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Dr. Vera Donnenberg is an Associate Professor of Cardiothoracic Surgery in the School of Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh with a secondary appointment in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences. She is also the Director of Basic Research at Pitt's Heart, Lung and Esophageal Surgery Institute. Dr. Donnenberg earned her MS in Clinical Pharmacology in 1994 from Johns Hopkins University and her PhD with Honors in Pharmaceutical Sciences in 2002 from the University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Donnenberg's research focuses on:

- Tumorigenic stem cells in lung cancer, esophageal cancer, and breast cancer
- Preexisting therapy resistance in epithelial cancer stem cells
- Interaction of dormant tumor cells and regenerating tissue
- Lung immunology

Dr. Donnenberg has written over 195 publications, abstracts, book chapters, and other scientific presentations. Throughout her career she has received numerous awards, most recently the Marylou Ingram Woman in Science Award in 2013. In 2008, she was named a Fellow in the American College of Clinical Pharmacology. Dr. Donnenberg is a member of several professional and scientific societies including but not limited to the International Society for Stem Cell Research, the American Association for Cancer Research, and the International Society for Analytical Cytology. She is the President of the Great Lakes International Imaging and Flow Cytometry Association. She is on the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Clinical Pharmacology*.