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**EDUCATION:**

<i>B.S.</i> <i>Biology/Biochemistry</i>	Georgetown University, Washington, DC	8/91 - 6/95
<i>M.D.</i>	Georgetown University School of Medicine Washington, DC	6/95 – 6/99
<i>Residency</i> <i>General Surgery</i>	Abington Memorial Hospital Abington, Pennsylvania	6/99 – 6/04
<i>Fellowship</i> <i>Immunotherapy</i>	National Cancer Institute / National Institutes of Health Surgery Branch	7/04 – 06/05
<i>Fellowship</i> <i>Surgical Oncology</i>	National Cancer Institute / National Institutes of Health Surgery Branch	07/05 – 06/07

**CERTIFICATION:**

American Board of Surgery      October 2005, #50555  
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**ACTIVE MEDICAL LICENSURE:**

Pennsylvania: MD517401  
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**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:**

Section Head, Surgical Oncology, Department of General Surgery, Geisinger Medical Center,  
Danville, PA 2009-present

Clinical Assistant Professor of Surgery, Temple University School of Medicine, Philadelphia, PA  
2007-present

Clinical Fellow, Surgery Branch, National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health,  
Bethesda, MD 2004-2007

Administrative Chief Resident, Department of Surgery, Abington Memorial Hospital, Abington,  
PA 2003-2004

**HONORS AND AWARDS:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place, Resident Research Competition, Philadelphia Academy of Surgery, 2001  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Eleanor Widener Dixon Resident Research Competition, 2001

Silver Surgical Scholar Award, Department of Surgery, Abington Memorial Hospital, 2002  
Honorable Mention, Eleanor Widener Dixon Resident Research Competition, 2002  
Rosenfeld Surgical Scholarship, Abington Memorial Hospital, 2003  
Traveling Fellowship, Frederick A. Collier Surgical Society, 2003  
Rosenfeld Surgical Scholarship, Abington Memorial Hospital, 2003  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Eleanor Widener Dixon Resident Research Competition, 2003  
Gold Surgical Scholar Award, Department of Surgery, Abington Memorial Hospital, 2003  
Silver Surgical Scholar Award, Department of Surgery, Abington Memorial Hospital, 2004

**COMMITTEES:**

General Surgical Residency Advisory Committee, 2001-2004  
Medical Education Committee, 2002-2004  
Scientific Review Committee, Geisinger Medical Center, 2007-2009  
Cancer Committee, Geisinger Medical Center, 2008-present  
Tissue Committee, Geisinger Medical Center 2010-present

**ORGANIZATIONS:**

Fellow, American College of Surgeons  
Society of Surgical Oncology  
Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopic Surgeons  
Society of Laparoendoscopic Surgeons  
American Association for Cancer Research

**PRESENTATIONS:**

1. **Blansfield JA**, Sack MJ, Kukora JS: Recent experience with fine needle aspiration biopsy of thyroid nodules at a community hospital, Podium Presentation, Resident Research Competition, Philadelphia Academy of Surgery, February 5, 2001.
2. **Blansfield JA**, Sack MJ, Kukora JS: Recent experience with fine needle aspiration biopsy of thyroid nodules at a community hospital, Podium Presentation, 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Session, Frederick A. Collier Surgical Society, Galena, Illinois, October 5, 2001.
3. **Blansfield JA**, Goldhahn RT Jr, Buinewicz BR: Suspicious findings in reduction mammoplasty specimens: review of 182 consecutive patients. Podium Presentation, 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Session, Frederick A. Collier Surgical Society, Sea Island, Georgia, October 17-20, 2002.
4. **Blansfield JA**, Hughes W: Closed head injuries in burn patients. Podium Presentation, Mid-Atlantic Burn Association, Scranton, PA, November 2, 2002.
5. **Blansfield JA**, Goldhahn RT Jr, Buinewicz BR: Suspicious findings in reduction mammoplasty specimens: review of 182 consecutive patients. Poster Presentation, Resident Research Competition, Philadelphia Academy of Surgery, February 3, 2003.
6. **Blansfield JA**, Clark S, Hofmann MT, Morris JB: Alimentary tract surgery in the nonagenarian: elective versus urgent, Poster Presentation, Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract, Digestive Disease Week, Orlando, FL, May 19, 2003.
7. **Blansfield JA**, Chung H, Sullivan TR, Pezzi CM: Leiomyosarcoma of the major peripheral arteries: case report and review of the literature, Podium Presentation, Eastern Vascular Association, New York, NY, May 1-4, 2003.

