External Advisory Committee

The CAPACiTy Program has an External Advisory Committee made up of five senior scientists who have significant expertise in leading training grants and in cancer prevention and control. This Committee provides overall guidance to the program and specific recommendations to trainees.

Advisory Members Include:

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