

Section of Hematology and Medical Oncology

Newsletter



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Patient Voices from BMC's The Hub



"Hear how Kathleen overcame a very aggressive form of breast cancer thanks to the unwavering support of her care team."

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New Incoming Fellows for July, 2020

Geri/Onc Fellow



Maya Abdallah, MD

Medical School: University of Balamand Faculty of Medicine and Medical Sciences

Residency: University of Massachusetts Medical School

Heme/Onc Fellows



Hamza Hassan, MD

Medical School: Rawalpindi Medical College

Residency: Rochester General Hospital



Michelle Lee, MD

Medical School: Wake Forest School of Medicine

Residency: University of Maryland Medical Center

Grants, Awards and Recognitions



Gretchen Gignac,
MD

Gretchen Gignac, MD, Jennifer Rider, ScD, MPH and Christine Gunn, PhD were awarded a 3-year grant from the DoD's Prostate Cancer Research Program, entitled "Genetic Testing in the Safety Net: Improving Equity in Prostate Cancer Treatment".

It's a mixed methods study that includes both a retrospective cohort analysis using BMC electronic medical record data and qualitative interviews to better understand patterns in referrals and use of genetic testing for prostate cancer patients. This also represents a new collaboration between the three as co-investigators.



Todd Dowrey, Division of Hematology-Oncology and Lab Manager of the Murphy Laboratory at the CReM won a best poster award at the annual Genome Science Institute's (GSI) Symposium. The presented work details high-resolution, single-cell profiling of neuroendocrine tumors (NETs).

Publications & Presentations



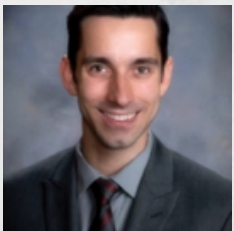
Shayna Sarosiek,
MD

Shayna Sarosiek, MD and Vaishali Sanchorawala, MBBS published a study in the Journal of Blood Medicine titled "Treatment Options for Relapsed/refractory Systemic Light-Chain (AL) Amyloidosis: Current Perspectives". [Read more here.](#)



Vaishali
Sanchorawala,
MBBS

Dr. Sanchorawala also presented a talk on November 12, 2019 during an Amyloidosis Research Consortium public meeting at the FDA regarding Advancing Drug Development in AL Amyloidosis. The talk was titled "Understanding Burden of Illness and Quality of Life in patients with AL amyloidosis". The meeting was held at FDA Campus Silver Springs, MD.



Andrew Staron,
MD

Andrew Staron, MD, Yachana Kataria, PhD, David L. Murray, MD, PhD, Mark Sloan, MD and Vaishali Sanchorawala, MBBS published an article in the American Journal of Hematology titled "Systemic AL amyloidosis with an undetectable plasma cell dyscrasia: A zebra without stripes." [Read more here](#)



Isabel Dominguez,
PhD

Isabel Dominguez, Ph.D., et al. published a study in Scientific Reports titled "Down-regulation of CK2 α correlates with decreased expression levels of DNA replication minichromosome maintenance protein complex (MCM) genes." This study addresses the role of CK2 α in heart growth during embryonic development. Interestingly, CK2 α is linked to the control of cardiac hypertrophy in adult mice. The results help us understand heart growth during embryonic development and congenital and acquired heart diseases. [Read more here](#)

