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**2023 GRANT & AWARD RECIPIENTS**





# The Brightest Minds in Cancer Research



## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



From research to education to fundraising, patients are the priority in all that we do. When he assumed leadership in 2022, ASCO President Eric P. Winer, MD, FASCO, announced a presidential theme emphasizing that belief: “Partnering with Patients, the Cornerstone of Cancer Care and Research.”

Conquer Cancer, the ASCO Foundation, proudly recognizes the 2023 Grants & Awards class, a group of outstanding oncology experts who are partnering with patients to accelerate lifesaving research and advance equitable care.

Part of our mission is to empower people everywhere to conquer cancer, including patients. Grants and awards from Conquer Cancer are designed with patients in mind, providing support for researchers with promising projects that are patient-oriented and focused on improving clinical care. Those selected meet rigorous criteria and stand out among the best and brightest in their field. Meet four of many grant recipients this year:

Dr. Arielle Medford (Massachusetts General Hospital) will use support from her Young Investigator Award (YIA) to study precision therapy in breast cancer based on genomic targets; Dr. Stephanie Smith (Stanford University) will use a Career Development Award to help improve survivorship care for young Latinx cancer survivors in Salinas Valley, California; Dr. Sarah Nyagabona (Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences, Tanzania) will use a Global Oncology YIA to research drivers of survival disparity for women with breast cancer who are also living with HIV and help inform the development of a user-friendly care model; and Dr. Shakilu Jummane (The University of Dodoma, Tanzania) will use support from an International Innovation Grant to implement a training program for primary health care providers in Tanzania to improve early detection of retinoblastoma in children.

These patient-centric grants are just a few examples of the vital programs our donors make possible. Conquer Cancer is the world’s largest funder of early career oncology researchers, with no limits on their geography or focus area. The impact of this work on patients is immense. The Conquer Cancer Grants & Awards program provides the critical support necessary for physician-scientists to uncover treatments and cures, find new and innovative ways to include patients in the research process, and collaborate with patients to improve cancer care.

Congratulations to Conquer Cancer’s 2023 Grant & Award recipients! We celebrate your dedication to accelerating breakthroughs in lifesaving research. Researchers like you bring us closer to a world where cancer is prevented or cured, and every survivor is healthy. And, of course, a special thank you to the donors whose generous support has connected this outstanding group of oncology leaders with the resources needed to advance cancer research and partner with patients along the way.

Best regards.

**Howard A. Burris III, MD, FACP, FASCO**

*Chair, Conquer Cancer*

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## OUR MISSION


Accelerate breakthroughs in lifesaving research and empower people everywhere to conquer cancer.


## OUR VISION


A world where cancer is prevented or cured, and every survivor is healthy.


## WHO WE ARE


Conquer Cancer funds research for every cancer, every patient, everywhere. Conquer Cancer donors support vital programs needed to deliver the highest quality, equitable patient care and share a vision of a world where cancer is prevented or cured, and every survivor is healthy. For more information visit CONQUER.ORG.

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
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# MEDICAL STUDENT ROTATION FOR UNDERREPRESENTED POPULATIONS (MSR)

Since 2009, the MSR has supported clinical or clinical research oncology rotations for U.S. medical students from populations underrepresented in medicine who are interested in pursuing oncology as a career.

The following students are the 2022 MSR recipients who have completed their rotations and are attending the 2023 ASCO Annual Meeting.

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|   | <b>Sarah Addison</b><br>The Ohio State University College of Medicine  |   | <b>Xavier Aviles Hernandez</b><br>Univeristy of Puerto Rico, School of Medicine              |
|   | <b>Jessica Aduwo</b><br>The Ohio State University College of Medicine  |   | <b>Khaoula Ben Haj Frej</b><br>University of Connecticut School of Medicine                  |
|   | <b>Eunice Aiyuk</b><br>University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine   |   | <b>Rasheda Boachie</b><br>Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine                    |
|   | <b>Christianah Alli</b><br>Drexel University College of Medicine   |   | <b>Celyn Bregio</b><br>University of Chicago   |
|  | <b>Bristol Myers Squibb Endowed Medical Student Rotation Award</b><br><b>Sierra Atwater</b><br>Duke School of Medicine |  | <b>Camille Charles</b><br>Lincoln Memorial University DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine |



2021 MSR Recipients at the 2022 Grants & Awards Ceremony and Reception.  
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**“** This experience was truly life changing for me and very rewarding. I got the opportunity to dive into the world of surgical oncology and I was able to solidify that this was the specialty I wanted to do, early in my medical school career. I was also able to participate in research which is vital for applying to surgical oncology and this program allowed me to get a head start on being a competitive applicant for surgical oncology. Before this rotation I didn't have a mentor in surgery or surgical oncology and now after the rotation I have a mentor who is committed to helping me succeed. I did 6 weeks on my rotation and I believe this was adequate time to execute a research project insertion to getting a realistic view of what the field of surgical oncology is like on the day to day basis and a realistic idea of my expectation and lifestyle as a surgical oncologist. I love that the MSR award gives you freedom to choose your location because I was able to pick a mentor that was not in the same state as me but was at an institution that I am interested in applying to for residency. I am forever grateful for this life changing opportunity and I think this program will help in recruiting more medical students into oncology.”

- Valencia Henry, MS (2021 MSR)

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|    | <b>Kenechukwu Charles-Obi</b><br>Drexel University College of Medicine               |    | <b>Jonathan Legier</b><br>Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center New Orleans          |
|  | <b>Hannah Cotto</b><br>Ponce Health Sciences University                              |  | <b>Naomi Ligon</b><br>CUNY School of Medicine  |
|  | <b>Jeannez Daniel</b><br>University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine     |  | <b>Santiago Olachea</b><br>UT Southwestern Medical School  |
|  | <b>Umberto Donato</b><br>University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine     |  | <b>Keaton Pendergrast</b><br>University of Minneapolis Medical School - Twin Cities              |
|  | <b>Matthew Eximond</b><br>Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine                        |  | <b>Alyssa Pereslete</b><br>Florida International University Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine |
|  | <b>Chris George</b><br>SUNY Downstate Medical Center                                 |  | <b>Batoul Sadek</b><br>University of Pikeville-Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine          |
|  | <b>Ashley Ikwuezunma</b><br>University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine |  | <b>Rosangela Travieso</b><br>Ponce Health Sciences University                                    |
|  | <b>Olufela Koleoso</b><br>Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine               |  | <b>Marquis Winston</b><br>Drexel University College of Medicine                                  |

# ANNUAL MEETING RESEARCH AWARDS (AMRA)

The Annual Meeting Research Award (AMRA) offers an opportunity for medical students and residents from racial and ethnic populations underrepresented in medicine to meet oncologists and to learn more about career options in the field of oncology by attending the ASCO Annual Meeting and participating in the Abstract Forum and other educational and networking activities.



