

Section of Hematology and Medical Oncology Newsletter



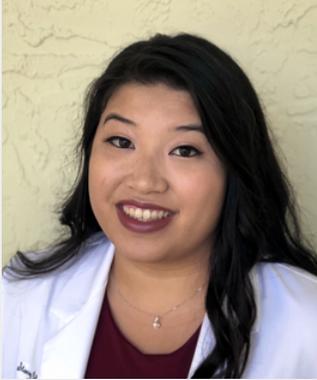
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Congratulations to **Dr. Lillian McMahan**, who was presented with a "Lifetime Nursing Achievement Award" for her compassionate care, avid research, and advocacy. Nearly 50 nurses and providers gathered to celebrate Dr. McMahan, who began her career as a Pediatric Hematologist and now supports our Sickle Cell Center of Excellence!



Welcome New Faculty and Staff



Stacey Chung, PA-C

Stacey Chung, PA-C, joins us as a Physician Assistant. Stacey received her undergraduate degree from the University of Vermont and is a graduate of the Barry University PA training program in Miami, Florida. Stacey has most recently been working at an Urgent Care clinic in Quincy, MA 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.



Priya Patel, PA-C

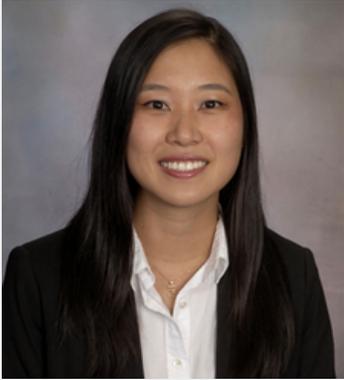
Priya Patel, PA-C, joins us as a Physician Assistant. Priya received her undergraduate degree from the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia and is a graduate of the Temple University Lewis Katz School of Medicine PA training program in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Priya has most recently been working as a physician assistant in an independent substance abuse clinic, where she was responsible for caring for a large and challenging patient panel.



Barry Logue, Jr.

Barry Logue, Jr., MHA, joins us as the Senior Director of Cancer Care. Barry received a Masters of Healthcare Administration from Florida Atlantic University, and subsequently served in several leadership positions at Jupiter Medical Center in Florida. While at Jupiter Medical Center, he served as Director of Oncology Operations and as Associate Vice President of Oncology, focusing on efforts to expand patient support services, streamline clinic processes, and develop multi-disciplinary clinics. He most recently served as Administrative Director for the Brigham and Women's Hospital Cancer Center.

New Chief Fellows



Lesley Wu, MD



Maya Abdallah, MD

Congratulations to **Lesley Wu, MD**, and **Maya Abdallah MD**, for accepting Chief Fellow positions for the 2023-2024 year. They have big shoes to fill as Dr. Michelle Lee and Dr. Hamza Hassan have done a fantastic job for the fellowship program this year but we are confident they will do an amazing job!

New Arrivals



Nora Rei Hagedorn

Congratulations to **Elliott Hagedorn, PhD**, and family for the arrival of their daughter Nora Rei Hagedorn, born on Tuesday, April 11th!

Red Ribbon Sickle Cell Gala

Faculty and staff enjoyed a wonderful night out at the 2023 Red Ribbon Sickle Cell Gala. This event celebrates the 2023 honorees and scholarships awarded, in addition to raising money for Sickle Cell awareness.



Awards



Camille Edwards, MD

Camille Edwards, MD, received the 2023 Brian D. Novis Grant from the International Myeloma Foundation for her project "Defining a molecular signature of cardiotoxicity in systemic immunoglobulin light chain amyloidosis." This grant is awarded annually to promote research into all areas of myeloma in an effort to improve patient outcomes.

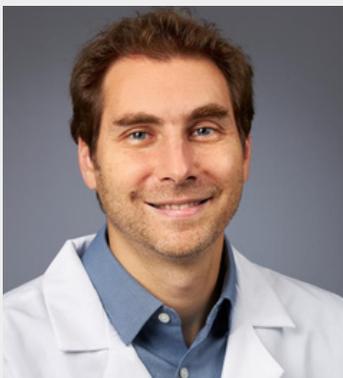
Camille also received a BU CTSI Pilot Grant Award for her project "Light chain cardiac dysfunction in AL amyloidosis."



Chris Heaphy, PhD

Chris Heaphy, PhD, received a Department of Defense Grant for his project "Defining genetic vulnerabilities in pancreatic neuroendocrine tumors that rely on the alternative lengthening of telomeres pathway." (Co-I: Rachel Flynn)

Chris also received a Department of Defense Grant for his project "Highly resolved spatial mapping of pancreatic neuroendocrine tumors for intra and inter-tumor variability." (Co-I: Ruben Dries, Matt Kulke, and Hussein Assi)



Raphael Szalat, MD, PhD

Raphael Szalat, MD, PhD, received a 2023 Paula and Rodger Riney Foundation Translational Research Award from the International Myeloma Society for his research on multiple myeloma.

