

Section of Hematology and Medical Oncology Newsletter



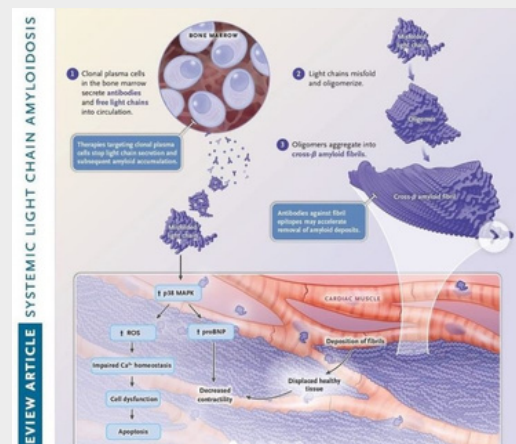
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Vaishali Sanchorawala, MD Published Article in NEJM!

This review focuses on recent advances in our understanding of the pathogenesis & clinical features of amyloid fibrillogenesis, as well as risk stratification & therapeutic advances. Read more here:

<https://www.nejm.org/doi/10.1056/NEJM>



New Hires



Latoya Murrell

Latoya Murrell joined the Section as an Office Manager on 6/10. Latoya is a dedicated administrative professional with over 10 years of experience providing exceptional administrative and operational support. In her new role, Latoya will primarily provide support to Dr. Matthew Kulke as well as performing a variety of administrative functions in support of the department. With an acute eye for detail and meticulous organizational skills, Latoya has proven to elevate the administrative functions that she is responsible for. Outside of work, Latoya loves exploring new destinations and cultures, and she finds joy in expressing herself through dance. She also has a keen interest in teeth whitening, always on the lookout for the best ways to brighten her smile. Above all, Latoya is a proud mom, cherishing every moment spent with her children and striving to be a positive role model in their lives.



Katharine Alger

Katharine Alger joined the section as a Senior Administrative Coordinator on 6/17. Katharine graduated from Wagner College in Staten Island, New York with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology/Biology. She has previous administrative experience from Massachusetts General Hospital and the Museum of Science. In her free time, Katharine enjoys traveling, reading, and playing a variety of different sports with Stonewall Sports Boston, where she is also a member of their Board. In her new role, Katharine will assist in scheduling, managing presentations, and collaborating with members of the Hem Onc department (among a variety of other tasks). Katharine is thrilled about joining BMC and is looking forward to working with the team!

Publications



Maya Abdallah, MD

Maya Abdallah, MD, and collaborators published 'Prognostic awareness and willingness to explore prognosis in older adults with cancer' - a cross-sectional analyzing factors associated with poor prognostic awareness in older adults with cancer.

Abdallah, M. et al. 'Prognostic awareness and willingness to explore prognosis in older adults with cancer', Journal of Geriatric Oncology, 15(6), p. 101810. doi:10.1016/j.jgo.2024.101810.

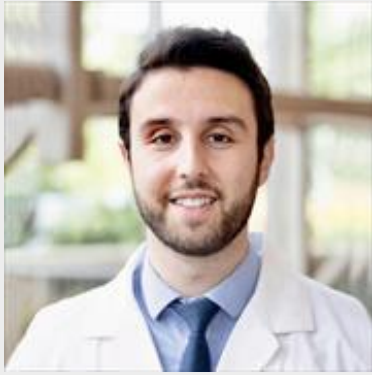


Joakin Mori, PhD

Joakin Mori, PhD led a study and published, 'Longer prostate stromal cell telomere length is associated with increased risk of death from other cancers'.

Mori JO, Platz EA, Lu J, et al. Longer prostate stromal cell telomere length is associated with increased risk of death from other cancers. Frontiers in Medicine. 2024;11. doi:10.3389/fmed.2024.1390769

Publications



Hussein Assi, MD

Hussein Assi, MD, MS along with others in the Section published, 'Ectopic Adrenocorticotrophic Hormone–Secreting Metastatic Pancreatic Neuroendocrine Tumor Initially Presenting as Gastrinoma: A Case Report'.

Dudipala H, Kulke M, Meibom S, Assi H. Ectopic Adrenocorticotrophic Hormone–Secreting metastatic pancreatic neuroendocrine tumor initially presenting as gastrinoma: a case report. *Annals of Internal Medicine Clinical Cases*. 2024;3(6). doi:10.7326/aimcc.2023.0925



Vaishali Sanchorawala, MD

Vaishali Sanchorawala, MD published, 'Systemic Light Chain Amyloidosis' in the prestigious *New England Journal of Medicine*.

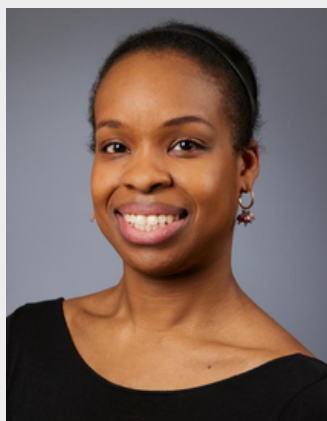
Sanchorawala V. Systemic light chain amyloidosis. *New England Journal of Medicine*. 2024;390(24):2295-2307. doi:10.1056/nejmra2304088

Awards



Kim Vanuytsel, MD

Kim Vanuytsel, MD received a Pilot & Feasibility Award from the NIDDK Cooperative Centers of Excellence in Hematology (CCEH). This award supports a collaborative effort with Dr. Ribeil's team aimed at "Improving hematopoietic stem cell quantification in a sickle cell disease context".