**Jacqueline Aredo, MD, MS**  
*University of California, San Francisco*



**Susan Cabello Porrata**  
*University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez Campus*



**Onyema G. Chido-Amajuoyi, MD, MPH**  
*Texas A&M School of Medicine/Christus Health*



**Maha Elsebaie, MD**  
*John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County*



**Diana Jaber, MD**  
*George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences*



**J. Alberto Maldonado, BA**  
*University of Texas Medical Branch, National Institutes of Health*



**Nia M. Mitchell**  
*Duke University School of Medicine*



**Jillian Moran**  
*Rutgers University*



**Kikelola Oyeleye, MD**  
*Meharry Medical College*



**José Valentín López, BSc**  
*University of Minnesota*



*Exposure, mentorship, and opportunities are keys to success for minority healthcare professionals. Support from Conquer Cancer donors, in some form, provided me with all three. The main takeaway, however, was exposure. Being exposed to research of this magnitude at the 2022 ASCO Annual Meeting was not only enlightening but inspiring. Hence, my career aspirations are now heavily influenced by clinical research."*

- Terrell Coring, PharmD, MD  
(2022 AMRA)

# SPECIAL MERIT AWARDS



## Bradley Stuart Beller Endowed Merit Award

This special recognition is given to the student or trainee who submitted the overall highest-ranking abstract as determined by the Scientific Program Committee.

**William C. Chen, MD**  
*University of California, San Francisco*  
"Clinical and analytical validation of a targeted gene expression biomarker predicting meningioma outcomes and radiotherapy responses"



## Allen S. Lichter, MD, Endowed Merit Award

This special recognition is given to the student or trainee who submitted the second-highest ranking abstract as determined by the Scientific Program Committee.

**Irene Reijers, MD / PhD Candidate**  
*Netherlands Cancer Institute*  
"The impact of response-directed surgery and adjuvant therapy on long-term survival after neoadjuvant ipilimumab plus nivolumab in stage III melanoma: Three-year data of PRADO and OpACIN-neo"



## Brigid Leventhal Special Merit Award

In honor of Brigid Leventhal, a physician-pioneer in pediatric research, the Brigid Leventhal Merit Award is presented to the student or trainee who submitted the highest-ranking abstract in pediatrics as determined by the Scientific Program Committee's Pediatrics Subcommittee.

**Evan Neczypor, BS**  
*University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine*  
"Identifying osteosarcoma signatures in cell free DNA using 5-hydroxymethylcytosine profiling"



## Pain and Symptom Management Special Merit Award

This special recognition is given to the student or trainee who submitted the highest-ranking abstract in pain and symptom management research as determined by the Scientific Program Committee.

**Biplov Adhikari, MBBS**  
*MedStar Union Memorial Hospital*  
"Quality of pain management in patients with cancer in the outpatient setting"



## James B. Nachman Endowed ASCO Junior Faculty Award in Pediatric Oncology

Established in memory of James B. Nachman, MD, Professor of Pediatrics at The University of Chicago and an internationally renowned pediatric cancer expert, this award is given to the junior faculty member who submitted the highest-ranking abstract in pediatric oncology as determined by the Scientific Program Committee.

**Amy E. Armstrong, MD**  
*Washington University in St. Louis*  
"Treatment of focal anaplastic Wilms tumor (FAWT): A report from the Children's Oncology Group (COG) AREN0321 and AREN03B2 studies"



# YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARDS (YIA)

First awarded in 1984, the YIA provides research funding to promising young physicians during the final years of training to support the transition to a faculty appointment and to encourage quality research in clinical oncology.



**Conquer Cancer Young Investigator Award**  
**Fawzi Abu Rous, MD**  
*Henry Ford Health System*  
 "Prognostic and predictive relevance of 3q amplification in a racially diverse patient population with Squamous Cell Carcinoma of the Lung"  
**Mentored by:** Shirish Gadgeel, MD, Nallasivam Palanisamy, PhD



**New Rhein Foundation Young Investigator Award for Emerging Leaders**  
**Duaa Al-Rawi, MD, PhD**  
*Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center*  
 "Examining the Earliest Genomic Events in High Grade Serous Ovarian/Fallopian Tube Cancer"  
**Mentored by:** Samuel Bakhoum, MD, PhD, Sohrab Shah, PhD



**Endowed Young Investigator Award in memory of Sally Gordon**  
**Himachandana Atluri, MD**  
*The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center*  
 "Determining the Clonal Hierarchy and Immunophenotype of Acute Myeloid Leukemia with WT1 Mutation"  
**Mentored by:** Courtney Dinardo, MD, MS (2012 YIA), Sanam Loghavi, MD



**Breast Cancer Research Foundation® Young Investigator Award for Diversity and Inclusion in Breast Cancer**  
**Priscila Barreto Coelho, MD**  
*University of Miami Miller School of Medicine*  
 "Hormonal and Inflammatory Landscape of Estrogen-sensitive Breast Cancer in Post-menopausal Black Women"  
**Mentored by:** Sophia George, PhD, Judith Hurley, MD



**Conquer Cancer Young Investigator Award**  
**Casey Bermack, MD, PhD**  
*The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center*  
 "Epigenetic Optimization of CAR T-cells for Durable Memory"  
**Mentored by:** Cassian Yee, MD, Christopher Flowers, MD, MS



**Janssen Oncology Young Investigator Award in Racial and/or Ethnic Disparities**  
**Vincent Bernard Pagan, MD, PhD**  
*The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center*  
 "Radiogenomic Predictor for Radioresistance and Pathologic Response in Esophageal Cancer Patients who Undergo Trimodality Therapy"  
**Mentored by:** Steven Lin, MD, PhD



**The John and Elizabeth Leonard Family Foundation Young Investigator Award**  
**Deepak Bhamidipati, MD**  
*The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center*  
 "WRN inhibition in microsatellite instability high colorectal cancer"  
**Mentored by:** Michael Overman, MD



**Novartis Oncology Endowed Young Investigator Award in Health Disparities**  
**Manisha Bhattacharya, MD, MBA**  
*University of Pittsburgh*  
 "Analyzing Fragmentation of Cancer Care Delivery and its Impact on Patient Outcomes"  
**Mentored by:** Lindsay Sabik, PhD



**Vaniam Group LLC Young Investigator Award**  
**Tafadzwa L. Chaunzwa, MD**  
*Brigham and Women's Hospital*  
 "Predicting lung cancer immunotherapy response using deep-learning based radiomics"  
**Mentored by:** Raymond Mak, MD



**The Strike 3 Foundation Young Investigator Award**  
**Leena Chehab, MD**  
*Children's Hospital of Philadelphia*  
 "Vaccine Readiness after Pediatric Bone Marrow Transplantation"  
**Mentored by:** Sogol Mostoufi-Moab, MD, Brian Fisher, DO, MSc



**Journal of Clinical Oncology Young Investigator Award**  
**Lanyi Nora Chen, MD**  
*Columbia University Medical Center*  
 "A Phase I/II trial of tebentafusp with hepatic immunoembolization for metastatic uveal melanoma"  
**Mentored by:** Richard Carvajal, MD (2008 YIA, 2010 CDA), Marlana Orloff, MD



**Victoria H. Montgomery Endowed Young Investigator Award**  
**Monica Chen, MD**  
*Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center*  
 "A Phase II Trial of ZEN003694 in Patients with NSD3 Amplified Squamous Cell Lung Cancers"  
**Mentored by:** Paul Paik, MD (2011 YIA, 2012 CDA), Mark Kris, MD



**Conquer Cancer Young Investigator Award**  
**Brian Chernak, MD**  
*Columbia University Medical Center*  
 "Assessing the Role of Serum Amyloid A1 (SAA1) as a Serum Biomarker and Therapeutic Target in Myelodysplastic Syndromes"  
**Mentored by:** Stavroula Kousteni, PhD, Azra Raza, MBBS



