

Section of Hematology and Medical Oncology Newsletter



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We wanted to shout out and thank our clinical operations team. We are thankful for all you do!



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Awards



Raphael E. Szalat, MD, PhD

Raphael E. Szalat, MD, PhD has been selected to be BU-BMC Cancer Center's nominee for this year's application for the Pew-Stewart Scholars for Cancer research. The Pew-Stewart Scholars for Cancer Research supports assistant professors of outstanding promise in science relevant to the advancement of a cure for cancer.



Todd Dowrey, PhD

Todd Dowrey, PhD from the Murphy Laboratory received the Graduate Medical Sciences (GMS) Outstanding Student Achievement Award in Research for 2025!



Maya Abdallah, MD

Maya Abdallah, MD has been selected for the competitive Evans Center for Implementation and Improvement Sciences (CIIS) Fellowship 2025-2027. This fellowship provides training and mentorship in implementation science, focused on improving healthcare delivery in safety net settings.

Awards

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



Margaux Dockerty, NP
Faculty Award Winner



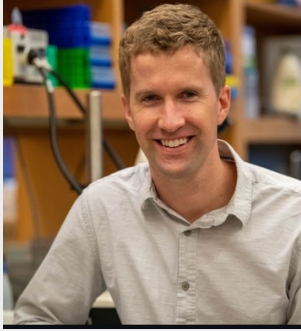
Natasha Burke, NP
Faculty Award Winner



Jessica Jeune, RN
Staff Award Winner

Bone Marrow Biopsy Team

Awards



Elliott Hagedorn, PhD

Elliott Hagedorn, PhD received a notice of award for his first R01.



Ruben Dries, PhD

Ruben Dries's, PhD, first R01 application scored in the top 1% of applications.

Upcoming Special Lectures

5/6/25: - Mathew Cherian: Associate Professor, Breast Section, Division of Medical Oncology, Department of Medicine The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center; Breast Oncologist Candidate- "Purinergic signaling in the triple-negative breast cancer tumor microenvironment"

5/8/25: - Suzanne George; Chief, Division of Sarcoma, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute "Patient collaborative research in sarcomas: From drug development to novel biology - We're all in this together!"

5/22/25: – 12-1PM - Book Review/Discussion "How to know a person: The art of seeing others deeply and being deeply seen" by David Brooks

Publications



Camille Edwards, MD

Camille Edwards, MD and others published a new paper in Amyloid describing the study of AL amyloidosis using an iPSC-based model. The paper is titled, "Abnormal global longitudinal strain and reduced serum inflammatory markers in cardiac AL amyloidosis patients without significant amyloid fibril deposition."

Edwards CV, Ferri GM, Villegas-Galaviz J, Ghosh S, Singh Bawa P, Wang F, Klimtchuk E, Ajayi TB, Morgan GJ, Prokaeva T, Staron A, Ruberg FL, Sanchorawala V, Giadone RM, Murphy GJ. Abnormal global longitudinal strain and reduced serum inflammatory markers in cardiac AL amyloidosis patients without significant amyloid fibril deposition. Amyloid. 2025 Mar 25:1-14.



Chris Heaphy, PhD

Chris Heaphy, PhD, and Lin Chen (BU medical student) collaborated with an international team on this invited review article. It is titled, "Management of patients with small pancreatic neuroendocrine tumors from a biomarker and surgical perspective."

Management of patients with small pancreatic neuroendocrine tumors from a biomarker and surgical perspective.

Verschuur AVD, Chen L, Nieveen van Dijkum EJ, Luchini C, Halfdanarson TR, Hong SM, Singhi AD, Brosens LAA, Heaphy CM. Endocr Relat Cancer. 2025 Apr 4;32(5):e240305.

BMC Cancer Research Innovator Awards

The BMC Cancer Center is pleased to again announce the availability of BMC Cancer Research Innovator Awards. The BMC Cancer Research Innovator Awards support faculty who are performing innovative research in cancer and areas related to cancer. Proposals may include basic, translational, clinical, or population-based research topics. Priority will be given to innovative projects with the potential to significantly increase understanding of underlying cancer mechanisms, lead to the development of new therapeutic strategies, address cancer related health disparities, or otherwise positively impact cancer care. Eligibility for the awards includes all faculty working in BMC space, although priority will be given to faculty in the early stages of their careers. Prior awardees are eligible for continued funding, based on demonstration of research success. Funding will be for one year, in the amount of \$50,000, beginning on July 1, 2025. Funds must be utilized within the first year of support, unless otherwise approved by the awards committee.

