

# Section of Hematology and Medical Oncology

## Newsletter



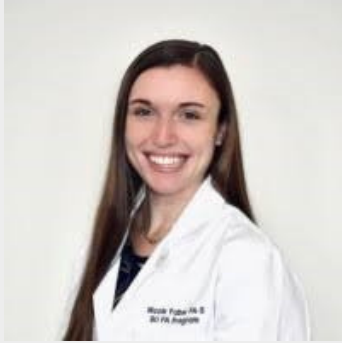
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Dr. Fabio Petrocca and the new CAR-T program highlighted in "[How Boston Is Beating Cancer.](#)"



# New Hires



Nicole Faber, PA

**Nicole Faber, PA**, joined the Section as an APP on January 1. Nicole recently completed the PA program at BUSM.



Page Brody, MS, CGC

**Page Brody, MS, CGC**, joined the Section as a Genetic Counselor on January 1. Page previously worked as a genetics counselor at Baystate Medical Center, and in addition brings with her a broad range of prior leadership and administrative experience.



Maggie Ruderman MS,CGC

**Maggie Ruderman, MS,CGC**, joined the Section as an Assistant Professor of Medicine on January 1. Maggie is a graduate of the BU Genetic Counseling program, and many of us know her from her prior position as a genetic counselor in BMC Cancer Care.

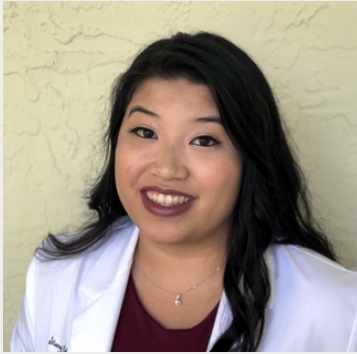


Sabina Dahal

**Sabina Dahal** joined the Section as an Administrative Coordinator III on December 12. Sabina recently graduated from UMass Amherst in the Spring and earned a degree in Public Health with a minor in Business.



# New Hires



Stacey Chung, PA-C

**Stacey Chung, PA-C**, accepted an offer to join the Section as an APP starting May 1. Stacey brings a broad range of clinical as well as laboratory experience. She has a degree in Medical Laboratory Sciences from the University of Vermont, and previously worked as a Blood Bank technologist at Brigham and Women's Hospital and as a Cellular Processing Technologist at the Massachusetts General Cancer Center. Following completion of her Physician Assistant certificate at Barry University in Miami, she has more recently gained clinical experience working at an Urgent Care clinic in Quincy, MA.



Priya Patel, PA-C

**Priya Patel, PA-C**, accepted an offer to join the Section as an APP starting May 1. A graduate of the Temple University PA training program in Philadelphia, Priya has most recently been working as a physician assistant in an independent substance abuse clinic, where she was responsible for caring for a large and challenging patient panel.



Imad ud Deen, MBBS

**Imad ud Deen, MBBS**, accepted a position as a hospitalist in the Section starting July 15. Dr. Deen is a graduate of Jinnah Medical and Dental College in Pakistan, and subsequently gained research experience as a post-doctoral associate with Dr. Kurt Schalper in the Translational Immuno-Oncology program at Yale University. He has more recently been pursuing his residency training in internal medicine at Medstar Health Baltimore, and will be completing his residency this spring.



# Publications



Maya Abdallah, MD

## Dr. Maya Abdallah and collaborators published:

Zhao J, Abdallah M, Sanapala C, Watson E, LoCastro M, Castillo DA, Richardson D, LeBlanc TW, Loh KP. A Systematic Review of Decision Aids in Hematologic Malignancies: What Are Currently Available and What Are We Missing? Oncologist. 2022 Nov 7:oyac231. doi: 10.1093/oncolo/oyac231. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 36342114.

Abdallah M, Kadambi S, Parsi M, Rai M, Mendler JH, Wittink M, Duberstein PR, Tsang M, Klepin HD, Loh KP. Older patients' experiences following initial diagnosis of acute myeloid leukemia: A qualitative study. J Geriatr Oncol. 2022 Nov;13(8):1230-1235. doi: 10.1016/j.jgo.2022.08.017. PubMed PMID: 36064536.



Chris Heaphy, PhD

## Dr. Chris Heaphy and collaborators published:

Low JY, Ko M, Hanratty B, Patel RA, Bhamidipati A, Heaphy CM, Sayar E, Lee JK, Li S, De Marzo AM, Nelson WG, Gupta A, Yegnasubramanian S, Ha G, Epstein JI, Haffner MC. Genomic Characterization of Prostatic Basal Cell Carcinoma. Am J Pathol. 2023 Jan;193(1):4-10. doi: 10.1016/j.ajpath.2022.09.010.

# Awards



Camille Edwards, MD

**Dr. Camille Edwards** received the International Myeloma Foundation 2023 Junior Research Award for her proposal "Defining a molecular signature of cardiotoxicity in systemic immunoglobulin light chain amyloidosis."



Chris Heaphy, PhD

**Dr. Chris Heaphy** was selected by the Neuroendocrine Tumor Research Foundation to receive a 2022 award. His grant on Spatial Transcriptomic Profiling of the PanNET Tumor Microenvironment was funded by NETRF for 1 year. This was a true collaborative effort with Dr. Ruben Dries and his team.