**Conquer Cancer Young Investigator Award**  
**Philip Choi, MD, PhD**  
*Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center*  
 "Targeting KRAS G12D mutant cancers with combination therapies"  
**Mentored by:** Neal Rosen, MD, PhD



**Conquer Cancer®, the ASCO Foundation-AACR Young Investigator Award for Translational Cancer Research**  
**Kyle Concannon, MD**  
*The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center*  
 "Targeting Small Cell Lung Cancer Through MAGEA4 T-Cell Receptor (TCR) Therapy"  
**Mentored by:** Lauren Byers, MD, MS (2008 YIA), Cassian Yee, MD



**Conquer Cancer Young Investigator Award**  
**Samuel Cytryn, MD**  
*Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center*  
 "Characterization of immune cell subsets to optimize preoperative therapy in localized HER2-positive esophagogastric cancer"  
**Mentored by:** Yelena Janjigian, MD (2009 YIA, 2013 CDA)



**Anna Braglia Endowed Young Investigator Award in Cancer Supportive Care, supported by HELSINN**  
**Daniel R. Dickstein, MD**  
*Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai*  
 "Improving sexual health outcomes in sexual and gender minorities with prostate cancer after radiotherapy"  
**Mentored by:** Deborah Marshall, MD (2020 YIA), Karyn Goodman, MD, MS (2004 YIA)



**Conquer Cancer Young Investigator Award**  
**Minas Economides, MD**  
*New York University (NYU) School of Medicine*  
 "Circulating Tumor DNA (ctDNA) and immune microenvironment signatures as predictive biomarkers in patients with muscle-invasive bladder cancer undergoing bladder preservation"  
**Mentored by:** David Wise, MD, PhD



**Conquer Cancer Young Investigator Award**  
**Roy Elias, MD**  
*Johns Hopkins University*  
 "Targeting Peroxisome Proliferator-Activated Receptor Alpha in Renal Cell Carcinoma"  
**Mentored by:** Srinivasan Yegnasubramanian, MD, PhD, Yasser Ged, MBBS



**Conquer Cancer Young Investigator Award**  
**Arielle Elkrief, MD**  
*Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center*  
 "Phase 1/2 study of combination milademetan and binimetinib for patients with advanced MDM2-dependent non-small cell lung cancers with concurrent driver alterations"  
**Mentored by:** Gregory Riely, MD, PhD (2007 YIA), Marc Ladanyi, MD



**Association of Northern California Oncologists Young Investigator Award**

**Kirkpatrick Fergus, MD**

*University of California, San Francisco*  
"Association between germline genetic variants and response to checkpoint inhibitors in breast cancer"

**Mentored by:** Laura Esserman, MD, MBA, Elad Ziv, MD



**Frist Family Endowed Young Investigator Award in honor of Howard A. Burris, III, MD**

**Jorge Florindez, MD, MS**

*University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill*  
"Human Endogenous Retrovirus (HERV) expression and immunogenic signatures in Mantle Cell Lymphoma"

**Mentored by:** Benjamin Vincent, MD



**Lilly Young Investigator Award**

**Jesús Fuentes Antrás, MD, MSc**

*University Health Network*  
"Tumor-informed ctDNA dynamics in HR+/HER2- metastatic breast cancer patients receiving first-line CDK4/6 inhibitors"

**Mentored by:** David Cescon, MD, PhD (2014 YIA, 2020 ACRA)



**Pfizer Oncology Young Investigator Award**

**Caitlin Gribbin, MD, MS**

*Weill Medical College of Cornell University*  
"Elucidating the role of follicular dendritic cells in EZH2-mutated follicular lymphoma progression and transformation"

**Mentored by:** Ari Melnick, MD



**Åke Bertil Eriksson Endowed Young Investigator Award**

**Saurav D. Halder, MD**

*Johns Hopkins University*  
"Immunogenicity of a mutant KRAS-targeted long peptide vaccine combined with ipilimumab/nivolumab in microsatellite-stable metastatic colorectal cancer"

**Mentored by:** Nilofer Azad, MD (2007 YIA, 2010 CDA), Elizabeth Jaffee, MD (1992 YIA)



**Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Young Investigator Award**

**Emily Harrold, MBBCh**

*Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center*  
"Characterization of the immunoediting effect of immune checkpoint blockade (ICB) in the treatment of Lynch Syndrome (LS) associated tumors"

**Mentored by:** Zsofia Stadler, MD (2010 CDA)



**AstraZeneca Young Investigator Award in memory of Jose Baselga, MD, PhD**

**Alexandra Haugh, MD, MPH**

*University of California, San Francisco*  
"Optimizing Molecular Targets in Melanoma: A Retrospective Evaluation of the Prognostic and Predictive Significance of Driver Mutations and a Phase 2 Trial Involving Pan-RAF, MEK and FAK Inhibition in NRAS and NF1 Mutant Cohorts"

**Mentored by:** Adil Daud, MBBS (2000 YIA)



**AbbVie Oncology Endowed Young Investigator Award for Diversity, Inclusion, and Disparities**

**S. M. Qasim Hussaini, MD, MS**

*Johns Hopkins University*  
"Contemporary Mortgage Discrimination in Colon Cancer Treatment and Patient Outcomes in the United States"

**Mentored by:** Dan Laheru, MD (2000 YIA), Craig Pollack, MD, MS



**Endowed Young Investigator Award in memory of John R. Durant, MD**

**Jeremy B. Jacox, MD, PhD**

*Yale University*  
"Investigating obesity as a host variable altering T-cell immunity and the tumor microenvironment in pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma"

**Mentored by:** Mandar Muzumdar, MD (2013 YIA)



**Conquer Cancer Young Investigator Award**

**Justin Jee, MD, PhD**

*Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center*  
"Exploiting Driver Mutation Evolution to Overcome Therapeutic Resistance in Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer"

**Mentored by:** Bob Li, MD, PhD (2015 YIA), Sohrab Shah, PhD



**Endowed Young Investigator Award in Geriatric Oncology in honor of Dr. Arti Hurria**

**Jingran Ji, MD**

*City of Hope*  
"Targeting Cellular Senescence to Mitigate Chemotherapy-related Accelerated Aging"

**Mentored by:** Mina Sedrak, MD, MS, Harvey Cohen, MD



**Jane C. Wright, MD, Endowed Young Investigator Award**

**Kristine Karvonen, MD**

*Seattle Children's Research Institute*  
"Exploration of the relationship between historic redlining and modern childhood, adolescent and young adult cancer outcomes in Seattle and Tacoma"

**Mentored by:** Abby Rosenberg, MD, MS (2012 YIA), Jason Mendoza, MD, MPH



**AstraZeneca Young Investigator Award**

**Andrew Katims, MD, MPH**

*Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center*  
"A genetic signature in urine predicts grade and stage for upper tract urothelial carcinoma"

**Mentored by:** Jonathan Coleman, MD, David Solit, MD (2001 YIA, 2002 CDA)



**AstraZeneca Young Investigator Award**

**Fergus Keane, MBChB, MA**

*Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center*  
"Immune Checkpoint Blockade and Stereotactic Ablative Radiation (SABR) in Locally Advanced Pancreatic Cancer: Characterizing Predictors of Response and Resistance"

