

Section of Hematology and Medical Oncology

Newsletter



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Multidisciplinary breast cancer clinic is using coordinated care to empower patients at diagnosis



Michael Cassidy, MD and **Naomi Ko, MD** started a multidisciplinary clinic last year to provide coordinated care to breast cancer patients. [Read more here](#)

Awards and Recognitions



Advanced Practice Provider Excellence Award

[Lisa Mendelson, NP](#) of the Amyloidosis Center received the Advanced Practice Provider Excellence Award. The award was presented by the Boston University Medical Group on October 22, 2019 and recognizes APPs who demonstrate excellence in collaboration and have made noteworthy contributions to promote patient wellness.

Publications & Presentations



[Vaishali Sanchorawala, MBBS](#) published a paper in Amyloid: the Journal of Protein Folding Disorders titled "The utility of repeat kidney biopsy in systemic immunoglobulin light chain amyloidosis." [Read more here](#)

Dr. Sanchorawala presented a talk at the Annual Meeting of the Massachusetts Chapter of the American College of Cardiology. The talk focused on the "Management of AL amyloidosis in 2019."

Dr. Sanchorawala also presented a talk at the Calgary Amyloid Day in Calgary, Alberta, Canada titled "Role of Stem cell transplantation in AL amyloidosis."

Upcoming Events and Reminders

Heme/Onc Research Seminar

Tuesday November 19th at 4PM – X715 (650 Albany Street, 7th floor)
basic and clinical research on display



Dr. Dar Heinze, MD, PhD

Notch activation during mesoderm induction modulates emergence of the T/NK cell lineage from human induced pluripotent stem cells (iPSCs)



Dr. Lauren Oshry, MD



Dr. Lisa Quintiliani, PhD

Preferences of mHealth app features for weight management among breast cancer survivors from underserved populations



All BMC staff and licensed independent practitioners (LIPs) must satisfy the annual influenza vaccination requirement by Friday, November 15. The BMC influenza vaccination period begins Monday, October 7. [Click here for more details.](#)

The Section of Hematology and Medical Oncology

INVITES YOU AND YOUR GUEST
TO JOIN US AT OUR

Annual Holiday Celebration

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18TH
5:30 PM – 8:00 PM

 **Stella**

1525 WASHINGTON STREET
BOSTON'S SOUTH END

R.S.V.P. *Mary Yohannes*
by December 7th Mary.Yohannes@bmc.org



Section Updates

Executive Summary of AY 20 Clinical Faculty Compensation Plan

1. Modest changes in the AY 19 plan were made in response to suggestions from faculty to improve objectivity, fairness, accountability, equity, and transparency;
2. Goals of the plan are to recognize billable and non-billable work by the faculty, improve clinic access, meet the department's quality goals, and to ensure timely completion of medical records and evaluations of trainees;
3. Section chiefs are responsible for setting individual faculty wRVU targets (or panel size targets in primary care) and non-billable work recognized in the section incentive plans;
4. Bonus pool will be created from operating income of section and department to the extent possible;
5. Faculty who do not meet their respective wRVU targets will have an additional year "grace period" to achieve 90% or more of their assigned wRVU target before any sanctions are enacted;
6. In the plan for AY 20, faculty will no longer have to make up wRVU's below their target for the following academic year;
7. Salary reductions for failing to meet wRVU targets will not be enacted if the faculty member's section reaches the section's modified budgeted wRVU target;
8. Faculty will be eligible for bonus payments related to billable (wRVU) activities only if they achieve the assigned wRVU target;
9. Faculty will be eligible for bonus payments related to non-billable activities only if they achieve 90% or more of the assigned wRVU target;
10. As in the plan for AY 19, faculty who fail to achieve 45 half-day sessions per weekly assigned session in AY 20 will need to add sessions in AY 21 to compensate for the cancelled sessions;
11. Faculty assigned three or more weekly clinic sessions may reduce their 45 half-day session requirement to two weekly sessions for the number of weeks as inpatient attending;
12. Faculty assigned to work four or more half days per week in the procedure units may reduce their 45 half day session requirement to three weekly session for the number of weeks as inpatient attending;
13. Clinic sessions that conflict with inpatient responsibilities can be scheduled before, during, or after the inpatient rotations;
14. Morning clinic sessions should be avoided and afternoon sessions should not exceed two sessions per week while serving as inpatient ward attending;
15. Mitigating circumstances will be considered prior to determining ineligibility for bonus payments or adverse financial actions for faculty.

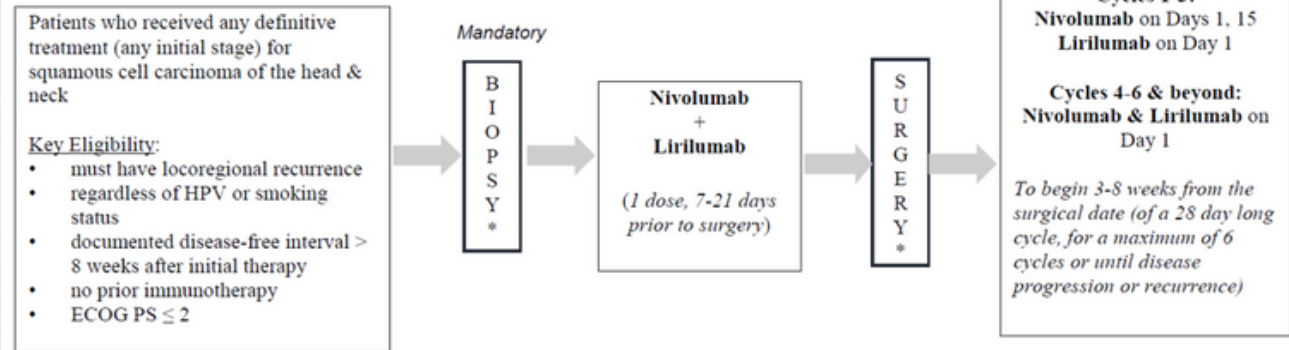


Clinical Trials

Newly Opened Clinical Trial

NEW HEAD & NECK SCC Clinical Trial – 2nd Line Resectable

DFCI 17-411: *Adjuvant nivolumab and lirilumab in patients with relapsed, resectable squamous cell carcinoma of the head and neck*



Available Career Opportunities as of October 2019:

- Breast Oncology Advanced Practice Provider
- Director, Hematology Oncology Fellowship Program
- Clinical Investigator, Genitourinary Oncology
- Clinical Director, Sickle Cell Center
- Clinical Investigator, Hematology/ Hematological Malignancies
- Clinical Investigator, Breast Oncology
- Clinical Investigator, Gastrointestinal Oncology
- Inpatient Hospitalist
- Clinical Investigator, Head and Neck Oncology
- Clinical Investigator, Thoracic Oncology
- Laboratory-Based Investigators – Molecular Oncology

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Monthly Spotlights



Over this past summer, Lisa Keller, MSN completed the Lake Pearl Triathlon in Wrentham, MA to support her local YMCA. Pictures here along with her is one her lung cancer patients, James Schweitzer, who participates in the Livestrong Exercise Program for cancer patients.



Our Healing Paws dog, Nellie, won 1st place in the Salem Howl-O-Ween competition with her rendition of a pin cushion.