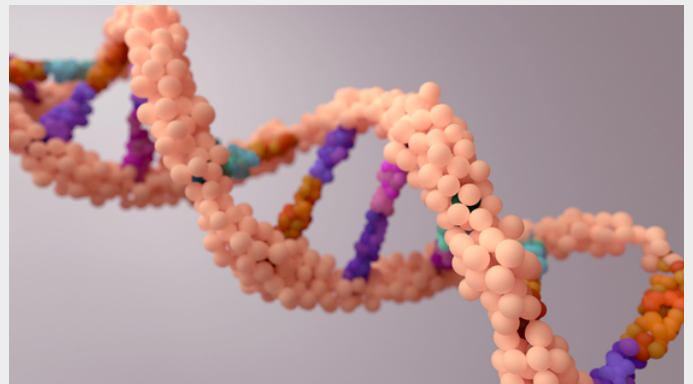


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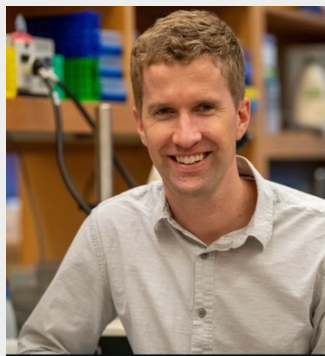


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Researchers from Mount Sinai, Boston Medical Center, and Boston University have released Giotto Suite ([described in a recent Nature Methods publication](#)), a flexible software platform for integrating and visualizing spatial multiomics data across tissue contexts. The tool streamlines workflows that previously required combining multiple packages, helping investigators focus more on scientific insight than technical hurdles.

[“New Spatial Software Streamlines Multiomics Analysis for Cancer, Other Applications,” GEN, October 1, 2025.](#)

Awards

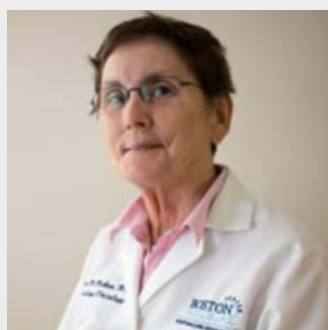


Elliott Hagedorn, PhD

Dr. Elliott Hagedorn has been selected as one of two recipients of the 2025 Department of Medicine's Junior Faculty Mentoring Award.

This award recognizes Excellence in Mentoring of peers and trainees by a junior faculty member, highlighting the invaluable role of mentorship in technical, scholarly, clinical, and educational development, as well as the less tangible but essential guidance that supports a successful career in academic medicine.

Elliott is a deeply valued member of our Hematology and Oncology Section. He is known for being easy to engage with, collaborative, and supportive, making him a truly outstanding colleague and mentor. This award is a well-deserved recognition of his generosity, dedication, and impact on our community.



Lillian McMahon, MD

Dr. Lillian McMahon has been awarded the Evans Physician Designation. This honor comes after nomination by her section chief and peers, and subsequent review by a committee of Evans Physicians.

As described in the designation criteria: "Individuals who qualify for this designation possess an exemplary approach to patient care and an unwavering focus on the patient in all aspects of their professional life (including research, teaching, and administration) over time. "Having reviewed the nominating materials, I was deeply impressed by Dr. McMahon's commitment to her patients, her colleagues, and to advancing our shared mission. I am personally excited to recognize her with this award, having seen firsthand the remarkable clinical work she does—and having learned a great deal from her myself". Please join me in congratulating Dr. McMahon on this well-deserved recognition!

Awards



J. Mark Sloan, MD

J. Mark Sloan, MD has been named a 2025 Excellence in Health Equity Award Recipient and will be inducted into the BUMG Clinical Excellence Society. This award recognizes clinicians and leaders across the institution who demonstrate extraordinary commitment to advancing health equity.

Dr. Sloan was chosen from a truly exceptional pool of nominees and joins 13 other inductees this year in the Clinical Excellence Society, which has honored the highest level of clinical excellence since its founding in 2017. Membership in the Society is ongoing as long as one remains at BUMG, and awardees are recognized not only for their skill, but for their deep impact on patients, colleagues, and the community.

Please join me in congratulating Dr. Sloan on this significant achievement and well-deserved honor!



We are delighted to share that **Dr. Kim Vanuytsel** has been named one of two recipients of the 2025 Department of Medicine Outstanding Citizenship Award. This honor recognizes faculty who exemplify exceptional professionalism, teamwork, and a commitment to fostering a supportive and collaborative environment within the department.

