley ST. Use of Online Communication by Newly Diagnosed Breast Cancer Patients During the Treatment Decision Process. *JAMA Oncol*. 2(12): 1654-1656. 2016.

Wallner LP, Abrahamse P, Friese CR, Hamilton A, Ward K, Katz SJ, Hawley ST. The involvement of primary care physicians in decision-making and care of patients with breast cancer. *J Clin Oncol*. 34(33): 3969-3975. 2016.

Service: Dr. Wallner serves as a reviewer for leading medical journals, including as an ad hoc reviewer for 25 journals, including *Annals of Epidemiology*, *JAMA Internal Medicine*, and the *Journal of General Internal Medicine*. In addition to being a peer-reviewer for these journals, she has also served on multiple national committees, including the Society for Epidemiologic Research, the American College of Epidemiology and as an associate member of the American Association of Cancer Research. She is the co-chair of the Michigan Cancer Consortium Prostate Cancer Action Committee. Institutionally, Dr. Wallner has been a member of the Early Career Faculty Advisory Council for the Institute for Healthcare Policy and Innovation, a member of three Comprehensive Cancer Center Committees, and the Institute for Healthcare Policy and Innovation Education and Training Workgroup.

External Reviewers:

Reviewer A: “She has successfully transitioned from her NIH K07 award (2016-2020) to an R01 equivalent from the American Cancer Society (2019-2022). She has previously held small institutional and industry pilot grants, and has consistently participated in collaborative research as Co-I on several R and P level awards. Her record demonstrates the ability to obtain funding from external peer-review sources, and the fundability of her research program.”

Reviewer B: “As evidenced by her publications, she has provided important epidemiological perspectives to the team’s work. Her contributions are particularly evident in the areas of prostate cancer care quality, patient information-seeking behaviors, and care coordination.”

Reviewer C: “I am quite impressed by Dr. Wallner’s scholarly work. She has been a major contributor to the understanding of the role of various clinicians (including primary care physician, PCPs) in caring for patients with cancer, both soon after diagnosis and in the survivorship period.

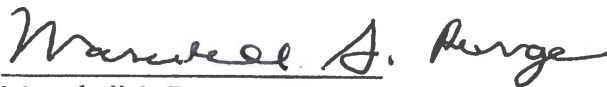
This is particularly important at present with the aging of the U.S. population leading to increasing numbers of cancer patients and cancer survivors as well as the limited oncology workforce, which will be unlikely to adequate care for these patients.”

Reviewer D: “Dr. Wallner has a strong record of scholarship and an emerging national reputation in population and health services research, particularly on issues related to primary/specialty care coordination for cancer patients. She has received both a K07 and a prestigious ACS grant (which would be considered an R01 equivalent at our institution) to study disparities in delivery of breast cancer care.”

Reviewer E: “...I was aware of and followed her research, given the valuable contributions her studies make to the field of cancer care quality. In particular, Dr. Wallner’s research has substantially improved our understanding of the coordination of care for cancer survivors and how the different providers involved affect care receipt. The importance of this research is demonstrated by her successful track record of obtaining competitive, peer-reviewed funding. For example, she is principal investigator on a K07 from the National Institutes of Health, which she will be completing next year, and a new grant from the American Cancer Society. Her expertise in treatment decision-making is also valued by her colleagues, as shown by the support she is receiving from colleagues’ R01 grants.”

Summary of Recommendations:

Dr. Wallner is a well-respected scientist and has established a national reputation for cancer care delivery research. Her work has focused on decision-making and communication by providers and patients towards defining optimal models for care coordination, particularly for cancer survivors. I am pleased, therefore, to recommend Lauren P. Wallner, Ph.D. for promotion to professor of internal medicine, with tenure, Department of Internal Medicine, Medical School, and professor of epidemiology, without tenure, Department of Epidemiology, School of Public Health.



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