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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
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).

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, 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, Ph.D., et al. published a study in Scientific Reports titled "Down-regulation of CK2α correlates with decreased expression levels of DNA replication minichromosome maintenance protein complex (MCM) genes." This study addresses the role of CK2alpha in heart growth during embryonic development. Interestingly, CK2alpha 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
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)

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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

RSVP by December 7th

Mary Yohannes

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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.

Patient Voices from BMC's The Hub

"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 IIA 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 Investigator, Gastrointestinal Oncology
- Clinical Investigator, Hematology/ Hematological Malignancies
- Clinical Investigator, Breast Oncology
- Clinical Investigator, Thoracic Oncology
- Laboratory-Based Investigators – Molecular Oncology
- Inpatient Hospitalist

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Highlights from the ASH Convention
Season's Greetings from the DOM!