Dr. Vanuytsel's dedication to her colleagues and patients, as well as her consistent willingness to go above and beyond to strengthen our community, embodies the true spirit of outstanding citizenship. Her contributions help create the culture of excellence and respect that defines our department.

New Faculty



Jason Lofters, MBBS,

Jason Lofters, MBBS, will be joining the faculty of the Section of Hematology and Medical Oncology effective July 1, 2026. Dr. Lofters will focus his clinical work on Sickle Cell Disease and Benign Hematology building on his strong background in patient care, teaching, and desire to continue to support research efforts in these areas.

Dr. Lofters received his MBBS with distinction from the University of the West Indies in Jamaica, followed by residency training in Internal Medicine at Englewood Hospital/Hackensack University Medical Center in New Jersey, where he served as Chief Resident and received multiple awards for excellence in teaching and clinical care. He is currently completing his fellowship in Hematology and Medical Oncology here at BMC, where he has distinguished himself as an exceptional clinician, educator, and colleague.



Prashant Shankar, MD

Prashant Shankar, MD, will be joining the faculty of the Section of Hematology and Medical Oncology as a locum physician effective January 19, 2026.

Dr. Shankar will specialize in GI oncology, while also caring for patients with GU and head and neck malignancies, bringing his expertise to strengthen our cancer care programs. Dr. Shankar received his MBBS from Kilpauk Medical College in Chennai, India, and completed his residency in Internal Medicine at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine. He went on to complete his fellowship in Hematology and Oncology at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center where he was Chief Fellow. Dr. Shankar has since built an accomplished career as a hematologist and medical oncologist including leadership roles and recognition as a Castle Connolly "Top Doctor".



Emma Newton, MD

Emma Newton, MD, MPH, will be joining the Section of Hematology and Medical Oncology as a Hospitalist starting on July 1, 2026.

Dr. Newton completed her MD/MPH at Tulane University, where she also earned both BS and BA degrees summa cum laude. She is currently completing her residency in Internal Medicine at BMC. She has particular interests in medical education, health equity, and quality improvement, with scholarly work spanning topics such as risk factors for oncology patients, gender affirming healthcare and improving care for incarcerated patients.

Social Event - Halloween Breakfast



HemOnc Faculty Patient Spotlight



New Ambient AI Tool to Support Documentation

Our department has been selected to take part in BMC's ambient AI rollout. This initiative is part of a broader effort to reduce the documentation burden on providers and improve both the care experience and provider wellbeing. Earlier this year, BMC piloted ambient AI technology, and 83% of participants reported faster note completion and patient experience scores improved.

How it works:

This new technology, provided by Abridge, captures your conversation during a patient visit (with consent) and drafts a note directly into Epic. You retain full control of the note and can review and edit as needed.

Getting started:

- 1) Log in to Workday Learning
- 2) Search for "Ambient AI – Provider Training Course"
- 3) Complete two quick lessons:

§ Lesson 1: Watch training video(s) and review tip sheets

§ Lesson 2: Select your device type (iOS or Android), complete a brief pre-Survey, and complete the attestation

Once completed, you'll receive access on Wednesday, Oct. 1. If you have questions or need help, please contact Kristen Kremer, Director Ambulatory Performance.

Government Shutdown - what to know

Shutdown Impacts and Considerations

- Adhere to posted guidelines for grant submissions or nominations: Faculty should follow posted guidelines and deadlines for grant applications. In the past, some agencies have extended proposal deadlines after the government reopens. You should continue to submit proposals as long as federal systems remain operational.
- Prepare for award announcements to be delayed: Faculty waiting on award announcements for already submitted proposals should know that a government shutdown may lead to delays in award announcements. Past government shutdowns have led to delays of several weeks to months due to the backlog of work at federal agencies and the difficulty of rescheduling review panels once the government reopens. Similarly, expected new grant programs will be delayed as the federal government is not allowed to establish new grant programs during a government shutdown.
- Stay up-to-date: COGR has created a [website](#) of resources consolidating information. Please refer to this site for updates and check-in regularly.

Please contact your Pre-Award Officer in Sponsored Programs with any questions, or you can communicate with us at osp@bu.edu.

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

BOSTON MEDICAL CENTER Wellness 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.




BIPOC Mental Health Resources


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




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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 September 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
- Clinical Research Coordinator,
- 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
- Clinical Research Coordinator, Translational Research Center