8. **Blansfield JA**, Alexander III, HR, Morita S, Libutti SK: Targeting the tumor microenvironment to treat human ocular melanoma in nude mice using the tyrosine kinase inhibitors sunitinib or sorafenib alone or in combination with metronomic cyclophosphamide, Poster Presentation, Society of Surgical Oncology, Washington, DC, March 16, 2007.
9. **Blansfield JA**, Fraker DL, Alexander HR, Libutti SK, Bartlett DL, Soriano P, Liewehr DJ, Bersneva T, Pingpank JF. Analysis of Long-Term Outcome in Patients with In-Transit Malignant Melanoma Enrolled on a Phase III, Random Assignment Trial of Isolated Limb Perfusion with Melphalan +/- TNF, Podium Presentation, Second International Symposium on Regional Cancer Therapies, San Juan, PR, February 24, 2007.
10. **Blansfield JA, Angiogenesis models**, Invited Lecturer, FAES, Bethesda, MD March 2007.
11. **Blansfield JA, Angiogenesis models**, Invited Lecturer, FAES, Bethesda, MD 2006.
12. **Blansfield JA**, Choyke L, Morita SY, Choyke PL, Pingpank JF, Alexander HR, Seidel G, Shutack Y, Yuldasheva N, Eugeni M, Bartlett DL, Glenn GM, Middleton L, Linehan M, Libutti SK. Clinical, genetic and radiographic analysis of 108 patients with von Hippel-Lindau disease (vHL) manifested by pancreatic neuroendocrine tumors (PNETs). Podium Presentation, American Association of Endocrine Surgeons, Tucson, AZ, April 29, 2007.
13. **Blansfield JA**, Libutti SK, Royal RE, Alexander HR, Hughes MS, Steinberg SM, Ohl SE, Beresneva T, Pingpank JF. Cytoreductive Surgery with Continuous Hyperthermic Peritoneal Perfusion with Cisplatin (CHPP): Analysis of Morbidity and Mortality in 266 Patients Treated At a Single Institution, Digestive Disease Week, Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract, Washington, DC, May 21, 2007.
14. "Targeting Therapy for Stage IV Cancer," Grand Rounds Presentation to the Medical Staff, Charles Cole Hospital, Coudersport, PA, March 14, 2008.
15. "Is there a Role for Surgery in the Metastatic Disease Setting? The Ultimate Targeted Anti-angiogenic Therapy," Grand Rounds Presentation to the Department of Surgery, Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, PA, November 12, 2008.
16. Chokshi R, Huttenstine A, **Blansfield JA**, Early Experience of Hyperthermic Intraperitoneal Chemotherapy (HIPEC) in a Rural Tertiary Care Center, Podium Presentation, Fourth International Symposium on Regional Cancer Therapies, Marco Island, FL, February 22, 2009.
17. Myers, TT, Siu C, Orbison EJ, Khalil M, Bertsch DJ, Sheldon DG, **Blansfield JA**. The Epidemiology, Management and Prognosis of Merkel Cell Carcinoma: Does Immune System Function Matter, Poster Presentation, Society of Surgical Oncology, Tucson, AZ, March 2009.
18. Surgical Management of Pancreatic Lesions, Grand Rounds Presentation, Abington Memorial Hospital, September 2009.
19. "Pancreatic Cystic Neoplasms", Grand Rounds Presentation, Gesinger Medical Center, September, 2009.
20. Sucandy I, Orbison EJ, Siu C, Cindric M, Bertsch DJ, Sheldon DG, **Blansfield JA**. Laparoscopic Versus Open Distal Pancreatectomy. An Initial Experience from a Rural Tertiary Surgical Center, Poster Presentation, American College of Surgeons Clinical Congress, Chicago, IL, October 2009.

21. Chokshi RJ, Sucandy I, Blansfield JA, Sheldon DG. Laparoscopic Distal Pancreatectomy: Use of Radiofrequency Assisted Dissector with a 0% Leak rate, Poster Presentation, Frederick A. Collier Surgical Society, Tampa, FL, October 2009.
22. **Blansfield JA**. Palliative Surgery. Caring for the Cancer Patient in a Multidisciplinary Setting, Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, PA, October 2009.
23. Rapp MM, Chokshi R, Sucandy I, Sheldon DG, Strodel WE, **Blansfield, JA**, A New Method of Stump Closure in Distal Pancreatectomy, Poster Presentation, Digestive Disease Week, Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract, New Orleans, LA, May, 2010.
24. Constantinou, C, **Blansfield JA**, Gastric Schwannoma: Laparoscopic Resection and Review of the Literature, Podium Presentation, Society of Laparoendoscopic Surgeons, New York, NY, September 2010.
25. Dancea HC, Obradovic V, Sartorius J, Woll N, **Blansfield JA**: Increased Body Mass Index Results In Increased Complication Rates In Patients Undergoing Laparoscopic Adrenalectomy, Society of Laparoendoscopic Surgeons, New York, NY, September 2010.
26. Liver Directed Therapies- Resection and Beyond, Grand Rounds Presentation, Geisinger Medical Center, October 2010.
27. Raza N, Haider F, Johal A, **Blansfield JA**: Rare Clinical Manifestation of Duodenal Carcinoid as Gastrin Producing Tumor, Poster Presentation, American College of Gastroenterology Annual Scientific Meeting, San Antonio, TX, October 2010.
28. Rapp, M, **Blansfield JA**: Novel Method of Stump Closure for Distal Pancreatectomy with 87% Reduction in Leak Rates, Oral Presentation, Surgical Innovations, Scott and White, Balstrup, TX, November 2010.
29. Dancea HC, Obradovic V, Sartorius J, Woll N, **Blansfield JA**: Age Does Not Predict Higher Morbidity in Laparoscopic Adrenalectomy, Poster Presentation, SAGES, San Antonio, TX, March 2011.
30. Beitollahi H, Woll N, Chandler W, Shabahang M, **Blansfield JA**: Desmoplastic Melanoma: Is Sentinel Lymph Node Biopsy Necessary?, Poster Presentation, SSO, San Antonio, TX, March 2011.

