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Dr. Elisabeth Heath is an active scientific member of the Karmanos Cancer Institute (KCI) in Detroit, MI, USA. As Professor of Oncology and Medicine, her research focus is conducting clinical and translational research trials in genitourinary malignancies. Dr. Heath is the Director of Prostate Cancer Research and leads the Prostate Cancer Research Team (PCRT) at KCI. She has been successful in focusing the PCRT to conduct innovative, translational research in prostate cancer as well as fostering team science. Dr. Heath also continues to bring critical attention in the area of health disparity, particularly with regard to the poor accrual of minority patients to prostate cancer clinical trials. As the principal investigator of the Department of Defense grant supporting Karmanos Cancer Institute/Wayne State University involvement in the nationally and internationally recognized Prostate Clinical Trials Cancer Consortium, Dr. Heath has been successful in increasing minority accrual to prostate cancer clinical trials.

She earned her medical degree from Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, PA, USA, completed her internal medicine residency at Georgetown University Hospital, Washington, DC, USA, and completed her medical oncology fellowship at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD, USA. Dr. Heath has also served on the Scientific Program Committee of the Developmental Therapeutics-Molecular Therapeutics Committee of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) and has served as Program Faculty for several annual Genitourinary ASCO as well as the annual ASCO meetings. She also serves on the Editorial Board of the Journal of Clinical Oncology.

Dr. Heath currently serves as the President-Elect for the KCI Medical Executive Committee, serves on the KCI Salary Committee, is a member of the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate at Wayne State University School of Medicine, and serves on the Board of Directors of the Michigan Cancer Consortium. She has been the recipient of the National Cancer Institute Clinical Investigator Team Leadership Award in 2010. Dr. Heath has also been awarded the Wayne State University School of Medicine College Teaching Award in 2007 and 2011 as well as holds the Top Doc designation in Hour Magazine in 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013. Dr. Heath serves as the Faculty Advisor for the Gold Humanism Honor Society and has been the recipient of the Leonard Tow 2009 Humanism in Medicine Award. She is the recipient of the Wayne State University School of Medicine Physician's Golden Heart Award in 2011. Dr. Heath is a dedicated clinician, researcher, and teacher at Wayne State University School of Medicine.