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Dr. William Hait is the global therapeutic area head for oncology R&D within the Johnson & Johnson Pharmaceuticals Group. Hait has end-to-end responsibility for bringing science and medicine together with global world-class capabilities in research and drug discovery, biomarkers, translational medicine, and clinical development expertise within this disease area. He leads a global team focused on combining internal and external innovation approaches to discover and develop new solutions for oncologic and hematologic diseases with high unmet medical need.

Before assuming this position in March 2009, Hait was senior vice president, worldwide head of hematology and oncology. He joined Johnson & Johnson in March 2007, after serving as the founding director of The Cancer Institute of New Jersey. Under Hait's leadership, The Cancer Institute of New Jersey was successful in obtaining cancer center designation from the National Cancer Institute in 1996 and received the National Cancer Institute's highest designation of Comprehensive Cancer Center in 2002. In addition, he was a professor of Medicine and Pharmacology and associate dean for oncology programs at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School from January 1993 to March 2007. Hait was consistently named to the Best Doctors in America.

After earning his B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania, Hait received his M.D. and Ph.D. (Pharmacology) from the Medical College of Pennsylvania cum laude and was elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha National Medical Honor Society. He received his house-staff training at the Yale New Haven Hospital and served as chief medical resident under Dr. Samuel Their. After completing his fellowship in Medical Oncology at Yale, he joined the Yale University School of Medicine faculty in 1984 where he served as Associate Director of the Comprehensive Cancer Center, Director of the Breast Cancer Unit and Co-Director of the Lung Cancer Unit. He was appointed Chief of Medical Oncology at the Yale University School of Medicine in 1988. He is Board Certified in Internal Medicine and Medical Oncology.

Hait served as President of the American Cancer Society, Middlesex (NJ) Unit (1998), President of the American Association for Cancer Research (2007-2008), and was a member of the National Cancer Institute's Board of Scientific Advisors (2004-2008). He was also Editor-in-Chief of Clinical Cancer Research. In 1987, Bill received the Burroughs Wellcome Award in Clinical Pharmacology and was elected to the American Society of Clinical Investigation in 1993.

Hait currently serves as co-Editor of the textbook Cancer Medicine and is a member of the Medical Advisory Board of both the New Jersey Breast Cancer Coalition, the Susan G. Komen Foundation, and the National Scientific Advisory Board of the American Cancer Society.