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Gabriela Riscuta, MD, CNS, is a Program Director in the Nutritional Science Research Group at the Division of Cancer Prevention, National Cancer Institute (NCI). In this position she plans, develops, directs and coordinates extramural research programs in diet, nutrition and cancer as related to cancer prevention.

At NCI, Dr. Riscuta's role includes the examination of bioactive food components (i.e. essential and non-essential nutrients as modifiers of cancer risk and tumor behavior). Some of her projects focus on determining how specific genes and/or molecular targets are influenced by bioactive food components. Her activities include grants management, mentoring students and organizing national and international webinars. Dr. Riscuta received a prestigious Merit Award in 2012 from NIH for the creation of a webinar series for physicians, researchers and those involved with research translation to understand the strength and the weakness of the evidence about the health effects of a food/bioactive food components.

Dr. Riscuta also teaches Nutrition courses at Montgomery College, Rockville MD, both on campus and online.