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Susannah Koontz is a consultant for clinical pharmacy services, clinical research and educational programs in the areas of pediatric hematology/oncology, and stem cell transplantation and cellular therapy. Illustrative of the services she provides include: 1.) advising clients on the implementation and delivery of clinical pharmacy services; 2.) identifying clinical research questions as well as formulating and executing clinical research protocols; 3.) creating and delivering educational programs and symposia for a variety of health care professionals; 4.) developing patient education materials; and 5.) synthesizing materials for publication in the news media and medical literature. Her clients and partners include pharmaceutical companies, health care systems and organizations, health education and resources companies, and health care professional organizations at the local, state and national levels.

Prior to becoming a consultant in 2008, Dr. Koontz joined the Division of Pharmacy in 1998 as the clinical pharmacy specialist for the Children's Cancer Hospital at The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center. Her clinical practice focused on therapeutic drug monitoring, side effect management, supportive care and patient education in the pediatric oncology patient. Dr. Koontz has held academic appointments with the University of Houston College of Pharmacy and The University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy. She has served as a preceptor for pharmacy residents and students and participated in didactic teaching for students and practitioners in the fields of medicine, pharmacy and nursing. Dr. Koontz has actively collaborated with pediatric oncologists to design therapeutic trials and conduct clinical research in pediatric patients being treated for hematological malignancies and solid tumors, as well as those undergoing stem cell transplantation. Her participation in committees at M. D. Anderson Cancer Center included the development of therapeutic guidelines and the selection of medications as they relate to pediatrics. Additionally, Dr. Koontz served as a member of M. D. Anderson Cancer Center's Clinical Ethics Committee for eight years and chaired the committee during the 2007 academic year.

At the national level, Dr. Koontz was selected in 2007 as a pharmacy reviewer to the Pediatric Central Institutional Review Board (CIRB) Initiative through the National Cancer Institute (NCI). In 2008, through the *Livestrong*<sup>™</sup> and Lance Armstrong Foundation (LAF), she was named to the task force charged with developing a legal and administrative toolkit distributed to institutional review boards (IRBs) to facilitate enrollment of adolescents and young adults onto clinical oncology trials. Also in 2008, Dr. Koontz was appointed to the national task force of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) to study the challenges in caring for patients served by specialty pharmacy suppliers. In the same year, she was named a national Tumor Lysis Syndrome Initiative Co-Chair through ASHP Advantage.

Dr. Koontz is a member of the Pediatric Blood and Marrow Transplant Consortium (PBMTCC); American Society for Blood and Marrow Transplantation (ASBMT); American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP), where she was appointed the Hematology/Oncology Network Facilitator (2010-2012); and the Hematology/Oncology Pharmacy Association (HOPA), where she was elected to serve as a Board Member, At Large (2011-2013) on the Board of Directors. Dr. Koontz serves as a reviewer for the *Journal of Oncology Pharmacy Practice* and has been published in several peer-reviewed medical and pharmacy journals including the *Biology of Blood and Marrow Transplantation*, *Journal of Neuro-Oncology* and *International Journal of Pharmaceutical Compounding*. She has been an invited speaker at international, national, and local meetings for various healthcare professionals and her research has been presented in posters and/or abstracts at numerous conferences including annual meetings of the American Society of Hematology (ASH), the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO), and the American Society for Blood and Marrow Transplantation (ASBMT) in conjunction with the Center for International Blood and Marrow Transplant Research (CIBMTR).

Dr. Koontz earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Michigan in 1996, and completed both her Pharmacy Practice Residency (PGY1) and Oncology Pharmacy Residency (PGY2) at the University of Kentucky Chandler Medical Center in 1997 and 1998, respectively. She has been a Board Certified Oncology Pharmacist (BCOP) since 1999.