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Dr. Willett is Chair of the Department of Radiation Oncology and a specialist in gastrointestinal cancers. He joined the Duke faculty in March, 2004. He formerly was Clinical Director of Radiation Oncology at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston and Professor of Radiation Oncology at Harvard University School of Medicine. Dr. Willett received his Bachelor and M.D. degree from Tufts University in Boston. He completed a surgical internship at Vanderbilt University Medical Center and a residency in Radiation Medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital. He joined the faculty of Harvard in 1986 after completing his residency. He also has held appointments as a radiation oncologist at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Dana-Farber Cancer Center in Boston. Dr. Willett has served as the President of the International Society of Intraoperative Radiation Therapy (ISIORT). He also was a founding member of ISORT in 1996. He also has served as Chair of the GI Committee of the Radiation Therapy Oncology Group, a national cooperative conducting clinical trials in cancer. The author of more than 150 scientific papers and reviews, Dr. Willett also has authored book chapters on intraoperative irradiation and gastrointestinal cancer. His research interests focus on the study of new therapies for treating rectal and pancreatic cancer, the use of intraoperative radiation therapy in treating gastrointestinal cancers, and conducting clinical trials on therapies to treat these malignancies.

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