

Section of Hematology and Medical Oncology

Newsletter



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From the BMC Beat: How Boston Medical Center's Biobank Is Helping Eradicate Health Disparities



Matthew Kulke, MD

"Much like the uniqueness of a fingerprint, the way cancer can manifest, progress and respond to treatment varies greatly from person to person. However, current cancer research only studies a small percentage of the population. BMC is changing that." [Read more here](#)

Announcements



Mark Sloan, MD

We are delighted to announce that **Dr. Mark Sloan** will be taking on the role of Hematology/Oncology Fellowship Director following Kevan Hartshorn's retirement this fall. Mark is currently an Associate Professor of Medicine at BUSM and has been serving in the capacity of Associate Fellowship Director for the past several years. In this role has become known and respected for his teaching skills as well as for his dedication and support of our fellows.

He will bring to the fellowship a broad range of educational experiences, having received his MD and completed a residency at the Yale School of Medicine, and subsequently completed a fellowship in hematology/oncology at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Massachusetts General Hospital. As a faculty member in our section he has been a key member of our hematology group and the Amyloidosis Center, and is actively sought after by fellows and faculty alike for his expertise in these areas.



Vaishali Sanchorawala,
MBBS

Dr Vaishali Sanchorawala was elected as the secretary of the International Society of Amyloidosis. She will serve in this role for a term of 2 years on the Board of the International Society of Amyloidosis.

Publications



Laura Lowery, PhD

[Dr. Laura Lowery](#) and colleagues published a research article in PLOS Genetics in February titled "NCBP2 modulates neurodevelopmental defects of the 3q29 deletion in Drosophila and Xenopus laevis models." Read more [here](#)



Andrew Staron, MD

Assessment of minimal residual disease using multiparametric flow cytometry in patients with AL amyloidosis. Staron A, Burks EJ, Lee JC, Sarosiek S, Sloan JM, Sanchorawala V. Blood Adv. 2020 Mar 10;4(5):880-884. Read more [here](#)

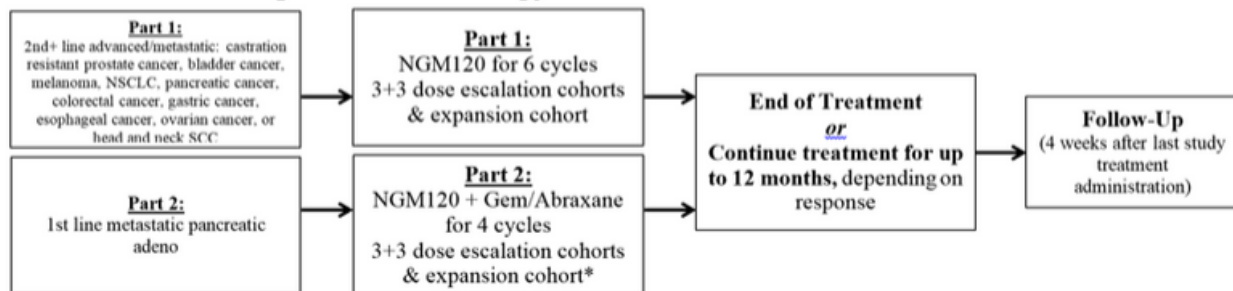
Congratulations to [Dr Andrew Staron](#), Hem-Onc fellow.

Clinical Trials Update

Newly Opened Cancer Clinical Trials

ALL CANCERS – Last line *or* Pancreatic cancer – 1st line

NGM 18-0402: A Phase 1a/b Dose-Escalation Study Followed by Expansion Cohorts of NGM120, a GFRAL Antagonist Monoclonal Antibody Blocking GDF15 Signaling, in Subjects with Advanced Solid Tumors and Pancreatic Cancer Using Combination Therapy



*Dose expansion cohort for part 2 is NGM120 *or* placebo + Gem/Abraxane

Features from The BMC Beat: Cancer Care Edition

Treating the Whole Person After a Cancer Diagnosis



"From BMC's HealthCity—an online platform dedicated to exploring the most pressing issues in health today—comes an article about how social workers and patient navigators provide crucial support for social needs to ensure access to care when cancer disrupts a patient's life."

[Read more here](#)

New Frontiers in Breast Cancer Research



Naomi Ko, MD

"Boston Medical Center is committed to providing the best care and health outcomes to all patients from all walks of life. That is why BMC's Breast Cancer Program is conducting breast cancer research that includes women from diverse populations—something that has not been done historically." [Read more here](#)

Strutting the Catwalk for a Good Cause



"Please join us on Thursday, October 1, for the annual Catwalk for BMC Cancer Care—an amazing evening of fashion dedicated to celebrating cancer survivorship." [Tickets available here](#)

Announcements and Reminders

2020 Catwalk for Cancer Care nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2020 BMC Catwalk for Cancer Care! The event will take place on Thursday, October 1 at the State Room. Please submit your online nominations here: <https://development.bmc.org/nominate-model-catwalk-bmc-cancer-care/>

We are looking for both men and women as well as a parent/grandparent/guardian and child pairings (12 and under) to feature on the runway. Staff nominations will be accepted with priority given to staff who are also cancer survivors.

If you have any questions about the process, or if you prefer to submit this information via email, please feel free to reach out to Kristen Lauda in the Development Office, Kristen.lauda@bmc.org or [617-638-6739](tel:617-638-6739). Please note that we cannot guarantee that each patient nominated will be invited to participate. We typically receive far more nominations than we have available slots. The more information you can provide, the better! We receive a number of very strong nominations and select models based on the information that you include in your nomination!

We will be collecting nominations through Friday May 8th. Please note, the models must be healthy enough to participate in a 5-6 hour long day in addition to other responsibilities in preparation for the event such as meetings and fittings.

BMC Provider Profile Update Form

If you would like to add updates to your BMC Provider Profile Page, please fill out the form linked here.

New Form for Announcements and Newsletter Submissions

Are you interested in sharing news of your speaking engagements, awards, publications, events and other announcements with our section? Complete the intake form linked below and we will be happy to advertise your requests via email or the monthly section newsletter:

<http://www.bumc.bu.edu/hematology/2020/01/15/announcement-requests/>

Available Career Opportunitites as of March 2020:

- Clinical Director, Sickle Cell Center
- Clinical Investigator, Hematology/ Hematological Malignancies
- Clinical Investigator, Breast Oncology
- Clinical Investigator, Genitourinary Oncology
- Laboratory-Based Investigators – Molecular Oncology
- Clinical Investigator, Head and Neck Oncology
- Clinical Investigator, Thoracic Oncology

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