Awards



Ruben Dries, PhD

Ruben Dries, PhD, received a BU CTSI Pilot Grant award for his project "Benchmarking intra-tumor heterogeneity approaches in aggressive breast cancer."



Kiana Mahdaviani, PhD

Kiana Mahdaviani, Ph.D, received a DOM STARS award, which represents:

- Service that is consistently exceptional
- Thoughtful, considerate treatment of others
- Actions demonstrate extraordinary dedication
- Role model of Excellence



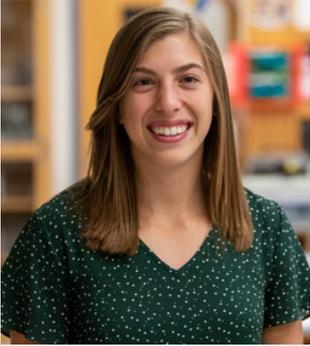
Mark Sloan, MD



Taylor Francoeur, MD

Mark Sloan, MD, Taylor Francoeur, MD, and collaborators within the Infectious Diseases Department were selected to receive a BMC Health Equity Accelerator Seed Award Grant for their project titled "Closing the Gap in Infectious Disease Screening in Chemotherapy Patients". The project focuses on increasing the rates of screening and treatment for strongyloidiasis and latent tuberculosis in our oncology population, while also collecting data on relevant risk factors to help refine future screening efforts.

Awards



Gwen Beacham, PhD

Gwen Beacham, PhD, from the Hagedorn lab was selected to give a talk at the Northeast Regional Meeting of the Society for Developmental Biology (NESDB) and also won Best Post-doctoral Talk.



Zewde Ingram

Zewde Ingram from the Hagedorn lab presented a poster at the Northeast Regional Meeting of the Society for Developmental Biology (NESDB) and won a Best Graduate Student Poster Award!



Eric Fu

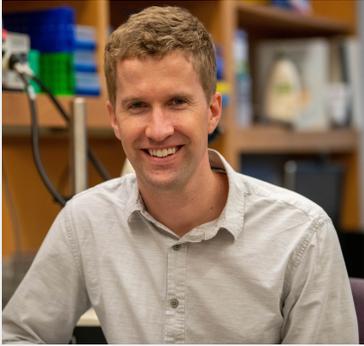
Eric Fu from the Cui lab received a Spring 2023 UROP Student Research Award. He will be leading a project focused on a novel human lncRNA as a potential therapeutic target for fetal hemoglobin induction in patients with sickle cell disease and β -thalassemia.



Alexandra Ysasi

Alexandra Ysasi, PhD, from the Murphy Lab successfully defended her thesis and received her PhD in Molecular and Translational Medicine on March 30th! The title of Alex's Thesis was "The Role of the Immune Microenvironment in Conducting Airway Epithelial Homeostasis and Repair."

Publications



Elliott Hagedorn, PhD

Elliott Hagedorn, PhD, members of the Hagedorn lab, and other collaborators published "Transcription factor induction of vascular blood stem cell niches in vivo."

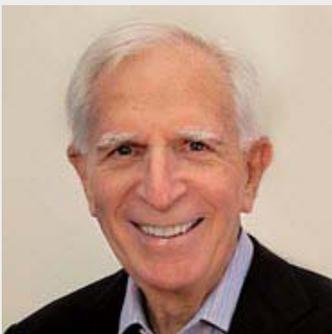
Hagedorn EJ, Perlin JR, Freeman RJ, Wattrus SJ, Han T, Mao C, Kim JW, Fernández-Maestre I, Daily ML, D'Amato C, Fairchild MJ, Riquelme R, Li B, Ragoonanan DAVE, Enkhbayar K, Henault EL, Wang HG, Redfield SE, Collins SH, Lichtig A, Yang S, Zhou Y, Kunar B, Gomez-Salinerio JM, Dinh TT, Pan J, Holler K, Feldman HA, Butcher EC, van Oudenaarden A, Rafii S, Junker JP, Zon LI. Transcription factor induction of vascular blood stem cell niches in vivo. *Dev Cell*. 2023 Apr 25:S1534-5807(23)00160-0. doi: 10.1016/j.devcel.2023.04.007. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 37119815.



Todd Dowrey, PhD

Todd Dowrey, PhD, members of the Murphy lab, and other collaborators published "Multi-modal profiling of peripheral blood cells across the human lifespan reveals distinct immune cell signatures of aging and longevity."

