

# Section of Hematology and Medical Oncology Newsletter



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On Wednesday, Nov. 12, the BUMG Engagement Committee hosted the 9th annual Clinical Excellence Award ceremony in Hiebert Lounge to congratulate the 2025 Clinical Excellence Award Winners and Clinical Excellence Society Inductees!

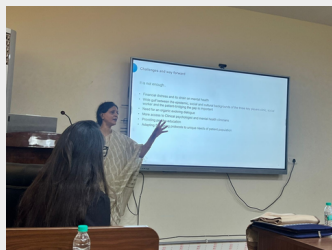
# Presentations



Vaishali Sanchorawala, MD

**Vaishali Sanchorawala, MD** presented “Treatment overview of AL amyloidosis” at the Canadian Amyloidosis Summit in Toronto, Canada on November 1, 2025.

**Vaishali Sanchorawala, MD** also presented “Progress in AL amyloidosis: Emerging Triumph over Adversity” at the Hematology/Medical Oncology educational conference, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, in Miami, FL, November 7, 2025.



Vipasha AgnihotriGupta

**Vipasha AgnihotriGupta** presented at an international Conference on Interdisciplinary Pathways To Mental Health & Well Being organized by Delhi University-Keshav Mahavidyalaya on October 30th and 31, 2025. The topic of her presentation was Multi-Disciplinary Response to Psycho-social Distress in a Culturally Diverse Cancer Patient Population. In addition to presenting she also chaired two sessions at this conference.



Ruben Dries, PhD

**Ruben Dries, PhD** was invited to talk for the BioTuring's webinar 'When AI meets Biology'. This webinar series invites key researchers in the field of spatial and single-cell genomics and highlights some of their recent work. You can re-watch his talk on youtube:

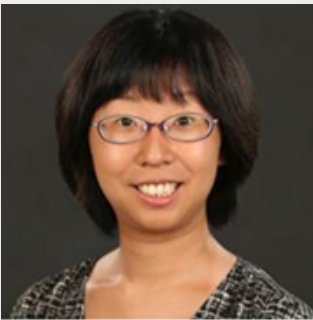
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=Uiqz0jSsx5U>

# Presentations/Publications



Liz Klings, MD

**Liz Klings, MD** will be presenting "Disease Severity Scoring Systems in Sickle Cell Disease: The Future is Now" at the Scientific Workshop On Disease Severity Scoring and Clinical Trial Endpoints Beyond Vasoocclusive Pain in Sickle Cell Cell Disease at the American Society of Hematology International Conference on Dec 5, 2025.



Yengong Cao, MD, PhD

**Yenong Cao, MD, PhD**, and others recently published an article entitled "Epic Patient Portal Adoption Among Vulnerable Oncology Patients in the Era of Oral Anticancer Medications".

<https://ascopubs.org/doi/10.1200/OP-25-00630>

Cao Y, Baiyee MNB, Ching J, Murphy-Banks R, Wang FQ, Maloney A, Rodday AM, Parsons SK. Epic Patient Portal Adoption Among Vulnerable Oncology Patients in the Era of Oral Anticancer Medications. JCO Oncol Pract. 2025 Nov 19;OP2500630. doi: 10.1200/OP-25-00630. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 41259725.

# National Oncology Navigator Day

National Oncology Navigator Day is celebrated on December 9th and honors the crucial support oncology navigators provide to patients undergoing cancer treatment and their families. We want to thank Jennifer, Jackie, Tim, Marina, Noelle, Kasia, Caitlin, Kayia, and Silvia for their amazing work in helping BMC patients!

Understanding who oncology navigators are and their role within the healthcare team is imperative for effective care in a patient undergoing cancer treatment. Listed below are the key aspects and impact of oncology navigation, to learn more please visit the Patient Navigation section in The Hub.

## The 5 W's of Patient Navigation

### **WHO**

Navigators are a key part of any clinical team. They are trained professionals who are educated in helping patients overcome healthcare barriers through their cancer care journey.

### **WHAT**

Navigators work with patients to address many barriers, such as: transportation services, providing appointment reminders, referrals to community resources, connecting to support group programs

### **WHEN**

Navigators can start helping patients at any point throughout their cancer care journey, starting from screening all the way up to survivorship.

### **WHERE**

Navigators can be found in many departments helping both patients and healthcare staff. Navigators may help patients in different ways across departments to overcome barriers to their care.

### **WHY**

Navigation has been shown to: improve quality of care, decrease missed appointments, improve communication with the healthcare team, and increase patient participation in treatment decision-making.

# Announcing the Gender Equity Lab

The [Office of Equity, Vitality, and Inclusion \(EVI\)](#) is launching the Gender Equity Lab to engage clinicians in learning, research and action. Our aim is to cultivate a place for clinicians to work together on gender equity related topics and promote gender equity at all leadership levels.

## IDEATION

Do you have an idea related to gender equity that you want to explore?

## FEEDBACK

Do you have a project proposal that you would like feedback on?

## STRATEGY

Do you need help navigating an obstacle?

## COLLABORATION

Do you have an active project that you would like partners on, or would like to look at with a gender equity lens?

## NETWORKING

Do you want to support others in their projects, and learn about how you can contribute to gender equity initiatives?

The Gender Equity Lab will meet the 2nd Friday of every other month from 12pm – 1pm, beginning 12/5. Everyone is welcome to participate! Contact [kathleen.smyth-Hammond@bmc.org](mailto:kathleen.smyth-Hammond@bmc.org) to join.



# 2025 HemOnc Holiday Party



# HemOnc Faculty Patient Spotlight



# 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

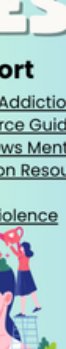


# Wellness

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



## Stay Informed

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



### THRIVING

- Stress response is not activated
- You perceive you have the confidence, skillset, and resources to manage the challenges you are facing

### REACTING

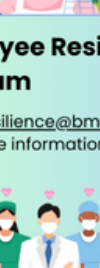
- Stress response becomes activated
- You perceive that you might not have either the resources, the skill set, nor confidence to manage the challenges you are facing
- Experiences mild stress reactions; increased heart rate, shallow breathing, tense muscles

### STRAINING

- Stress response remains activated even when pressures are not present (ie becomes dysregulated)
- Experiences moderate stress reactions that trigger feelings of excessive guilt, shame, worthlessness
- May experience exhaustion and loss of joy at work

### UNWELL

- Stress response is chronically dysregulated
- Experiences severe stress reactions that are overwhelming and may even limit their ability to work with their daily functioning



## 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 November 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