**Mentored by:** Santosha Vardhana, MD, PhD (2016 YIA), Eileen O'Reilly, MD



**Janssen Oncology Young Investigator Award in Racial and/or Ethnic Disparities**

**Hiba Khan, MD, MPH**

*Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center*  
"Dismantling Disparities in Access to Oral Novel Hormonal Therapies in Prostate Cancer--A Mixed-Methods Analysis from a Population, Systems, and Patient-Centered Lens"

**Mentored by:** Heather Cheng, MD, PhD, Veena Shankaran, MD, MS (2009 YIA, 2013 CDA)



**Breast Cancer Research Foundation® Young Investigator Award for Diversity and Inclusion in Breast Cancer**

**Adriana Kahn, MD**

*Yale University*  
"Molecular analysis of breast cancers with discordant immunohistochemistry results for ER between the primary tumors and distant metastases"

**Mentored by:** Lajos Pusztai, MD, DPhil (2008 ACRA)



**The Strike 3 Foundation Young Investigator Award**

**Danielle Kirkey, MD**

*Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center*  
"Immunotherapeutic Targeting of PRAME in Acute Myeloid Leukemia with TCR mimic CAR T Cells"

**Mentored by:** Soheil Meshinchi, MD, PhD



**QuadW Foundation Young Investigator Award in memory of Willie Tichenor**

**Kristine Lacuna, CCRP, MD**

*Columbia University Medical Center*  
"A Phase 1/2 Study of Eltanexor and Ixazomib in Advanced Sarcoma"

**Mentored by:** Gary Schwartz, MD, Matthew Ingham, MD (2019 CDA)



**Ruth Rales Young Investigator Award**

**Arjun Lakshman, MD, MBBS, MRCP**

*Mayo Clinic, Minnesota*  
"Multiomic evaluation of bone marrow in rapidly progressing smoldering multiple myeloma"

**Mentored by:** Shaji Kumar, MD (2006 CDA), Mrinal Patnaik, MBBS, MD



**Harry F. Bisel, MD, Endowed Young Investigator Award**

**Pietro Lapidari, MD**

*Gustave Roussy*  
"Informing an optimal Strategy to Manage Aromatase-inhibitor Musculoskeletal Toxicity"

**Mentored by:** Antonio Di Meglio, MD, PhD (2020 CPG), Maryam Lustberg, MD (2010 YIA)



**Genentech BioOncology™ Young Investigator Award in Racial and/or Ethnic Disparities**

**Hugo Lara-Martinez, MD**

*University of Southern California*  
"Determining Predictors of Response to PD1 blockade (Cemiplimab) in high risk localized, locally recurrent and regionally advanced CSCC"

**Mentored by:** Kevin Kellu, MD, PhD



**Robert Talley, MD, Endowed Young Investigator Award**

**Yonit Lavin, MD, PhD**

*Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center*  
"Investigating Macrophages as a Critical Component of the Tumor Initiating Cell Niche in Squamous Cell Carcinomas"

**Mentored by:** Elaine Fuchs, PhD, Charles Rudin, MD, PhD (1997 YIA)





**ENDOWED YOUNG INVESTIGATOR  
AWARD IN MEMORY OF  
EVELYN H. LAUDER**

**Mrs. Evelyn H. Lauder (1936 – 2011)**

Evelyn H. Lauder was passionate about funding breast cancer research and focusing global awareness on women's health. She is best known for her career of more than 50 years with The Estée Lauder Companies, and as Founder of the Breast Cancer Research Foundation® (BCRF).

BCRF was founded by Mrs. Lauder in 1993 with the sole mission of advancing the world's most promising research to prevent and cure breast cancer. Mrs. Lauder recognized the power of research and its potential to change the lives of millions worldwide, realizing that to tackle this disease a new approach was critical. Her vision continues to guide BCRF's unique grantmaking model that fosters innovation and collaboration, providing freedom and flexibility to the world's brightest minds in research.

Among many honors, Mrs. Lauder received France's Chevalier of the Legion of Honor (2002), ASCO Partners in Progress Award (2007), and the Carnegie Medal of Philanthropy (2011). She loved to cook and was an avid photographer, publishing two books of photography and a cookbook, with all royalties donated to BCRF.



**Guilherme Nader Marta, MD**  
*Institut Jules Bordet*

"Lutetium-177-PSMA for pretreated metastatic triple negative breast cancer – PRISMA-2"

**Mentored by:** Martine Piccart, MD, PhD



**Kristina M. Day Young Investigator Award**  
**Justin Lo, MD, PhD**  
*Vanderbilt University Medical Center*  
"Synergistic co-targeting of KRAS and MCL-1 in cholangiocarcinoma using next-generation siRNA conjugates"  
**Mentored by:** Craig Duvall, PhD



**F Cancer Young Investigator Award in memory of Barbara Berlanti**  
**Jaclyn LoPiccolo, MD, PhD**  
*Dana-Farber Cancer Institute*  
"The Germline-Somatic Interaction in Young-Onset Lung Cancer"  
**Mentored by:** Pasi Janne, MD, PhD (2001 YIA), Alexander Gusev, PhD



**Young Investigator Award in honor of Peter W. Davis**  
**Gohar Manzar, MD, PhD**  
*The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center*  
"Synergizing preconditioning radiotherapy with CAR-NK cell therapy for head and neck cancer"  
**Mentored by:** Katy Rezvani, MBBS, PhD, May Daher, MD



**Fundable Young Investigator Award\***  
**Meredith McAdams, MD**  
*National Cancer Institute (NIH/NCI)*  
"Interrogation of immune toxicity in patients with thymic epithelial tumors receiving immune checkpoint inhibitors"  
**Mentored by:** Arun Rajan, MD, Jeffrey Schlom, PhD



**Massachusetts Society of Clinical Oncologists Young Investigator Award**  
**Arielle Medford, MD**  
*Massachusetts General Hospital*  
"MDM2 inhibition for patients with hormone-receptor positive, GATA3-mutant metastatic breast cancer"  
**Mentored by:** Aditya Bardia, MD, MPH (2010 YIA), Leif Ellisen, MD, PhD



**AstraZeneca Young Investigator Award**  
**Jeremy Meier, MD, PhD**  
*University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill*  
"Characterization of a STING mediated metabolic switch to fuel antitumor immunity of CAR T cells"  
**Mentored by:** Jonathan Serody, MD

*As of May 10, 2023, reflects institutions at the time of award*  
*\*Peer-reviewed and determined as fundable but not funded by Conquer Cancer, Funded by NCI*



**Dr. Jose Leis Endowed Young Investigator Award**  
**Xiaoli Mi, MD**  
*Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center*  
"Defining molecular features of durable CAR T cell responses in CLL using single cell multiomics"  
**Mentored by:** Omar Abdel-Wahab, MD, Dan Landau, MD, PhD



**Breast Cancer Research Foundation® Young Investigator Award for Diversity and Inclusion in Breast Cancer in honor of Susan Hirschhorn and in memory of her mother**  
**Laura S. Munoz-Arcos, MD**  
*Weill Medical College of Cornell University*  
"The association of HER2 expression on circulating tumor cells with the response to cyclin-dependent kinase 4/6 inhibitors in hormone receptor positive, HER2 negative metastatic breast cancer"  
**Mentored by:** Massimo Cristofanilli, MD



**Illumina Endowed Young Investigator Award**  
**Haley Newman, MD**  
*Children's Hospital of Philadelphia*  
"Influence of genetic ancestry on tumor biology and survival outcomes in T-ALL"  
**Mentored by:** David Teachey, MD (2005 YIA, 2006 CDA), Kira Bona, MD, MPH (2013 YIA)



