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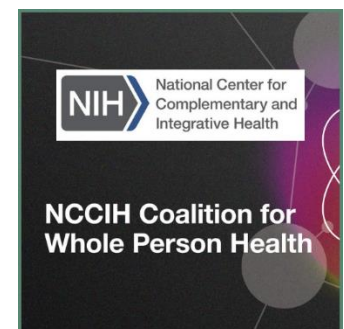


## MTF Joins NCCIH Whole Person Coalition

**MTF is part of The National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health (NCCIH) Coalition for Whole Person Health!** The Coalition is an independent group of nonprofit organizations raising awareness about NCCIH and the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and how research can inform integrative, inter-professional, patient-centered care.

Discover more about this joint initiative with fellow non-profits who share our commitment to integrative, whole-person care.

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## 2024 MTF Breast Cancer Grants Awarded

Through the generosity of The Jaquelyn Project, MTF has awarded four 2024 Community Service Grants to organizations providing massage to breast cancer patients and caregivers. These projects will serve:



- Uninsured/underinsured patients from Greater Bridgeport, Conn., a low-income community that is over 70% people of color;
- Breast cancer survivors from marginalized communities in Kenya, who are often unable to seek breast cancer treatment;
- Women suffering from breast cancer in the Užice region of Serbia;
- Breast cancer patients/survivors, their identified family, and staff within four outpatient clinics in Tacoma, Wash.

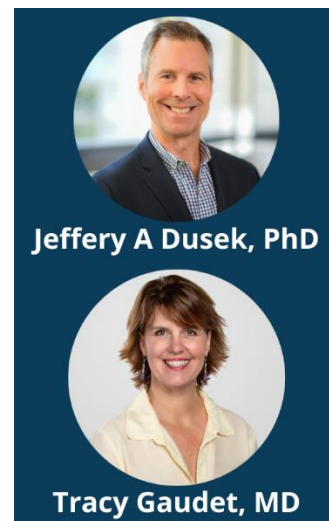
[Read the Press Release](#)

## 2025 IMTRC Keynote Speakers, Call for Poster Abstracts

**2025 International Massage Therapy Research Conference keynote presenters have been announced!**

**Jeffery A Dusek, PhD**, is Professor in the Department of Medicine, University of California-Irvine and Director of Research Outcomes, Susan Samueli Integrative Health Institute.

**Tracy Gaudet, MD**, is co-founder of the Cornerstone Collaboration for Societal Change. She served as the founding Executive Director of the Whole Health Institute. Dr. Gaudet is the inaugural executive director of the Veterans Health Administration's (VHA) Office of Patient Centered Care and Cultural Transformation.



[Check Out Full Speaker Bios](#)



**Researchers and practitioners are invited to submit abstracts for oral and poster presentations.**

Abstract authors are encouraged to consider the theme for IMTRC 2025: **“Translating Massage Research into Clinical Practice,”** when developing their submission. Massage clinicians turned researchers, such as doctoral students or career researchers with their clinical training and/or prior clinical experience in massage therapy, are particularly encouraged to submit.

[Submit Your Abstract](#)

**Registration for MTF's 2025 IMTRC is open!** Learn about the latest research, connect with colleagues, and gain insight into research-informed practice. The exploration and sharing of massage therapy research is central to the profession's growth. It inspires and educates massage therapists on how to achieve better outcomes for their clients. **We hope you will join us as we shine a light on the future of massage therapy research!**

[Register Today for Early Bird Pricing!](#)

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**A new issue of *International Journal of Therapeutic Massage & Bodywork* has been released!**

Explore studies about the effects of massage therapy for blood glucose and cardiovascular health, Autism, acute burns, Irritable Bowel Syndrome, and more! **Expand your knowledge today!**

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## Grants and Contests

The following MTF grants and contests are now open, with application deadlines as follows:

- [2025 IMTRC Poster Abstract: January 31, 2025](#)
- [Research Support Grant \(up to \\$30k\): February 1, 2025](#)
- [Research Award \(over \\$30k\): March 1, 2025](#)
- [Community Service Grant: March 3, 2025](#)
- [Jacquelyn Project Breast Cancer Community Service Grant: March 3, 2025](#)
- [Practitioner & Student Case Report Contests: June 1, 2025](#)
- [Bob King Community Service for Schools: Next quarterly deadline March 1, 2025](#)

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