To apply, please submit the following materials by May 26, 2025

- Chair or Section Chief nomination letter
- A one-page description of the proposed research. Candidates applying for continued funding should also include a one-page summary of work performed in the prior year of support.
- A proposed budget: funds may be used for salary support, supplies, and other appropriate research related expenses
- Candidate CV

Please send application materials to Erin McCarthy at Erin.McCarthy@bmc.org

Sickle Cell Research Innovator Awards

We are pleased to announce the availability of new BMC Sickle Cell Research Innovator Awards, based on a recent anonymous donor gift. The BMC Sickle Cell Innovator Awards will support faculty who are performing innovative research related to sickle cell disease. Proposals may include basic, translational, clinical, or population-based research topics. Priority will be given to innovative projects with the potential to significantly increase understanding of the underlying mechanisms of sickle cell disease, lead to the development of new therapeutic strategies, address health disparities, or otherwise positively impact the care of patients with sickle cell disease. Eligibility for the awards include any faculty members working in BMC space. Funding will be for one year, in the amount of \$50,000, beginning on July 1, 2025, with the potential to renew funding for an additional year based on evidence of research success. Funds must be utilized within the first year of support, unless otherwise approved by the awards committee.

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Patient Spotlight Feedback



DOM Education Week

Department of Medicine Presents:

EDUCATION WEEK

May 5-9, 2025

05 10 AM- 12 PM
MON

MARKETPLACE

▶ L BUILDING ROOM 405

06 10 AM- 12 PM
TUES

EDUCATION ADMINISTRATOR SESSION

▶ WILKINS BOARDROOM

07 12-1 PM
WED

STUMP THE CHIEFS

▶ KEEFER AUDITORIUM

9:30 - 11 AM
08
THURS

12-1 PM

**IGNITE LEARNING: DESIGNING EFFECTIVE
MEDICAL EDUCATION WORKSHOPS**

▶ WILKINS BOARDROOM

BST MODE BY CHIEFS

▶ KEEFER AUDITORIUM

09 12-1 PM
FRI

GRAND ROUNDS

▶ KEEFER AUDITORIUM



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BU Wellness Resources



Wellness RESOURCES

Seek Support

- [Wellness Resources for BU Faculty & Staff](#)
- [FitRec](#)
- [Sargent Choice Nutrition Center](#)
- [Meditation and Mindfulness](#)



Faculty Staff Assistance Office

Find more information [here](#).



Stay Informed

Find more information about employee wellness support [here](#).





Family Resources

The Boston University Children's Center provides an educational experience for the children of BU employees.



Human Resources

If needed, please reach out to the BU HR team [here](#).




Hematology and Medical Oncology DEI Resources

To learn more about the Equity and Belonging Committee or to join please click [here](#).



BU Wellness Resources




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RESOURCES


Seek Support

- [Mental Health & Addiction Employee Resource Guide](#)
- [Residents & Fellows Mental Health & Addiction Resource Guide](#)
- [BMC Domestic Violence Program](#)




Employee Resilience Program


Email resilience@bmc.org or find more information [here](#)




Stay Informed

To find further resources please visit [here](#) in the Hub.






THRIVING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stress response is not activated • You perceive you have the confidence, skills, or resources to manage the challenges you are facing
REACTING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stress response becomes activated • You perceive that you might not have either the resources, the skill set, or confidence to manage the challenges you are facing • Experiences mild stress reactions: increased heart beat, shallow breathing, tense muscles
STRUGGLING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stress response remains activated even when stressors are not present (or becomes dysregulated) • Experiences moderate stress reactions that trigger feelings of excessive guilt, shame, isolation • May experience exhaustion and loss of joy at work
UNWELL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stress response is chronically dysregulated • Experiences severe stress reactions that are persistent and interfere with time that matches with job functioning




BIPOC Mental Health Resources


Click [here](#) to find resources specific to support BIPOC mental health




Hematology and Medical Oncology DEI Resources

To learn more about the Equity and Belonging Committee or to join please click [here](#).







New Observership Submission Form

We would like to remind you all of the launch of our new online submission form for Observership applications that is now located on our website. This new system is designed to streamline the application process and make it smoother in the initial stages of onboarding.

Starting today, all observership applications must be submitted through the online form, which can be accessed at:

<https://www.bumc.bu.edu/hematology/observership-requests/>. The form also includes the rules and regulations, which were discussed at our last Section meeting, that were put in place by BMC.

If you have already submitted an application through email, there is no need to reapply using the new form. However, you are encouraged to use the online system for any future applications.

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

Follow Us on Instagram!

Hematology & Medical Oncology is LIVE on Instagram!
Follow us at [@BMCHemOnc](https://www.instagram.com/BMCHemOnc)



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 April 2025:

- Clinical Investigator, Gastrointestinal Oncology
- Clinical Investigator, Genitourinary Oncology
- Advanced Practice Provider, Neuro-Oncology and CNS Malignancies
- Director, Ambulatory Medical Director
- Director, Neuro-Oncology Program
- Director, Sickle Cell Program
- Clinical Investigator Hematology/Hematologic Malignancies
- Senior Administrative Coordinator
- Advanced Practice Provider, Stem Cell Program
- Advanced Practice Provider, Hematology and Hematologic Malignancies
- Advanced Practice Provider: Sickle Cell Disease and Hemoglobinopathies
- Physician: Academic Clinical Investigator- Breast Oncology
- Physician: Inpatient Hospitalist