**Endowed Young Investigator Award in honor of Grant R. and Victoria A. Merryman**  
**Anthony T. Nguyen, MD, PhD**  
*Cedars-Sinai Medical Center*  
"Remodeling the Immune Response to Immunotherapy and Radiation in Triple Negative Breast Cancer"  
**Mentored by:** Stephen Shiao, MD, PhD (2011 YIA), David Underhill, PhD



**Young Investigator Award in Pediatric Oncology**  
**Timothy Ohlsen, MD**  
*Seattle Children's Research Institute*  
"Financial toxicity during pediatric cancer treatment and development of a caregiver-reported financial toxicity outcome measure"  
**Mentored by:** Eric Chow, MD, MPH (2007 YIA), Arti Desai, MD, MS



**Texas Society of Clinical Oncology Young Investigator Award**  
**Andrew Pellatt, MD**  
*The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center*  
"Clinical Correlations of ctDNA in Locally Advanced Rectal Cancer"  
**Mentored by:** Scott Kopetz, MD, PhD (2008 CDA), Arvind Dasari, MD, MS



**William Wilson, MD, Endowed Young Investigator Award**  
**Curtis Perry, MD, PhD**  
*Yale University*  
"Enhancing immune responses to melanoma with the RIG-I antiviral pathway agonist SLR14"  
**Mentored by:** Jeffrey Ishizuka, MD, PhD, Harriet Kluger, MD



**Association of Northern California Oncologists Young Investigator Award in Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion**  
**Meera Ragavan, MD, MPH**  
*University of California, San Francisco*  
"Evaluating predictors of receipt of financial assistance and the impact of assistance programs on delays, interruptions, and disparities in cancer care"  
**Mentored by:** Manali Patel, MD, MPH, Tracy Lin, PhD, MS



**Pfizer Oncology Young Investigator Award**  
**Yun Ryu, MD, PhD**  
*Columbia University Medical Center*  
"Enhanced efficacy of anti-PD1 antibody in germinal center derived lymphoma through combination therapy with EZH2 inhibitor and novel histone acetyltransferase (HAT) activator"  
**Mentored by:** Jennifer Amengual, MD



**Endowed Young Investigator Award in memory of Sally Gordon**  
**Khaled Sanber, MD, PhD**  
*Johns Hopkins University*  
"Unwrapping ancestral gifts: studying T cell responses against human endogenous retroviruses in lung adenocarcinoma treated with immune checkpoint blockade"  
**Mentored by:** Kellie Smith, PhD, Patrick Forde, MBBS

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**Young Investigator Award in honor of Suzy Williams Phillips**  
**Enrique Sanz Garcia, MD, PhD**  
*University Health Network*  
 "Detection of ctDNA and/or HPV DNA in high risk locally advanced head and neck squamous cell carcinoma (LA-HNSCC): The PRE-MERIDIAN (Molecular residual disease interception in high risk LA-HNSCC) study"  
**Mentored by:** Lillian Siu, MD, Scott Bratman, MD, PhD (2017 CDA)



**Fundable Young Investigator Award\***  
**Brett Schroeder, MD**  
*National Cancer Institute (NIH/NCI)*  
 "A Phase I Study to Assess the Safety and Antitumor Activity of Autologous CAR-NKT Cells Targeting GD2 in Small Cell Lung Cancer Patients with Recurrent or Refractory Disease"  
**Mentored by:** Anish Thomas, MBBS, MD, Nirali Shah, MD



**Conquer Cancer Young Investigator Award**  
**Anthony Serritella, MD**  
*Northwestern University*  
 "Phase I dose escalation study of a humanized anti-MIC monoclonal antibody, huB10G5, in patients with metastatic castrate resistant prostate cancer ("HOTCAP" study)"  
**Mentored by:** David VanderWeele, MD, PhD



**AstraZeneca Young Investigator Award**  
**Irtiza Sheikh, DO**  
*The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center*  
 "Recombinant IL-15, NKTR-255, to inhibit T-cell exhaustion and improve metabolic fitness of CAR T cells"  
**Mentored by:** Michael Green, PhD



**Herman H. Freckman, MD, Endowed Young Investigator Award**  
**Alexander Sherry, MD**  
*The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center*  
 "T-cell Exhaustion and the Systemic Immune Response to Metastasis-Directed Radiotherapy in Metastatic Renal Cell Carcinoma"  
**Mentored by:** Chad Tang, MD (2016 YIA), Cara Haymaker, PhD



**GlaxoSmithKline Oncology Young Investigator Award**  
**Brian Shinder, MD**  
*Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center*  
 "Role of tumor microenvironment derived NRG1 in androgen resistance: Implications for a novel prostate cancer treatment strategy"  
**Mentored by:** Brett Carver, MD



**Arnoldus Goudsmit, MD, PhD, Endowed Young Investigator Award**  
**Sarah Skuli, MD, PhD**  
*University of Pennsylvania*  
 "Targeting the mevalonate pathway in the chemotherapy resistance of TP53 mutant acute myeloid leukemia"  
**Mentored by:** Martin Carroll, MD (1988 YIA), Keith Pratz, MD



**Bristol Myers Squibb Young Investigator Award in Racial and/or Ethnic Disparities**  
**Anna Jo Smith, MD**  
*University of Pennsylvania*  
 "Implementation Science and Behavioral Economics to Optimize Evidence-Based Ovarian Cancer"  
**Mentored by:** Justin Beckleman, MD, Elizabeth Howell, MD



**Conquer Cancer Young Investigator Award**  
**Andrew Srisuwananukorn, MD**  
*Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai*  
 "Novel Machine Learning Algorithms for the detection of actionable mutations in Acute Myeloid Leukemia"  
**Mentored by:** Alexander Pearson, MD, PhD, Ronald Hoffman, MD



**Bristol Myers Squibb Young Investigator Award**  
**Robert Stanley, MD, PhD**  
*Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center*  
 "Identifying novel tumor-specific neoantigens and neoantigen-reactive T cells in splicing factor mutant myeloid leukemias"  
**Mentored by:** Omar Abdel-Wahab, MD



**Association for Value-Based Cancer Care Young Investigator Award**  
**Andrew Stiff, MD, PhD**  
*Ohio State University*  
 "Integrated genomic analysis to reveal the genetic landscape and delineate clinically relevant, ancestry-associated variants in Hispanic acute myeloid leukemia patients"  
**Mentored by:** Ann-Kathrin Eisfeld, MD



**Boehringer Ingelheim Endowed Young Investigator Award in Lung Cancer**  
**Jane Sze Yin Sui, MBBCh BAO, MRCP**  
*Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center*  
 "Phase II trial of tusamitamab ravtansine in patients with oncogene-driven lung adenocarcinomas with CEACAM5 expression after progression on targeted therapies"  
**Mentored by:** Mark Kris, MD, Jamie Chافت, MD (2011 YIA)



**Stephen A. Cannistra, M.D. Young Investigator Award in Prostate Cancer**  
**Michael Sun, MD**  
*Weill Medical College of Cornell University*  
 "Radiolabeled PSMA-small molecule and unconjugated monoclonal antibody J591 for patients with metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer"  
**Mentored by:** Scott Tagawa, MD, MS



