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Dr. Wheeler brings a broad knowledge base in molecular epidemiology, molecular diagnostic development, public health and translational sciences, and training of graduate, postgraduate, and junior scientists through her role as Principal Investigator of several NIH-funded Cooperative Research Centers and R01 awards. She brings 35 years of



scientific evolution and direction of multidisciplinary approaches in the evaluation and delivery of medical innovation, with a focus on cancer prevention. She oversees a dedicated UNM Health Sciences Center clinical research facility and the House of Prevention Epidemiology (HOPE), where first-in-human Phase I clinical trials for human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccines were conducted and where her group subsequently led several international clinical trials across the Phase I–III pipeline to Food and Drug Administration licensure. Dr. Wheeler currently directs the New Mexico HPV Pap Registry, established in 2006 as the nation's only cancer screening registry.

Dr. Wheeler served on President Barack Obama's Cancer Panel and has received various honors and awards for her outstanding achievements. She currently sits as the Victor and Ruby Hansen Surface Endowed Chair in Translational Medicine and Public Health Sciences.