

Section of Hematology and Medical Oncology Newsletter



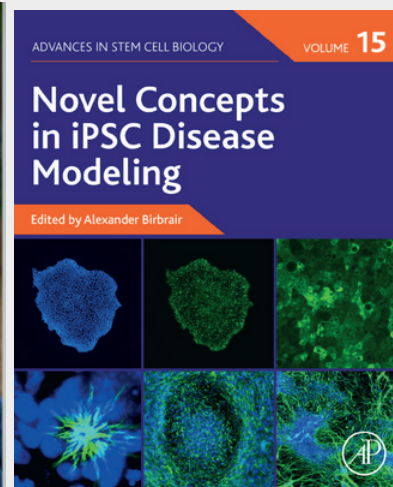
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Richard Giadone, PhD, from the CReM and the Murphy Laboratory published a new book chapter in "Novel Concepts in iPSC Disease Modeling." Dr. Giadone's chapter discusses the iPSC-based modeling of systemic amyloid disease and his work is featured on the cover of the book.



Richard Giadone, PhD



Awards



George Murphy, PhD

George Murphy, PhD, recipient of the 2021 Catalyst Award, was featured in an article from the National Academy of Medicine concerning the 2021 Catalyst Award titled [Decoding the Centenarians' Secret to Disease Resistance and Longevity](#).



Gareth Morgan, PhD

A team from the Amyloidosis Center led by **Gareth Morgan, PhD**, was awarded a grant of \$250,000 (total) from Johnson & Johnson Innovation to develop new tools for diagnosis and management of AL amyloidosis. The award was from the J&J QuickFire Challenge program, "Improving Detection of AL Amyloidosis (IDEA)." They will be working to develop an assay that could potentially identify individuals with pre-symptomatic AL or myeloma who may be at increased risk of amyloidosis.



Jack Norton

Jack Norton in the Hagedorn Lab received a Student Research Award (SRA) from the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) at Boston University. Jack will be leading a project in the Hagedorn Lab using zebrafish to study hematopoietic stem and progenitor cell migration.

Publications



Vishal Gupta, MD



Mark Sloan, MD

Vishal Gupta, MD (former BMC resident) and **Mark Sloan, MD**, had an important paper titled Impact of Human T-Cell Lymphotropic Virus Type 1 and 2 Infection on Survival Following Stem Cell Transplantation accepted to the Journal of Transplant and Cellular Therapy.

Gupta VK, El-Jawahri A, Orkev G, Johnson MH, Weinberg J, Goodrich C, Janakiram M, Sloan JM. Impact of Human T-Cell Lymphotropic Virus Type 1 and 2 Infection on Survival Following Stem Cell Transplantation. Transplant Cell Ther. 2022 Feb 2:S2666-6367(22)00051-3. doi: 10.1016/j.jtct.2022.01.023. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 35123118.



Maya Abdallah, MD Vaishali Sanchorawala, MD

Maya Abdallah, MD, and **Vaishali Sanchorawala, MD**, published Update on the Contemporary Treatment of Light Chain Amyloidosis Including Stem Cell Transplantation.

Abdallah M, Sanchorawala V. Update on the Contemporary Treatment of Light Chain Amyloidosis Including Stem Cell Transplantation. Am J Med. 2022 Jan 23:S0002-9343(22)00031-6. doi: 10.1016/j.amjmed.2022.01.011. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 35081382.



Chris Heaphy, PhD

Chris Heaphy, PhD, and collaborators published Mutational Landscape and Outcomes of Conjunctival Melanoma in 101 Patients.

Lally SE, Milman T, Orloff M, Dalvin LA, Eberhart CG, Heaphy CM, Rodriguez FJ, Lin CC, Dockery PW, Shields JA, Shields CL. Mutational Landscape and Outcomes of Conjunctival Melanoma in 101 Patients. Ophthalmology. 2022 Jan 24:S0161-6420(22)00068-9. doi: 10.1016/j.ophtha.2022.01.016. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 35085662.