**Dr. Judith and Alan Kaur Endowed Young Investigator Award**  
**Kekoa Tapparra, MD, PhD (2018 MSR)**  
*Stanford University*  
 "Leveraging Machine Learning to Investigate Multiraciality, Comorbidity, and Geography of Pacific Islander Cancer Disparities in the United States"  
**Mentored by:** Erqi Pollom, MD, MSc, Manali Patel, MD, MPH



**Young Investigator Award in memory of Mike Miller**  
**Rohit Thummalapalli, MD**  
*Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center*  
 "Defining tumor-intrinsic and tumor-extrinsic mechanisms of resistance to second generation ALK inhibitors in patients with ALK-rearranged non-small cell lung cancer"  
**Mentored by:** Gregory Riely, MD, PhD (2007 YIA), Charles Rudin, MD, PhD (1997 YIA)



**AstraZeneca Young Investigator Award**  
**Joshua Tobin, MD, PhD**  
*The University of Queensland*  
 "Metabolic Reprogramming of Malignant B-cells Impairs Immune-Fitness of Intratumoral T-Cells in Follicular Lymphoma"  
**Mentored by:** Maher Gandhi, MBChB, Michael Green, PhD



**Norman Rales Young Investigator Award**  
**Jennifer Tsai, MD, PhD**  
*Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center*  
 "Preclinical Development of Innate-Like T Cell Killers as a Novel Cell-Based Cancer Immunotherapy"  
**Mentored by:** Marcel Van Den Brink, PhD, Ming Li, PhD



**Swim Across America Young Investigator Award**  
**Samuel Urrutia, MD**  
*The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center*  
 "Delineating the impact of clonal hematopoiesis in patients with non-small cell lung cancer treated with immune checkpoint inhibitors"  
**Mentored by:** Koichi Takahashi, MD, PhD, Edwin Parra Cuentas, MD, PhD



**Conquer Cancer Young Investigator Award**  
**Johannes van der Mijn, MD, PhD**  
*The Netherlands Cancer Institute*  
 "Mitochondrial mutations as predictive biomarker for systemic treatment of patients with metastatic prostate cancer"  
**Mentored by:** Andries Bergman, MD, PhD, Wilbert Zwart, PhD



**Fred J. Ansfield, MD, Endowed Young Investigator Award**  
**Yuxuan Wang, MD, PhD**  
*Johns Hopkins University*  
 "Simultaneous detection of genetic and epigenetic changes allows for diagnosis and localization of early-stage cancers"  
**Mentored by:** Bert Vogelstein, MD



**Clifford A. Hudis, MD Young Investigator Award**  
**H. Catherine Wilbur, MD**  
*Johns Hopkins University*  
 "Multi-agent low dose chemotherapy (gemcitabine, nab-paclitaxel, capecitabine, cisplatin, irinotecan) followed by maintenance olaparib and pembrolizumab in untreated metastatic pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma"  
**Mentored by:** Dung Le, MD (2008 CDA)



**The Sontag Foundation Young Investigator Award**  
**Nina Teresa Yoh, MD**  
*Columbia University Medical Center*  
 "Using Focused Ultrasound to Open the Blood-Brain Barrier for Liquid Biopsy: A Study in Children with Progressive Diffuse Midline Glioma"  
**Mentored by:** Elisa Konofagou, PhD, Cheng-Chia Wu, MD, PhD

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**Gateway for Cancer Research  
Young Investigator Award**  
**Jacob Zaemes, MD**  
*Georgetown University Medical Center*  
"A Phase II Study of MGC018 in Patients  
with Relapsed and Refractory Extensive-  
Stage Small-Cell Lung Cancer (ES-SCLC)"  
**Mentored by:** Chul Kim, MD (2018 YIA)



**Florida Society of Clinical Oncology Young  
Investigator Award**  
**Yumeng Zhang, MD**  
*H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research  
Institute, University of South Florida*  
"Evaluating Molecular Biology of Clonal Large  
Granular Lymphocytic (LGL) Proliferations  
in Peripheral Blood in Patients with Mycosis  
Fungoides/Sezary Syndrome (MF/SS)"  
**Mentored by:** Lubomir Sokol, MD, PhD, Jose  
Conejo-Garcia, MD, PhD

## GLOBAL ONCOLOGY YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARDS (GO YIA)

First awarded in 2018, the GO YIA provides research funding to early-career investigators to encourage and promote quality research in global oncology and to develop the next generation of researchers to address global health needs.



**Breast Cancer Research Foundation® Young Investigator Award for Diversity and Inclusion in  
Breast Cancer**  
**Sarah Nyagabona, MD, MMed**  
*Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (Tanzania)*  
"A grounded theory approach to understand the impact of HIV infection on health seeking  
behaviors of women with breast cancer"  
**Mentored by:** Katherine Van Loon, MD, MPH (2012 YIA), Elia Mmbaga, MD, PhD



**Michael McNeil, MD, MPH**  
*St. Jude Children's Research Hospital*  
"Pediatric Oncology Tool for End-of-life Care Treatment (ProTECT): Quality Measures in End-Of-Life  
Care for Pediatric Oncology Patients in Resource Limited Settings"  
**Mentored by:** Justin Baker, MD, Carlos Rodriguez-Galindo, MD



**Conquer Cancer Global Oncology Young Investigator Award in Underrepresented Populations**  
**Rizine Mzikamanda, MBBS, MMed**  
*Baylor College of Medicine Children's Foundation Malawi (Malawi)*  
"Testing Feasibility of a Locally Adapted Rituximab and High-Dose Methotrexate Protocol for  
Pediatric Burkitt Lymphoma Treatment in Malawi"  
**Mentored by:** Nmazuo Ozuah, MBBS, MD, Carl E. Allen, MD, PhD (2008 YIA)



**Asteria H. Kimambo, MD, MMed**  
*Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (Tanzania)*  
"Clinical-pathological implications in establishing an ultrasound-guided fine needle aspiration  
biopsy and rapid on-site evaluation practice for cytology samples in a resource-constrained  
setting"  
**Mentored by:** Dianna Ng, MD, Edda Vuhahula, MD, PhD



**Soniya Dulal, MD, DM**  
*B.P. Koirala Institute of Health Sciences (Nepal)*  
"Clinical and molecular characterization of breast cancer among women of different ethnic groups  
in Nepal"  
**Mentored by:** Ian Tannock, MD, PhD, Sanjib Sharma, MD

## CAREER DEVELOPMENT AWARDS (CDA)

Started in 1992, the CDA provides three years of research funding to clinical investigators in the first  
to third year of faculty appointment to establish an independent clinical cancer research program.



