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Avonne E. Connor, PhD, MPH, is a cancer epidemiologist specializing in breast cancer and cancer health disparities among women and underserved populations. She is an Associate Professor in the Department of Epidemiology at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health (BSPH), with a joint appointment in Oncology at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and the Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center (SKCCC). Dr. Connor also serves as the Cancer Epidemiology Track Director in the Department of Epidemiology. She completed her MPH (2007) and PhD in Epidemiology/Public Health Sciences (2011), both from the University of Louisville School of Public Health & Information Sciences, where she also completed a postdoctoral fellowship in cancer epidemiology. Dr. Connor's research focuses on modifiable lifestyle factors, biological factors, and social inequities, with the goal of identifying women at risk for breast cancer and poor health outcomes post-cancer. Currently, she is the Principal Investigator on institutional grants and an American Cancer Society (ACS) Research Scholar Grant (R01-equivalent) to explore health disparities in cancer survivorship and outcomes among U.S. minority and underserved women. Dr. Connor has received multiple "excellence in teaching" awards for her courses in "Etiology, Prevention, and Control of Cancer" and Cancer Epidemiology Research Seminar. She is deeply committed to improving the understanding of cancer disparities among U.S. minority and underserved women and aims to reduce cancer incidence, morbidity, and mortality through her research, teaching, and service. She has been a member of ASPO since 2023 and is a member of several Special Interest Groups, including Survivorship & Health Outcomes/Comparative Effectiveness Research, Cancer Health Disparities, Molecular Epidemiology & the Environment, and Lifestyle Behaviors, Energy Balance & Chemoprevention. Her career goals and research are closely aligned with ASPO's mission to support the growth of cancer prevention and control professionals and promote the sharing and application of scientific knowledge to reduce the impact of cancer.