

# GETTING TO KNOW Dr. Mark Pasmantier...

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and Medical Oncology  
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College and Associate  
Medical Director of CR&T

## 1. How did you get involved with CR&T?

Dr. Silver was an inspiration to go into this area and has been a mentor for a long time.

## 2. What are your main areas of expertise?

Lung cancer, breast cancer, hematologic malignancies

## 3. What is on the horizon for cancer research?

Sadly, government cutbacks are occurring because we are trying to balance the budget. With budget spending going down, this will negatively impact our leadership position in making advances in research. This is when private philanthropy becomes even more important.

## 4. Who would you like to see play in the Super Bowl this year?

Giants

## 5. Which scientists do you most admire and why?

Dr. Gerald Fink of the Whitehead Institute at MIT and Dr. Harold Varmus, Director of NCI, for their work in molecular biology.

## 6. Mac or PC?

PC

## 7. In your opinion, what technological advancement has helped improve patient care?

The advancement of screening, especially for colon, lung, and breast cancers.