**Nour Abuhadra, MD**  
*Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center*  
"High-resolution spatial characterization of  
the tumor immune microenvironment (TME)  
in metaplastic triple-negative breast cancer  
(TNBC) to identify predictors of response to  
neoadjuvant immunotherapy"  
**Mentored by:** Sarat Chandralapaty, MD, PhD  
(2007 YIA)



**Riaz Gillani, MD (2021 YIA)**  
*Dana-Farber Cancer Institute*  
"Dissecting the role of DNA damage repair  
deficiency in Ewing sarcoma pathogenesis  
for improved risk stratification and  
treatment"  
**Mentored by:** Eliezer Van Allen, MD (2013  
YIA), Katherine Janeway, MD, MSc



**Walther Cancer Foundation Career  
Development Award in Palliative and  
Supportive Care in Oncology**  
**Clark DuMontier, MPH, MD**  
*Brigham and Women's Hospital*  
"The Ethics of Overtreatment and  
Undertreatment in Older Adults with Cancer"  
**Mentored by:** Gregory Abel, MD, MPH (2007  
YIA, 2008 CDA), William Dale, MD, PhD



**Janssen Research & Development, LLC  
Career Development Award in Health Equity**  
**Lily Gutnik, MD, MPH**  
*University of Alabama at Birmingham*  
"Multi-level Evaluation of a Novel Combined  
Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening  
Program in Cameroon"  
**Mentored by:** Gabrielle Rocque, MD (2012  
YIA), Henna Budhwani, PhD, MPH



**Breast Cancer Research Foundation® Career  
Development Award for Diversity and  
Inclusion in Breast Cancer**  
**Shekinah N. C. Elmore, MD, MPH (2020 YIA)**  
*The University of North Carolina at Chapel  
Hill*  
"Adapting and implementing a telehealth-  
enhanced navigator program to improve  
breast cancer care adherence and clinical  
outcomes in Malawi"  
**Mentored by:** Lisa Carey, MD, MSc



**Ivan Kotchetkov, MD (2021 YIA)**  
*Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center*  
"A Phase I Trial of Point-of-Care  
Manufactured anti-CD19 CAR T Cells for  
Central Nervous System Lymphoma with  
Correlative Studies of CAR T Cell Trafficking to  
Develop the Next Generation of CAR T  
cells for Brain Tumors"  
**Mentored by:** Christian Grommes, MD,  
Michel Buchman, MD, PhD



**Genentech BioOncology™ Career  
Development Award in Racial and/or Ethnic  
Disparities**  
**Narjust Florez, MD**  
*Dana-Farber Cancer Institute*  
"FhINCH: Fertility and sexual Health effects  
of Immune checkpoint inhibitors on young  
women with Non-small cell lung Cancer and  
Melanoma"  
**Mentored by:** Ann Partridge, MD, MPH  
(2001 YIA, 2003 CDA, 2010 ICCG), Andrea  
Enzinger, MD (2013 YIA)



**Shria Kumar, MD, MSCE**  
*University of Miami Miller School of Medicine*  
"Weight trajectories, body composition, and  
future colorectal cancer"  
**Mentored by:** Tracy Crane, PhD, MS, David  
Goldberg, MD, MS



**Sally Lau, MD, MPH**  
*New York University (NYU) School of  
Medicine*  
"Defining the glutamine-dependent  
mechanisms of resistance in KRAS and  
KEAP1 mutated non-small cell lung cancer"  
**Mentored by:** Vamsidhar Velcheti,  
MD (2012 YIA, 2015 CDA), Thales  
Papagiannakopoulos, PhD





**Paul Lin, PhD, MD** (2019 YIA)  
*The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center*  
 "CD70 Chimeric Antigen Receptor Natural Killer Cells in the Treatment of Relapsed/Refractory Multiple Myeloma"  
**Mentored by:** Katy Rezvani, MD, PhD, David Marin, MD, PhD



**Bilal Siddiqui, MD**  
*The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center*  
 "Identifying Predictive Biomarkers for Early Detection and Intervention to Improve Outcomes in Severe Cardiac and Neuromuscular Immune-Related Adverse Events (irAEs)"  
**Mentored by:** Sumit Subudhi, MD, PhD



**Janssen Research & Development, LLC Career Development Award in Health Equity**  
**Afaf Osman, MD**  
*University of Utah*  
 "Defining the Interplay between Somatic and Germline Cancer Risk in High-Risk Leukemia Pedigrees"  
**Mentored by:** Deborah Stephens, DO, Nicola Camp, PhD



**Janssen Research & Development, LLC Career Development Award in Health Equity**  
**Stephanie M. Smith, MD, MPH**  
*Stanford University*  
 "Designing a Multilevel Communication Intervention to Enhance Survivorship Care for Latinx AYAs in the Salinas Valley"  
**Mentored by:** Lidia Schapira, MD



**Fundable Career Development Award\***  
**Krishnan R. Patel, MD**  
*National Cancer Institute (NIH/NCI)*  
 "Focally dose-escalated, Location-Adjusted, VOxel-based, Risk-adaptive RadioTherapy (FLAVOR-RT) to Improve the Therapeutic Ratio of Radiotherapy for Prostate Cancer"  
**Mentored by:** Deborah Citrin, MD, Baris Turkbey, MD



**Janssen Research & Development, LLC Career Development Award in Health Equity**  
**Puja Umaretiya, MD** (2022 YIA)  
*Dana-Farber Cancer Institute*  
 "Developing a parent-driven social needs intervention for families of children with advanced cancer"  
**Mentored by:** Kira Bona, MD, MPH (2013 YIA), Joanne Wolfe, MD, MSN



**Yoanna Pumpalova, MD** (2021 YIA)  
*Columbia University*  
 "A Clinical Prediction Model For Early Colorectal Cancer Diagnosis in South Africa"  
**Mentored by:** Alfred Neugut, MD, PhD (2011 ICCG)



**Bristol Myers Squibb Career Development Award**  
**Winston Wong, MD** (2021 YIA)  
*Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center*  
 "Phase 2 Multicenter, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Study Evaluating the Efficacy of HB-200 in Patients with Positive Tumor Tissue Modified Viral (TTMV)-HPV DNA after Definitive Treatment for HPV16+ Head & Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma"  
**Mentored by:** Alan Ho, MD, PhD (2012 CDA)



**Irbaz Riaz, MBBS, MS**  
*Mayo Clinic, Arizona*  
 "Artificial Intelligence (AI)-assisted deep phenotypic characterization and outcomes for prostate cancer patients"  
**Mentored by:** Eliezer Van Allen, MD (2013 YIA), Alan Bryce, MD



**AstraZeneca Career Development Award**  
**Siddhartha Yadav, MD** (2019 YIA)  
*Mayo Clinic, Minnesota*  
 "Breast cancer risk and probability of recurrence by race/ethnicity, age and estrogen receptor status in germline mutation carriers"  
**Mentored by:** Fergus Couch, PhD, Matthew Goetz, MD



**Kamya Sankar, MD**  
*Cedars-Sinai Medical Center*  
 "Leveraging VEGF blockade to improve immunotherapy efficacy in patients with extensive-stage small cell lung cancer and liver metastases"  
**Mentored by:** Karen Reckamp, MD, MS (2004 YIA), Neil Bhowmick, PhD



**Fundable Career Development Award\***  
**Chen Zhao, MD** (2019 YIA)  
*National Cancer Institute (NIH/NCI)*  
 "Targeting the Intratumor Microbiome to Treat Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer"  
**Mentored by:** Ronald N. Germain, MD, PhD, Arun Rajan, MD

## ADVANCED CLINICAL RESEARCH AWARDS (ACRA)

Started in 2004, the ACRA supports mid-career physician-scientists to perform original research in an area not currently funded. Conquer Cancer has awarded ACRA's in glioma, colorectal cancer, hematologic malignancies, immune checkpoint inhibitor therapy, lung cancer, sarcoma, and breast cancer.



