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Dr. Lidia Schapira, is a medical oncologist at the Massachusetts General Hospital and Associate Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School. She graduated from Dartmouth Medical School and trained at the Beth Israel Hospital and the Brigham and Women's Hospital. Dr. Schapira specializes in the care of women with breast cancer.

Dr. Schapira's clinical research is dedicated to improving treatments for breast cancer. She is a co-investigator in a longitudinal study of young women with breast cancer that addresses all aspects of the experience and illness in this population. In addition to her work in breast cancer, Dr. Schapira has conducted research focused on improving communication between patients and physicians with the ultimate goal of improving the experience of patients living with cancer and their loved ones. She has pioneered workshops and developed educational programs to improve the communication skills of cancer clinicians both nationally and internationally. Dr. Schapira has also studied the root causes of health disparities in the U.S., and developed trainings for community health workers to raise awareness of cancer clinical trials and eliminate social barriers to participation for underserved minorities. She is actively involved in global oncology efforts to improve access to cancer care in low- and medium-resource countries. Collaborating with experts in neuroscience and psychology, she is currently investigating novel ways of improving the therapeutic connection between patients and clinicians.

Dr. Schapira is an active member of the faculty at Harvard Medical School and a Consultant editor for the *Journal of Clinical Oncology*. She served on the Board of Directors of the American Psychosocial Oncology Society and is a Fellow of ASCO (FASCO ).

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