Karagiannis TT, Dowrey TW, Villacorta-Martin C, Montano M, Reed E, Belkina AC, Andersen SL, Perls TT, Monti S, Murphy GJ, Sebastiani P. Multi-modal profiling of peripheral blood cells across the human lifespan reveals distinct immune cell signatures of aging and longevity. *EBioMedicine*. 2023 Apr;90:104514. doi: 10.1016/j.ebiom.2023.104514. Epub 2023 Mar 31. PMID: 37005201; PMCID: PMC10114155.



Martin Steinberg, MD

Martin Steinberg, MD, and collaborators published a chapter titled Pathobiology of the Human Erythrocyte and its Hemoglobins, in, *Hematology: Basic Principles and Practice*, 8th Ed.

Steinberg MH, Benz, EJ Jr., Ebert BL, Chapter 34, Pathobiology of the Human Erythrocyte and its Hemoglobins, in, *Hematology: Basic Principles and Practice*, 8th Ed., 2023: p 453-62.

Patient Satisfaction Comments



Gretchen Gignac, MD:

"Dr. Gignac and her team are super great! I am so fortunate that I am under her professional care and BMC is lucky to have her. Thank you!"



Matthew Kulke, MD:

"Dr. Kulke is a truly world class physician/scientist who is as accessible as a family doctor. We are truly blessed to have him following and directing our care."



Arielle Davidson, NP:

"Ms. Davidson was nice. She explained everything to me, and she tried to make me understand. She did a good job and I love her now. I tell her thank you but she deserves more than thank you and I appreciate it. Thank you and thank you all for caring about me. I appreciate it, God bless you all."



Annie Helmkamp, NP:

"Annie is great, she explained everything and was so nice! I absolutely love her. Also, the medical assistant and ASR's were great as well! Great care, great job!!!"

Announcements



Are you M.A.D.E. for Professional Development?!

Apply for the Department of Medicine Administration Development & Education Program (M.A.D.E.)!

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Revenue

CARE+

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Applications Open May 1- June 2, 2023

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Announcements

Boston University Payroll and Human Resources

At Boston University we understand the importance of continuously working to improve the employment experience. As a part of that effort, we are pleased to announce the University will be transitioning from monthly payroll to a semi-monthly schedule for all salaried employees in August 2023. We believe this change will enhance recruitment and align payroll frequency for current employees with best practices at other large private research universities.

If you are currently paid monthly, beginning in August 2023 you will receive one-half of your monthly pay on the 15th of the month and the remaining half on the last day of the month. If either pay date falls on a weekend or holiday, you will be paid on the prior business day. With this new schedule you will be paid 24 times a year rather than 12 times. A semi-monthly schedule provides several benefits including earlier payments and more frequent contributions to your BU retirement plan accounts. In addition, the current monthly schedule can be difficult for individuals transitioning from positions that are paid on a weekly basis. The semimonthly schedule is anticipated to ease this transition.

There will be no change to your total monthly pay, benefit deductions, or direct deposit elections. All current payroll deductions will be evenly divided between the two semi-monthly pay periods, and no action is required on your part.

Please contact the Payroll Office at BU Pay@bu.edu if you have questions about your pay or tax withholdings or the Human Resources Service Center at hr@bu.edu if you have questions about your benefit deductions. For more information please visit www.bu.edu/payroll.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Gorham

Associate Vice President for Human Resources Data and Systems

Matthew Abrams

Associate Comptroller Payroll and Payment Services



Upcoming Events



Department of Medicine

Evans Days

October 19-20, 2023



Evans Days Speakers:

Wilkins Visiting Professor



Barbara Kahn, MD

George R. Minot Professor of Medicine,
Harvard Medical School
Vice-Chair for Research Strategy,
Department of Medicine
Senior Faculty and Former Chief,
Division of Endocrinology,
Diabetes and Metabolism,
Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center
Institute Member, Broad Institute of
MIT and Harvard

Ingelfinger Visiting Professor



Gbenga Ogedegbe, MD, MPH

Dr. Adolph & Margaret Berger
Professor of Population Health
Director, Institute for Excellence
in Health Equity (IEHE)
NYU Grossman School of
Medicine, NYU Langone Health



Upcoming Events

6/15/23: 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)
Meeting ID: 965 6080 6101
Passcode: 884121

6/29/23, 12pm: Section Photo-Moakley Green

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Available Career Opportunities as of April 2023:

- [Advanced Practice Provider](#)
- [Clinical Investigator, Hematology/Hematologic Malignancies](#)
- [Senior Program Coordinator](#)
- [Lab Coordinator](#)
- [Administrative Manager, Finance Operations](#)
- [Research Technician 3](#)