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EDUCATION

- 1974-1978 Wake Forest University
Winston-Salem, North Carolina
B.A. in Biology, cum laude
- 1978-1982 WFU Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
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Ph.D. in Microbiology and Immunology
- 1982-1985 Duke University Medical Center
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BIOGRAPHY

Michael A. Hollingsworth, Ph.D. received his PhD from the Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest University in 1982. Following a postdoctoral fellowship with Richard Metzgar at Duke University from 1982-1985, he was appointed to the faculty of the Department of Immunology at Duke from 1987-1991. He decided in 1985 to commit his research career to pancreatic cancer, and has worked on translational research projects in that subject area since that time, continuously maintaining R01 and other NCI funding (as Principal Investigator). The decision to work on pancreatic cancer was an important factor that contributed to his move to the Eppley Institute in 1991, where he has led the group effort in pancreatic cancer research for the past 15 years. He has participated in almost every major initiative from NIH related to pancreatic cancer since 1985. He has served as the Principal Investigator of a SPORE in Pancreatic cancer; and an Early Diagnostic Research Network (EDRN) Biomarker Discovery Laboratory (U01) that focused on biomarkers for pancreatic cancer and a project leader on a U54 Tumor Microenvironment Network Grant. He is currently the PI on a new U01 that is part of the Pancreatic Cancer Detection Consortium. Over the past 14 years, he has amassed a unique resource of longitudinal patient samples coupled to a rapid autopsy program, which is used to study progression and metastasis of pancreatic cancer. He has served on numerous review panels at the NIH and for other granting agencies, including as Chair of the Cancer Biomarkers Study Section (CBSS). He was appointed by NIH Director Dr. Francis Collins in July 2013 to serve as a member of the Center for Scientific Review Advisory Council, and served as a member of the Gastrointestinal Steering Committee, and currently serves on the Pancreas Cancer Task Force, which is organized by the Coordinating Center for Clinical Trials at the National Cancer Institute. Since June 2016, he has served as Associate Director for Basic Research for the UNMC Fred & Pamela Buffett Cancer Center.