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Newsletter



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Boston Magazine's "TOP DOCS" for 2020



Vaishali Sanchorawala, MBBS Hematology



Adam Lerner, MD Medical Oncology



Matthew Kulke, MD Medical Oncology



Gretchen Gignac, MD Medical Oncology



Kevan Hartshorn, MD Medical Oncology



Publications & Presentations



Kevan Hartshorn, MD

Dr. Hartshorn, along with other collaborators, recently published a number of articles:

- 1. Article titled "Neighborhood Characteristics and Colorectal Cancer Survivors' Quality of Care" in the journal Health Equity. Read more here
- 2. Article titled "Influenza Hemagglutinins H2, H5, H6, and H11 are not Targets of Pulmonary Surfactant Protein D: N-glycan subtypes in host-pathogen interactions" in the Journal of Virology. Read more here
- 3. Article titled "Enhanced Antiviral Activity of Human Surfactant Protein D by Site-Specific Engineering of the Carbohydrate Recognition Domain" in the journal Frontiers in Immunology. Read more here
- 4. Article titled "Prolonged Treatment Response to Pembrolizumab in a Patient with Pretreated Metastatic Colon Cancer and Lynch Syndrome" in Case Reports in Oncological Medicine. Read more here

Grants, Awards and Recognitions



Claire Hacking, MS

Correction from December Newsletter: Claire Hacking, MS is also an investigator on the grant mentioned below in the previous newsletter:

Christine Gunn, PhD, Jennifer Rider, ScD, MPH and Gretchen Gignac, MD 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.





New Faculty Announcement



Nebulla Stephen, NP

Nebulla Stephen, NP has recently accepted an offer to join our section. Nebulla will bring to our section a broad range of prior experience that has included working as an NP for Boston Healthcare for the Homeless, and work as a project manager for the Boston Public Health Commission. Prior to working in these positions, she received a BA from Tufts University in Anthropology and Community Health, an MA in Medical Anthropology from Brandeis University, and a nursing degree from Regis College. In her new role, she will be working with Naomi Ko and Lauren Oshry to help support our breast cancer program.

Upcoming Events and Reminders

Heme/Onc Research Seminar

Tuesday January 21st at 4PM – X715 (650 Albany Street, 7th floor) basic and clinical research on display



Dr. Florian Douam, PhD

Building humanized mouse models to investigate flavivirus pathogenesis and immunity



Dr. Shayna Sarosiek, MD

Monoclonal gammopathy in TTR amyloidosis

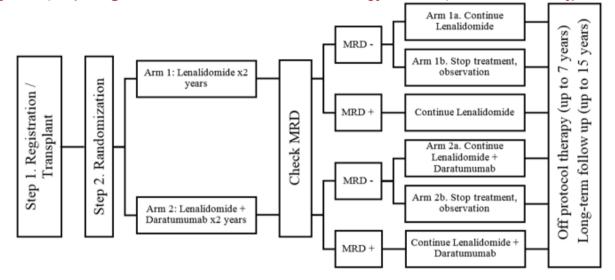




Newly Opened Clinical Trials

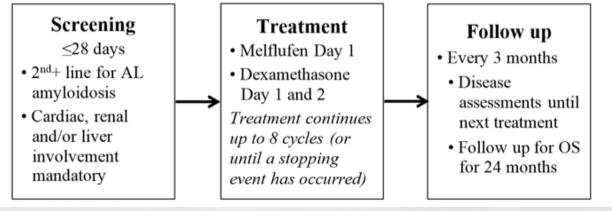
MYELOMA - 1st Line/Adjuvant Following ASCT

<u>S1803 DRAMMATIC:</u> Phase III Study of Daratumumab/rHuPH20 (NSC-810307) + Lenalidomide or Lenalidomide as Post-Autologous Stem Cell Transplant Maintenance Therapy in Patients with Multiple Myeloma (MM) Using Minimal Residual Disease to Direct Therapy Duration (DRAMMATIC Study)



AL AMYLOIDOSIS – 2nd+ line

<u>Oncopeptides #OP201:</u> An Open-Label, Phase 1/2 Study of Melflufen and Dexamethasone for Patients with AL Amyloidosis Following at Least One Prior Line of Therapy





Monthly Spotlights

2019 Patient Holiday Gift Drive

From the patient navigators team:

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"Our 2019 Patient Holiday Gift Drive was a huge success! Both our team and our patients would like to send a HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who donated and leant support this past season. With your help, we were able to raise ~\$1200 and collected several items to support our 4 patient families (8 kids total), contributions included everything from clothes and shoes, to toys and trees.

The gesture truly made an impact on our patients' spirits and each family has expressed their appreciation for everyone's generosity. One patient's daughter wrote a precious thank you note that unfortunately suffered a hot chocolate spill, but the gist was that her December was made a little more special because of everyone's love."





George Murphy at TEDxBeaconStreet @ Boston Medical Center



Available Career Opportunites as of October 2019:

- Breast Oncology Advanced Practice Provider
- Director, Hematology Oncology Fellowship Program
- Clinical Investigator, Genitourinary Oncology
- Clinical Director, Sickle Cell Center

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- 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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