Camille Edwards, MD

Camille Edwards, MD received a 2024 Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation (MMRF) Research Scholars Award for her study proposal, "Mapping the molecular mechanisms of disease progression in MM and AL".

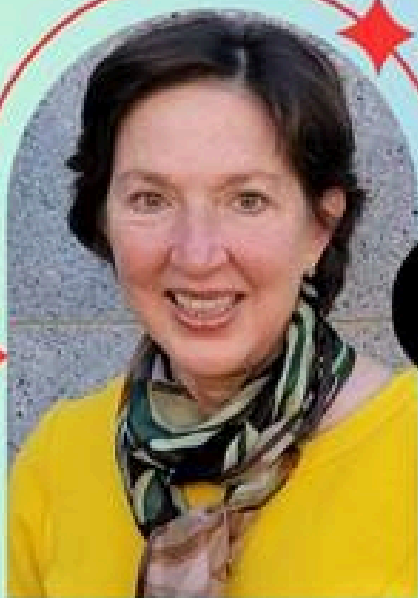


Mark Sloan, MD

Mark Sloan, MD, and team received a grant from Doris Duke Foundation to develop a neutrophil reference range for Duffy null adults and children at Boston Medical Center. Collaborating with Eric Burks in hematology lab, Reggie Thomasson in blood bank and Amy Sobota in pediatrics. Read more here: <https://x.com/Jmarksloan/status/1790825109395005651>

Awards

HEMATOLOGY & MEDICAL ONCOLOGY *Faculty & Staff Recognition Award Winners*

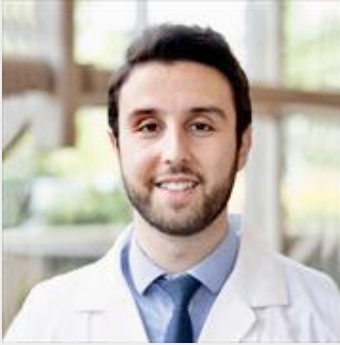


*Lauren Oshry, MD
Faculty Award Winner*



*Teresa Pugliese, RN
Staff Award Winner*

Presentations



Hussein Assi, MD

Hussein Assi, MD, gave a presentation on "Hormone control and management of functional neuroendocrine tumor syndromes" at the NANETS New England Regional Conference in Providence, RI on 5/4/24.

Conferences



Cancer & Hematology Clinical Research Program Staff attended the Association of American Cancer Institutes (AACI) Clinical Research Innovation Conference in Chicago, Illinois June 24-26, 2024. Topics included clinical trials operations implementation and sustainability, improving startup times for new trials, fostering increased clinical investigator and research team engagement, as well as emerging trends in clinical trials initiatives across the nation.

Photograph listed from left: Nhieu "Nick" Dang, Research Finance Manager; Priya Gupta Vajrapu, Senior Regulatory Manager, and Anthony Shelton, Senior Research Manager, CHCRP. Not pictured, Annie Jose, Lead Clinical Research Coordinator.

Events



YOU'RE INVITED TO THE

**HEM ONC & CANCER CENTER
NEW FACULTY & STAFF
LUNCHEON**

Faculty and staff hired within the last 6 months should attend and we encourage all others to attend as well to meet and mingle with colleagues and leadership.

**820 HARRISON AVE, GROUND FLOOR
(CARTER CONFERENCE ROOM)**

JULY 15, 2024

START AT 12:00PM

**CATERED LUNCH TO BE
PROVIDED FOR ALL STAFF**

Faculty & Staff Recognition Award

Call for Nominations!



Do you know someone who has gone above and beyond? Nominate them today and let their efforts be celebrated!

<https://www.bumc.bu.edu/hematology/faculty-staff-awards/>

The section of Hematology & Medical Oncology “Employee Recognition Award” is designed to recognize faculty and staff who work within administration, clinical care and research. This award serves as a means to celebrate excellence, foster a culture of appreciation, and inspire continuous improvement within the departmental community. It is designated for those who have demonstrated outstanding contributions, deliver exceptional service, and go above and beyond their expected duties in the section and the Cancer Center.

Upcoming Events



Hematology & Medical Oncology Social Event
Thursday | September 5 | 5:30pm
Moakley Green

If you would like to participate or just be a spectator,
please complete [this survey](#) by August 16.

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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 June 2024:

- [Advanced Practice Provider, Solid Tumor Oncology](#)
- [Clinical Investigator, Gastrointestinal Oncology](#)
- [Clinical Investigator, Genitourinary Oncology](#)
- [Advanced Practice Provider, Neuro-Oncology and CNS Malignancies](#)
- [Clinical Investigator, Breast Oncology](#)
- [Clinical Investigator, Neuro-Oncology](#)
- [Inpatient Hospitalist, Section of Hematology and Medical Oncology](#)