Carolann Risley, Ph.D., M.S.N., joined the Division of Cancer Epidemiology & Genetics at the NCI as a postdoctoral fellow in 2019. She earned an M.S.N. from the University of Pennsylvania and certification as a women’s health nurse practitioner in 1992. She is a cervical colposcopist and has practiced throughout the Northeastern and Southern United States. She earned her Ph.D. in Nursing in 2019 from the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) under the mentorship of Drs. Mary Stewart and Kim Geisinger. Prior to completing her doctoral degree, she studied determinants of HPV vaccination uptake and provider recommendations. For her doctoral dissertation, she analyzed electronic medical records to examine racial differences in HPV 16 prevalence in women receiving cervical cancer screening in Mississippi. Dr. Risley serves as co-PI of the STRIDES Study (STudying Risk to Improve DisparitIEs in Cervical Cancer in Mississippi), a study co-led by investigators at UMMC, the Mississippi State Department of Health, and the NCI. STRIDES is designed to evaluate risk of cervical precancer and to study novel biomarkers in women undergoing screening in Mississippi. Under the mentorship of Nicolas Wentzensen, M.D., Ph.D., M.S., Deputy Chief and senior NCI investigator and Megan Clarke, Ph.D., M.H.S., Earl Stadtman Investigator, Dr. Risley is conducting epidemiologic analyses evaluating HPV natural history and cervical cancer risk in Mississippi.

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