Clinic Updates



Congratulations to Peter Richards and Estelle Cadrain on their recent promotions!

Peter Richards is being promoted to an ASR III. In his new role, Peter will begin working as an Infusion Scheduler and helping us to ensure that all our patients who need infusions are being placed on the schedule in a timely and reliable manner. Peter joined the Cancer Center in June 2021 and has been part of the BMC team since Oct. 2019. He is currently pursuing his Bachelor's in Healthcare Administration at Purdue University Global with plans to graduate at the end of this calendar year.

Estelle Cadrain is being promoted to the Team Coordinator for Medical Oncology and Multi-Disciplinary Clinics. Estelle joined the Cancer Center in August 2021. She is a May 2021 graduate from the College of the Holy Cross where she majored in Global Health. As an undergraduate, Estelle volunteered for a year at U Mass Memorial Medical Center in the Cardiac ICU. She spent the summer of 2019 in Honduras working in medical assistant triage and research roles. She also dedicated a semester to working at the King Dinuzulu Hospital Complex in Durban, South Africa.

Congratulations to **Radhika Patel**, who has been offered a promotion with BUMG. Radhika's last day in the clinic is 2/25 and we are so thankful for all of her hard work over the years. We wish her the best in her new position!

Announcements

Grants & Contracts

The National Institutes of Health released a new salary cap, guidance and examples (NOT-OD-22-076, [Guidance on Salary Limitation for Grants and Cooperative Agreements](#)). Effective January 2, 2022, the salary limitation for Executive Level II is \$203,700. In particular also note that many federal agencies adopt the NIH cap, see the following excerpt from the NIH Notice: For active awards, including awards that have been issued in FY 2022 (continuation and new), that were restricted to the previous Executive Level II, if adequate funds are available in active awards, and if the salary cap increase is consistent with the institutional base salary, recipients may rebudget funds to accommodate the current Executive Level II salary level.

DOM Faculty BMC/BU IT Survey

Due to recent IT connectivity issues, DOM Central Research Office is interested in hearing from faculty regarding challenges that may be impacting the research community at BU and BMC.

Please complete the following survey:

https://bostonu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_dpBNoLRiutiHncG

Contact [Christine Choi](#), Project Manager, Department of Medicine with any questions

BU-BMC Cancer Center Special Lecture



School of Medicine

Section of Hematology & Medical Oncology BU-BMC Cancer Center Special Lecture

**“Learning from PD-1/PD-L1 Response Determinants & The Failure of
‘Next Generation’ Immunotherapy: Toward a Precision Medicine
Model for Cancer Immunotherapy Development”**



Keith Flaherty, M.D.

Professor, Medicine, Harvard Medical School
Director, Clinical Research, Cancer Center
Mass General Hospital
Boston, MA

Thursday , March 24, 2022 | 12 p.m. – 1 p.m.

Via Zoom with Limited seating, FGH 1st Floor Conference Room

**Contact: Hem/Onc Administrators
DG-Hem-Onc-Administrators@bmc.org**

Boston University Medical Campus

Upcoming Section Events

Microaggression Bystander Training and Anti-Racism Discussion

Laura Lowery, PhD, will lead a microaggression bystander training and anti-racism discussion for all faculty in our section on March 10th from 12pm-1pm.

During the hour, Laura will first provide a short refresher of the microaggression training we learned last year. We will then have small group discussions to share our own personal experiences with microaggressions and racism and our responses to witnessing them.

We hope to create a respectful space to provide a forum for further education and reflection, as well as identifying actions that can promote a more inclusive community for everyone.

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Available Career Opportunities as of January 2022:

- Clinical Investigator, Genitourinary Oncology Program
- Clinical Investigator, Hematology/Hematologic Malignancies
- Research Assistant
- Clinical Research Nurse
- Clinical Research Coordinator
- Senior Grant Manager