## **PUBLICATIONS:**

1. **Blansfield JA**, Sack MJ, Kukora JS. Recent experience with preoperative fine-needle aspiration biopsy of thyroid nodules in a community hospital. Arch Surg. 2002 Jul;137(7):818-21.
2. **Blansfield JA**, Chung H, Sullivan TR Jr, Pezzi CM. Leiomyosarcoma of the major peripheral arteries: case report and review of the literature. Ann Vasc Surg. 2003 Sep;17(5):565-70. Review.
3. **Blansfield JA**, Kukora JS, Goldhahn RT Jr, Buinewicz BR. Suspicious findings in reduction mammoplasty specimens: review of 182 consecutive patients. Ann Plast Surg. 2004 Feb;52(2):126-30.

4. **Blansfield JA**, Clark SC, Hofmann MT, Morris JB. Alimentary tract surgery in the nonagenarian: elective vs. emergent operations. *J Gastrointest Surg*. 2004 Jul-Aug;8(5):539-42.
5. **Blansfield JA**, Goldhahn RT Jr, Josloff RK. Littoral cell angioma of the spleen treated by laparoscopic splenectomy. *JSLs*. 2005 Apr-Jun;9:222-224.
6. Reilly EF, **Blansfield JA**, Zebley DM. Spontaneous colonic mesenteric hemorrhage: report of an unusual case of abdominal apoplexy. *Dis Colon Rectum*. 2005 Jul;48:1484-1486.
7. **Blansfield JA**, Beck KE, Tran K, Yang JC, Hughes MS, Kammula US, Royal RE, Topalian SL, Haworth LR, Levy C, Rosenberg SA, Sherry RM. CTLA-4 blockade can induce autoimmune hypophysitis in patients with metastatic melanoma and renal cancer. *J Immunother*. 2005 Nov-Dec;28:593-8.
8. Beck KE, **Blansfield JA**, Tran KQ, Feldman AL, Hughes MS, Royal RE, Kammula US, Topalian SL, Sherry RM, Kleiner D, Quezado M, Lowy I, Yellin M, Rosenberg SA, Yang JC. Enterocolitis in patients with cancer after antibody blockade of cytotoxic T-lymphocyte-associated antigen 4. *J Clin Oncol*. 2006 May 20;24(15):2283-9.
9. **Blansfield JA** and Pingpank JF. Isolated Limb Perfusion and Extremity Amputations, In Evans SRT (ed) *Surgical Pitfalls*, Elsevier, Philadelphia, PA, 2009, Chapter 48, pp.497-501.
10. Mangiameli D, **Blansfield JA**, Kachala S, Lorang D, Schafer P, Mueller G, Stirling D, Libutti SK. Combination therapy targeting the tumor microenvironment is effective in a model of human ocular melanoma. *Journal of Translational Medicine*, 2007, 5:38 (18 July 2007).
11. **Blansfield JA**, Choyke L, Morita SY, Choyke PL, Pingpank JF, Alexander HR, Seidel G, Shutack Y, Yuldasheva N, Eugeni M, Bartlett DL, Glenn GM, Middleton L, Linehan M, Libutti SK. Clinical, genetic and radiographic analysis of 108 patients with von Hippel-Lindau disease (vHL) manifested by pancreatic neuroendocrine tumors (PNETs). *Surgery*. 2007 Dec;142:814-8.
12. **Blansfield JA**, Caragacianu D, Alexander, III HR, Tangrea M, Morita SY, Lorang D, Schafer P, Muller G, Stirling D, Royal RE, Libutti SK. Combining agents that target the tumor microenvironment. *Clin Cancer Res*. 2008 Jan 1;14(1):270-80.
13. Diehl DL, **Blansfield JA**, Li J. Cystic pancreatic neuroendocrine tumor. *GI Endoscopy*. 2010 71:1064-5.
14. **Blansfield JA**, and Libutti SK. VHL (von Hippel-Lindau), In Morita SY, Zeiger M, Dackiw A (eds), *McGraw-Hill Manual of Endocrine Surgery*, 2010, Chapter 23.