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**(BOARD MEMBER SINCE 2022)**

### **Why are you serving on the HNF Board?**

My interest in caring for neuroendocrine cancer patients started early on during my career. Each patient is different and faces different challenges with this disease. As I listened to patients, it became clear that neuroendocrine cancer is poorly understood and we, as a community, can do better to raise awareness and improve the care of patients living with NETS. My passion for education and patient advocacy motivated me to join the HNF Board, so together we can hopefully have a positive impact in the lives of patients and caregivers.

### **About Dr. Soares**

Dr. Soares is a medical oncologist with a focus in GI and neuroendocrine cancers. She is an associate professor at the Huntsman Cancer Institute (HCI) at University of Utah. Dr. Soares received her medical degree at Faculdade de Medicina do ABC in Brazil, where she was born. She completed her residency training at the Mount Sinai Medical Center of Florida and her hematology-oncology fellowship training and PhD in molecular biology at UCLA. Neuroendocrine tumors and gastrointestinal (GI) cancers are the major focus of her research and clinical activities. She serves as the Medical Director for the Clinical Trials Office as well as the co-physician leader in the GI Clinical Trials Research Group at HCI. In 2019, she was elected as a member of the board of directors for The North American Neuroendocrine Tumor Society (*NANETS*). Additionally, she is a member of the NCI NET taskforce and member of SWOG and NRG cooperative groups. She is also a panel member for the Neuroendocrine and Adrenal Tumors *NCCN* Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology.

Dr. Soares, among many patient-centered activities, volunteered at the ASCO Advocacy Summit on Capitol Hill and had the opportunity to meet members of congress and advocate to improve patient care.

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