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The Science of Survivorship: Moving from Risk to Risk Reduction

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Due to advances in early detection and cancer therapy, cancer survivors are a rapidly growing population. Worldwide, there are over 33 million cancer survivors, including over 300,000 living in Switzerland. Many cancer survivors have substantial physical and psychosocial morbidity following their therapy and are at risk for premature death. Thus, many have advocated for risk-based health care of cancer survivors which includes surveillance for recurrence of the cancer, surveillance for second cancers, screening and management of long-term and late effects, and prevention. This talk will present data on morbidity and mortality among long-term cancer survivors, use two examples to illustrate how research has evolved from understanding risk to intervention trials aimed at reducing risk, and discuss the current status of risk-based health care in different settings.



Dr. Kevin Oeffinger is a family physician, the Director of the Cancer Survivorship Center at Memorial Sloan Kettering and a Full Member in the Departments of Medicine and Pediatrics. He is an NIH-funded investigator studying cardiovascular disease and second cancers following cancer therapy. He has served in a number of leadership roles for national organizations including: Chair, American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) Cancer Survivorship Committee; Chair, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Quality of Life Research Initiative; and Member of the American Cancer Society Board of Directors. He has authored over 200 peer-reviewed publications and has had an active practice in caring for cancer survivors with complex medical conditions.