



April 4, 2022

Charles D. Blanke, M.D. Chairman, SWOG
Attn: Membership Department
SWOG Operations Office
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RE: Change of SWOG Institutional Principal Investigator for the University of Arizona Cancer Center

Dear Dr. Blanke:

I hereby tender my resignation as SWOG Principal Investigator, effective April 11, 2022, as I will be leaving the University of Arizona Cancer Center in May. I would like to thank you for the trust and the learning opportunities, as I have learned much about the inner administrative workings of the SWOG organization and the Cooperative Group process.

In the continuation of our Institution's long history with SWOG, it is my great pleasure to nominate Rachna T. Shroff, MD, Associate Professor of Medicine, as our new SWOG Principal Investigator, also based at the University of Arizona Cancer Center in Tucson, Arizona. Dr. Shroff has been an active member of SWOG at our institution since 2018 and serves as a member of the SWOG Gastrointestinal Committee, as well as national PI of SWOG S1815.

Dr. Shroff received her medical degree in 2004 from Thomas Jefferson University, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. From 2004-2007 she did an Internship and Residency at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri. Dr. Shroff completed a fellowship in Medical Oncology at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center from 2007-2010. She remained at MD Anderson Cancer Center as Assistant Professor in the Department of Gastrointestinal Medical Oncology from 2010-2017 and as Associate Professor from 2017-2018. Dr. Shroff joined the University of Arizona Cancer Center as Associate Professor of Medicine, Tenure-Track in 2018. She currently serves as the Medical Director of the Clinical Trials Office and of the Arizona Clinical Trials Network (ACTN), Chief of GI Oncology, Interim Division Chief of Hematology/Oncology and Associate Dean, Clinical and Translational Research at the University of Arizona College of Medicine-Tucson. Dr. Shroff is board certified in Internal Medicine and Medical Oncology currently directs our Gastrointestinal Clinical Research Team.

Sincerely yours,

Daniel Persky, MD
Professor of Medicine
SWOG institutional PI