Publications & Presentations



Martin H.
Steinberg, MD

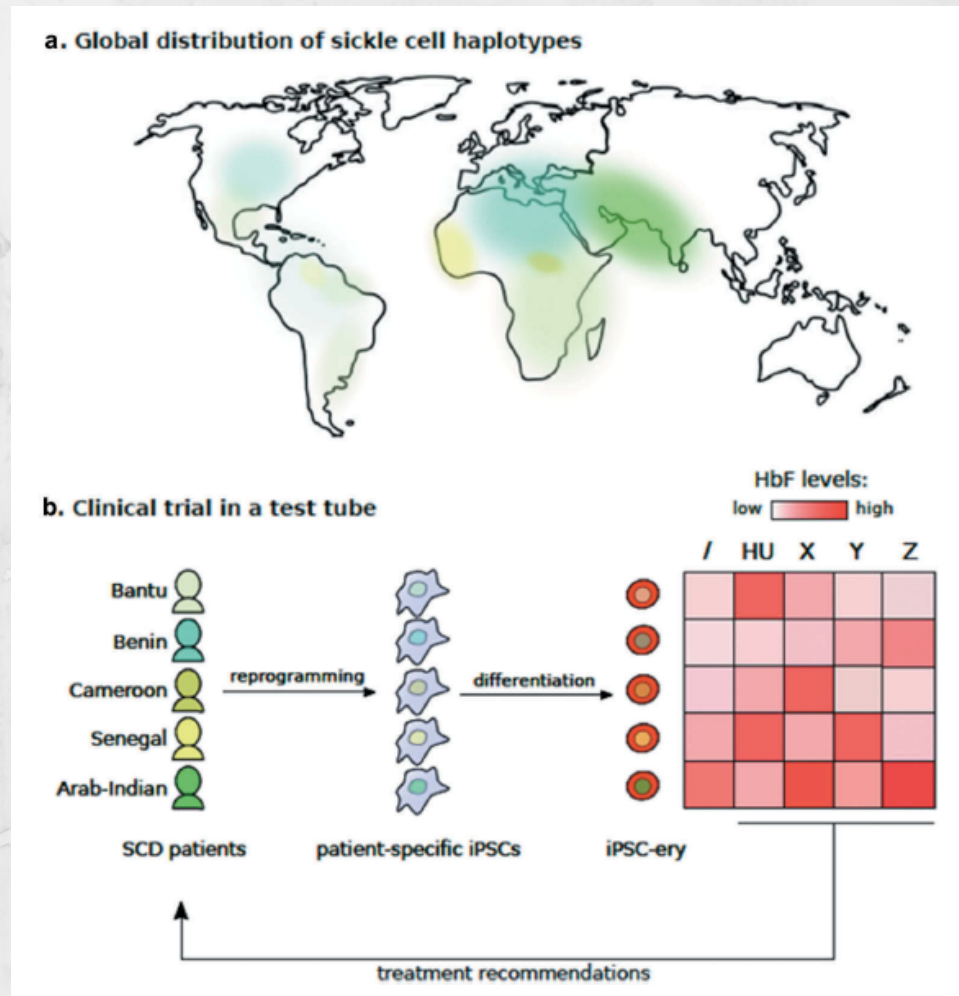


Kim Vanuytsel,
PhD



George Murphy,
PhD

Martin H. Steinberg, MD, Kim Vanuytsel, PhD, George Murphy, PhD and Sara Kumar published a review paper on Precision Medicine in Sickle Cell Disease. [Read more here](#)



Upcoming Events and Reminders

Heme/Onc Research Seminar

Tuesday December 17th at 4PM – X715 (650 Albany Street, 7th floor)
basic and clinical research on display



61st ASH® Annual Meeting and Exposition

Orlando, Florida • December 7–10, 2019



highlights from the
American Society of Hematology (ASH)

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



1525 WASHINGTON STREET
BOSTON'S SOUTH END

R.S.V.P.
by December 7th

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Monthly Spotlights



Journey to a Cure for Sickle Cell Disease was held on Veteran's Day, Monday, Nov. 11, 2019 at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, with guest of honor, six-time Grammy Award winner and author BeBe Winans. The event featured sickle cell disease (SCD) experts discussing Boston Medical Center's trailblazing work in treating—and someday curing—SCD.



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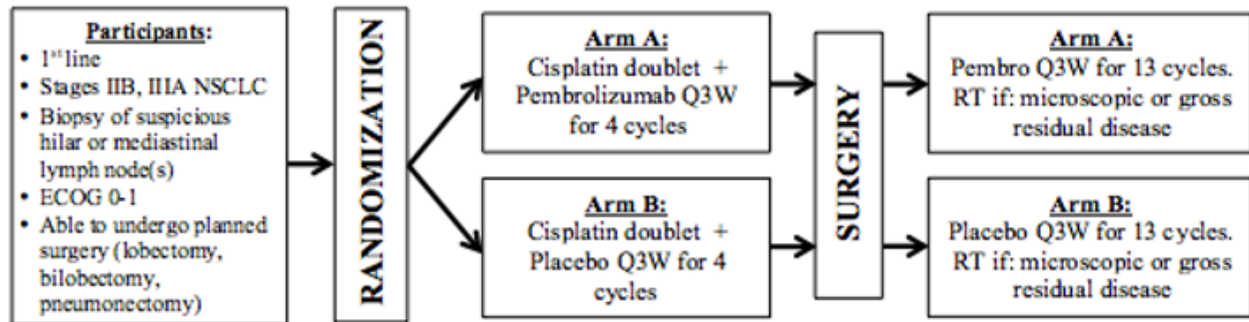
"Orlando shares his story of battling cancer after experiencing a life-threatening event " [Click here for link](#)

Clinical Trials

Newly Opened Cancer Clinical Trial

NON-SMALL CELL LUNG CANCER – 1st Line Neoadjuvant/Adjuvant

Merck KEYNOTE 671: *A Phase III, Randomized, Double-blind Trial of Platinum Doublet Chemotherapy +/- Pembrolizumab (MK-3475) as Neoadjuvant/Adjuvant Therapy for Participants with Resectable Stage IIB or IIIA Non-small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC) (KEYNOTE-671)*



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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Highlights from the ASH Convention



Season's Greetings from the DOM!