Shuaiying Cui, PhD

**Dr. Shuaiying Cui** was selected for a 2023 Wing Tat Lee Pilot Grant for his collaboration with a Chinese University.



Maya Abdallah, MD

**Dr. Maya Abdallah** was selected to receive a 2022 ASH Abstract Achievement Award for her abstract titled "Metformin Use and Incidence of Cancer: A Large Retrospective Cohort Study of U.S. Veterans."

# In the News



Drs. Kulke, Sanchorawala, Gignac and Lerner were named on Boston Magazine's annual list of "Top Docs."



Dr. Fabio Petrocca and the cellular therapy program were featured in the Health City article "BMC Is Poised to Enter the CAR T-Cell Therapy Clinical Trials Ecosystem."



Drs. Camille Edwards and Laura Lowery were featured in "Striving for Culturally Sensitive Care" in ASH Clinical News.

# Patient Satisfaction Comments



**Adam Lerner, MD:**

"This was the best I have had in all my life. They treated me with respect at all times. They were very professional and I am very grateful. I thank them that my health is always in the best conditions because they provided me with medication that I needed and were compassionate and kind and courteous and above all, professional. I thank them so much. May God bless you."



**Lauren Oshry, MD:**

"The service was excellent, you treated me with great respect and dignity and I would definitely recommend you to anyone else who needs someone here. I am very grateful for the service. Thank you."



**Peter Everett, MD:**

"Dr. Peter Everett is very thorough. He explained the whole situation from A to Z. I really appreciate him being my doctor. Thank you."



**Nana Addo-Tabiri, MD:**

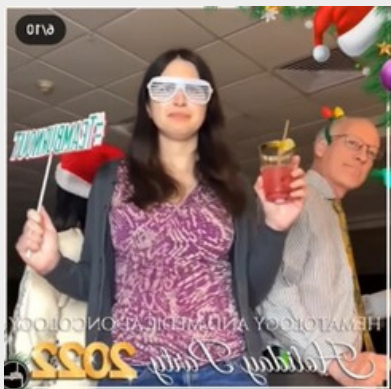
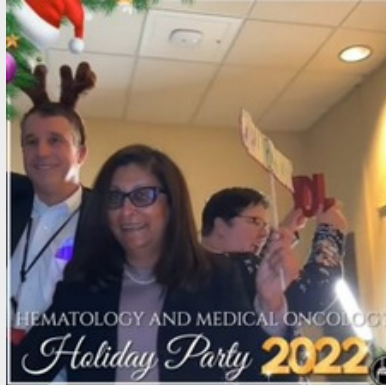
"I think Dr. Tabiri's an excellent oncologist, we have a really good relationship and we have excellent chemistry. I'm excited to belong to Boston Medical Center. I think you have some of the best doctors there to take care of us and she definitely is a one, or a 10 on my... on my, on my radar, she's a ten she's excellent I thank you for your time take care and have a good day."



# Social Committee

## Hem Onc Holiday Party

Thank you to everyone who attended our holiday party on December 14th! A great time was had by all!





# Summer 2023 UROP Application Information

The Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) will soon be accepting applications for Summer 2023! The application deadline is 12:00PM on Thursday, March 2, 2023.

A virtual information session with helpful tips on how to apply for summer UROP funding will be held on Monday, January 30 at 5:00pm.

## Summer Application Information

The types of funding for which students may apply include:

- Faculty Matching Grant (FMG): funding split equally between UROP and the faculty mentor's research funds.
- Student Research Award (SRA): funded entirely by UROP.
- Humanities Scholars Award: stipend for students conducting research in the Humanities
- Global Challenge Research Award: stipend and/or supplies for one summer and two consecutive academic semesters available to juniors conducting faculty-mentored research that addresses an issue of global importance. This year's topic is Public Health; applicants will be invited from the general applicant pool.
- Supplies Award: awards up to \$500 for research supplies, transferred directly to faculty mentor's department.
- Housing Support: No application necessary. Up to \$1000 toward summer housing (limited number of supplements available for students based on financial need as determined by Boston University Office of Financial Aid).

Please visit [www.bu.edu/urop](http://www.bu.edu/urop) to learn more about UROP and the application process.

# Upcoming Events

2/16/23, 12:00pm: Hem Onc Clinical Faculty Meeting:  
[https://bostonmedicalcenter.zoom.us/j/96560806101?](https://bostonmedicalcenter.zoom.us/j/96560806101?pwd=TytPTkg1Ung4enJaRIJhZmQ4NnFCUT09)  
[pwd=TytPTkg1Ung4enJaRIJhZmQ4NnFCUT09](https://bostonmedicalcenter.zoom.us/j/96560806101?pwd=TytPTkg1Ung4enJaRIJhZmQ4NnFCUT09)  
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If you or one of your patients would like to be featured, please submit a request at  
<https://www.bumc.bu.edu/hematology/announcement-requests/>

## Available Career Opportunities as of January 2023:

- [Advanced Practice Provider](#)
- [Advanced Practice Provider, Amyloidosis Center](#)
- [Genetic Counselor](#)
- [Clinical Investigator, Hematology/Hematologic Malignancies](#)
- [Senior Program Coordinator](#)
- [Post Doc Fellow](#)