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A licensed naturopathic doctor who is board certified in Naturopathic Medicine and Fellow of the American Board of Naturopathic Oncology, Dr. Qaqundah is the Director of Naturopathic Medicine at Cancer Treatment Centers of America in Philadelphia and the current President of the Oncology Association of Naturopathic Physicians. She earned her undergraduate degree in human biology with emphasis on the physical, psychological, sociological, and spiritual aspects of the human self from Scripps College in California. Her training in naturopathic medicine occurred at the National College of Naturopathic Medicine in Oregon, and included a special emphasis on women's health and oncology. After a two-year hospital-based residency in Naturopathic Oncology at CTCA's Southwestern Regional Medical Center (Tulsa), she was hired as a staff naturopath, and more recently acted as the interim director before moving to Philadelphia to initiate and direct the Naturopathic Medicine department at CTCA's Eastern Regional Medical Center (ERMC).

At ERMC, Dr. Qaqundah has had the unique opportunity to help facilitate creation of a new integrative oncology center. Working with Medical Oncologists, Radiation Oncologists and Surgical Oncologists from non-integrative backgrounds has afforded many occasions to educate her colleagues regarding naturopathic co-management of oncology patients. Responsibilities include naturopathic co-management of oncology out-patients and in-patients, contribution to hospital-wide policy and procedure and facilitation of weekly integrative patient care meetings and Tumor Board (involving Medical, Radiation and Surgical oncologists, Naturopathic physicians, Registered Dietitians, Psychoneuroimmunologists, Physical Therapists, Pain specialists, Spiritual counselors, Pathologists, Radiologists, etc.). ERMC is located in a city with five medical schools with great opportunity to increase knowledge of the integrative oncology approach. Dr. Qaqundah has fostered relationships with numerous physicians from these local institutions.

Dr. Qaqundah has performed research applying Chinese herbal extracts to small cell lung cancer cell cultures. She has completed herbal apprenticeships at the Dreamtime Center for Herbal Studies in Virginia, with traditional herbalists at the Khan-il-Khalili (Traditional Market) in Egypt, and at the Kopat Holim Holistic Clinic in Israel. She has also performed medical volunteer work at Saint Vincent de Paul Pediatric Hospital in Palestine and with the Gnauan tribe in Saharan desert of Morocco.

Dr. Qaqundah belongs to several professional organizations including the International Society for Complementary Medicine Research, Society of Integrative Oncology, American Holistic Medical Association, and Oncology Association of Naturopathic Physicians. Additionally, she has lectured extensively across the country and abroad.