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Dr. Sarna received her BS and MN degrees from the UCLA School of Nursing and her DNSc from the University of California, San Francisco. She is an advanced practice nurse with expertise in oncology nursing. Dr. Sarna helped establish one of the nation's first oncology nursing specialty programs at the UCLA School of Nursing over 30 years ago. Her scholarship addresses the critical public health issues of nursing care of people with lung cancer, the leading cause of cancer death, and tobacco use, the leading cause of preventable death. She has published over 100 peer-reviewed papers, over 50 book chapters, commentaries and monographs and multiple policy/position statements for nursing organizations.

The honors and awards that Dr Sarna has received reflect the national and international recognition of her contributions in the area of oncology nursing and quality of life and in advancing the science of the nurses' role in tobacco control. These include: the the Distinguished Merit Award from ISNCC., the Oncology Nursing Society Distinguished Researcher Award, the Twenty-ninth Helen Nahm Research Lecturer Award , and the 2009 California NurseWeek Excellence Award for Advancing and leading the profession.