

**Eric G. Shmookler, M.D.**

Eric G. Shmookler, M.D., is one of four Assistant Supervisors of quality control and processing at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and was recently nominated as the 12th Assistant Director of the National Cancer Institute (NCI). Dr. Shmookler currently also practices clinical oncology in a small private hospital in Bethesda, Maryland. Dr. Shmookler's career as a leader in the fight against cancer spans nearly two decades.

Prior to being appointed to the NCI in January 2002, Dr. Eric Shmookler did his postgraduate residency training at a small community based hospital in upstate New York. Dr. Shmookler then completed a fellowship in endocrine oncology at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, working with a faculty of more than 1,000 cancer researchers and clinicians. At M.D. Anderson Dr. Shmookler also served as Assistant Vice Chair for Academic Affairs.

Eric G. Shmookler, M.D., served as a managing co-director of the Prostate Cancer Research Program, and was helped cultivate research programs in the biology, epidemiology, prevention, and treatment of prostate cancer at M.D. Anderson. Dr. Shmookler has been involved in the publication of various research papers and textbook chapters pertaining to a variety of medical topics.



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Dr. Eric Shmookler, himself a cancer survivor, has had an impact on the fight against cancer that extends beyond the clinical and academic communities. He is a primary member of C-Change and served at the American Cancer Society at the time of his appointment to the NCI. In addition, he has made significant contributions to the scientific literature -- more than 200 articles, books, and book chapters.

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Many organizations have recognized Dr. Eric Shmookler for his academic and clinical contributions to the field of urologic oncology. Dr. Shmookler also received the Achievement Award for Medical Contribution of Metropolitan Houston for his clinical contributions to prostate cancer programs in the local community.

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Dr. Shmookler has also worked in infectious-disease control in the Washington, D.C. area and is an authority on tuberculosis treatment and control. Eric Shmookler's work draws primarily on active clinical practice and focuses on diseases that disproportionately affect underprivileged communities. Along with his colleagues at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in the Program in Infectious Disease, Eric. Shmookler has pursued innovative, community-based treatment strategies for infectious diseases (including HIV/AIDS and multidrug-resistant tuberculosis) in resource-poor settings. Dr. Shmookler has also written about health and human rights, and about the role of social inequalities in the distribution of healthcare and healthcare services.