



CANCER PREVENTION INSTITUTE OF CALIFORNIA

Preventing Cancer. Promoting Life.

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Sally L. Glaser, Ph.D., is the Chief Executive Officer of the newly named Cancer Prevention Institute of California (CPIC). A 20-year veteran of CPIC (formerly the Northern California Cancer Center), Glaser earned the top spot in 2009 following a steady progression of leadership positions within the organization. Glaser also remains an active Research Scientist and the Director of the Greater Bay Area Cancer Registry, an arm of the state and national programs of data collection for all regional cancer diagnoses.



Glaser, a nationally recognized specialist in understanding the risk factors for Hodgkin lymphoma, received an AB from Harvard University. Her doctorate in Epidemiology is from the University of California, Berkeley. She has authored or co-authored 90 peer-reviewed scientific papers, primarily concerning the epidemiology of lymphomas, breast cancer, and the use of cancer registry data for cancer control. The latter is based on work with the CPIC registry's cancer surveillance team to discover patterns of cancer and draw insights as to who is at risk for developing the disease.

Glaser has been hailed for her vision, enthusiasm and ability to motivate others. With 135 CPIC staff members, she now directs the only center in the country dedicated solely to conducting cancer prevention research. Using an approach that is prevention-focused and oriented to the needs of specific cultural, social and economic communities, her teams work collaboratively to determine who is getting cancers and to understand why they have developed.

Dr. Glaser's vision is to see the CPIC become the strongest population-oriented cancer prevention research organization in California. Consistent advances are expected to come from using a cross-functional, programmatically integrated approach in all parts of the community to arrest cancer before it occurs and prevent it from being worse than it needs to be where it can't yet be prevented. Particularly important as the United States transitions to a non-white majority population, Glaser intends for CPIC to be a state and national leader in reducing or eliminating disparities in cancer occurrence by race/ethnicity and social class through research, outreach and community education.

Dr. Glaser has been the recipient of more than two dozen grants and contracts in support of her work.