



Gwen Lomberk, Ph.D.

The Joel and Arlene Lee Chair for
Pancreatic Cancer Research

The LaBahn Pancreatic Cancer Program
and the Department of Surgery

Medical College of Wisconsin

Dr. Gwen Lomberk was recruited to the MCW faculty in 2017 as Chief of the Division of Research in the Department of Surgery. Gwen is a graduate of Boston College, following which she received her Ph.D. in Cancer Biology from the Mayo Graduate School. She completed her postdoctoral Fellowship also at Mayo and joined their faculty in 2007.

Her laboratory has been focused on the epigenomic regulation of pancreatic cancer for which she is nationally known. She has presented the laboratory's work on the epigenomics of pancreatic cancer all over the world, and this specific area of research represents one of the most rapidly developing fields with translational significance for pancreatic cancer diagnosis and treatment. Her laboratory is currently supported by R01s from the NIH, as well as grants from the Greater Milwaukee Foundation and the Advancing a Healthier Wisconsin endowment. Gwen has been appointed to NIH study sections since 2018 and has also served on international review panels for Germany, Spain, France, Switzerland, Portugal and the Netherlands. Dr. Lomberk has authored or co-authored over 80 peer-reviewed manuscripts and 25 book chapters and reviews. She was recently appointed as Leader for the Precision Oncology initiative within the MCW Cancer Center.

This endowed chair is made possible through the generous support of Joel and Arlene Lee. Lifelong residents of Milwaukee, the Lees have supported countless worthy programs throughout our community to include



Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Milwaukee, The Milwaukee Jewish Federation, Milwaukee Ballet, and St. Augustine Preparatory Academy.

In 2017, the Lees received the Warren P. Knowles Humanitarian Award from the Medical College of Wisconsin in recognition of their commitment to education and academic medicine, selfless support of the community, and longstanding generosity. Their energetic support of the Department of Surgery and their passion for Cancer Research in our wonderful city are embodied in their newly created endowed chair.

The Department of Surgery and the Lees are proud to announce Dr. Gwen Lomberk as the inaugural holder of the Joel and Arlene Lee Chair for Pancreatic Cancer Research.

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