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**Dr. Gross is an Associate Professor and Co-Director of the Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program at Yale.** Dr. Gross completed his residency in Internal Medicine at New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center and served as chief medical resident at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center the following year. Dr. Gross has focused his attention on investigating the relationship between chronic conditions and the care and outcomes of older patients with colorectal cancer. Specifically, Dr. Gross and his colleagues are exploring how heart disease, emphysema, and diabetes affect the stage of cancer diagnosis, the type of cancer treatment received, the risks and benefits of treatment, and patient and physician treatment preferences. Dr. Gross's recent work has also focused on barriers to clinical trial participation for older cancer patients. His recent publications have demonstrated that there has been essentially no improvement in the enrollment of older persons into trials, and that race, socioeconomic status, comorbid conditions, travel distance, and trial exclusion criteria are independent barriers for older persons.

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