**Breast Cancer Research Foundation® Advanced Clinical Research Award for Diversity and Inclusion in Breast Cancer**  
**Veronica Jones, MD**  
*City of Hope*  
 "UBE2C as a biomarker of endocrine therapy resistance among Black women with estrogen receptor positive breast cancer"



**Breast Cancer Research Foundation® Advanced Clinical Research Award for Diversity and Inclusion in Breast Cancer**  
**Jose Pablo Leone, MD**  
*Dana-Farber Cancer Institute*  
 "Endocrine therapies for male breast cancer"

**“The ACRA has enabled me to bring together a large and collaborative team of clinical investigators, empowering us to tackle a key challenge in the treatment of metastatic breast cancer. Galvanized by this initial funding, we have built a comprehensive approach to address the issue of drug-resistant metastatic breast cancer through precision medicine. I am immensely grateful for this award, which has profoundly impacted my research career, allowing me to develop a robust and effective research program. It has equipped me with the necessary skills and experience to address significant problems in breast cancer research, ultimately aiming to improve the lives of patients living with breast cancer.”**

— David W. Cescon, MD, PhD (2020 ACRA, 2014 YIA)

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# LONG-TERM INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP (LIFe)

First awarded in 2010, the LIFe is a one-year fellowship opportunity for early-career oncologists from developing countries to deepen their relationship with an existing mentor in the United States, Canada, or Europe.



**Musliu Adetola Tolani, MBBS, ChM, FWACS, FMCS (2020 IDEA)**  
 “Cultural adaptation, validation assessment and provider preparedness for social needs screening tool implementation during prostate cancer management in Nigeria”  
**Home Institution:** Ahmadu Bello University (Nigeria)  
**Host Institution:** Northwestern University  
**Mentored by:** Adam Murphy, MD, MBA

As of 2023, 21 early-career oncologists from 16 low- and middle- income countries have received training through LIFe.



# INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION AWARDS (IDEA)

Since 2002, the IDEA has provided support for early-career oncologists in developing countries and facilitates the sharing of knowledge between these oncologists and ASCO members who serve as scientific mentors to each recipient.



**Omar Abdihamid, MBBS**  
 Garissa County Hospital, Garissa Cancer Center (Kenya)



**Anita Eseenam Agbeko, MBChB, FGCS, FWACS, PhD**  
 Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital (Ghana)



**Eduard-Alexandru Bonci, MD, PhD**  
 Prof. Dr. Ion Chiricuta Institute of Oncology (Romania)



**Rosa Elena Caballero, MD**  
 Instituto Nacional de Ciencias Médicas y Nutrición Salvador Zubirán (Mexico/Colombia)



**Sergio Contreras Garduno, MD**  
 Instituto Nacional de Ciencias Médicas y Nutrición Salvador Zubirán (Mexico)



**Paula Isabel Gimena Franco, MD**  
 St. Luke's Medical Center (Philippines)



**Josh Thomas Georgy, MD, MBBS, DM**  
 Christian Medical College, Vellore (India)



**Alamdar Jafarov, MD**  
 Azerbaijan Medical University (Azerbaijan)



**Adeline Koh Mei Lau, MD**  
 Hospital Umum Sarawak (Malaysia)



**Garima Nirmal, MD, MBBS, DM**  
 Sarvodaya Hospital Faridabad (India)



**Chukwuma Eze Okereke, MBBS, FWACS**  
 Federal Medical Center, Owo (Nigeria)



**Ishtiaq Ur Rahim, MD, MBBS**  
 Square Hospitals Ltd., Dhaka, Bangladesh (Bangladesh)



**Asmita Rayamajhi, MD, MBBS**  
 Birat Medical College and Teaching Hospital (Nepal)



**Panot Sainamthip, MD**  
 Chulalongkorn University (Thailand)



**Daniela Shveid Gerson, MD, MSc**  
 ABC Hospital, Mexico City (Mexico)



**Rogelio N. Velasco, Jr., MD**  
 Lung Center of the Philippines (Philippines)

## International Development and Education Award in Palliative Care (IDEA-PC)

First awarded in 2011, the IDEA-PC provides medical education in palliative care, assists with career development, and helps establish strong relationships with leading ASCO members in the field of palliative care who serve as scientific mentors to each recipient.



**Oumou Kimso, MD**  
 Reference Hospital of Maradi (Niger)



**Krithika S. Rao, MD, MBBS**  
 Kasturba Medical College, Manipal, Manipal Academy of Higher Education (India)



**Fahmi Usman Seid, MD**  
 Hawassa University College of Medicine and Health Sciences (Ethiopia)



**Sudip Thapa, MD, MBBS, PhD**  
 Bhaktapur Cancer Hospital (Nepal)



**Ulku Miray Yildirim, MD**  
 Istanbul University, Oncology Institute, Pediatric Hematology-Oncology (Turkey)



# WOMEN WHO CONQUER CANCER

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## 2023 CAREER DEVELOPMENT AWARDS



### Women Who Conquer Cancer Career Development Award

**Gina Keiffer, MD**

Thomas Jefferson University Hospital  
"Tazemetostat in Combination with CPX-351 following Palbociclib Pre-Treatment for Patients with Relapsed or Refractory Acute Myeloid Leukemia"

**Mentored by:** Margaret Kasner, MD, MSc (2009 CDA)



### Women Who Conquer Cancer Career Development Award supported by the DMV Conquerors

**Julia McGuinness, MD** (2021 YIA)  
Columbia University

"Use of a novel artificial intelligence-based mammographic evaluation to assess response to adjuvant endocrine therapy among women with operable breast cancer"

**Mentored by:** Katherine Crew, MD, MS (2007 CDA)

## 2023 YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARDS



### Endowed Women Who Conquer Cancer Young Investigator Award

**Elizabeth Carstens, MD**

Dana-Farber Cancer Institute  
"Targeted DNA origami delivery of mRNA for in situ CAR-T cell generation"

**Mentored by:** Eric Smith, MD, PhD (2015 YIA), William Shih, PhD



### Women Who Conquer Cancer - Franci Blassberg & Joe Rice Young Investigator Award in honor of Dr. Anne Moore

**Marla Lipsyc-Sharf, MD**

Dana-Farber Cancer Institute  
"Understanding Circulating Tumor DNA at Critical Clinical Timepoints in Early-Stage Hormone Receptor-Positive Breast Cancer (CaTCH)"

**Mentored by:** Ann Partridge, MD, MPH (2001 YIA, 2003 CDA, 2010 ICCG), Heather Parsons, MD, MPH (2014 YIA)



### Endowed Women Who Conquer Cancer Young Investigator Award

**Madhulika Eluri, MD**

The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

"Adaptive mutability in colorectal cancers treated with epidermal growth factor receptor inhibition"

**Mentored by:** Scott Kopetz, MD, PhD (2008 CDA), Christine Parseghian, MD



### Molly Sherman Women Who Conquer Cancer Young Investigator Award in Breast Cancer Research

**Elizabeth Sakach, MD**

Emory University  
"Phase I Trial Evaluating the Safety and Efficacy of ProAgio, an anti- $\alpha v \beta 3$  Integrin Cytotoxin, in Combination with Gemcitabine in Patients with Metastatic Triple Negative Breast Cancer"

**Mentored by:** Kevin Kalinsky, MD, MS, Zhi-ren Liu, PhD



### Tomasello Family Women Who Conquer Cancer Young Investigator Award

**Kathryn Hacker Gessner, MD, PhD**

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
"Geospatial transcriptomic characterization of urothelial carcinoma in situ (CIS) to decipher cancer biology and enhance therapy"

**Mentored by:** William Kim, MD (2002 YIA)



### Women Leaders in Oncology Women Who Conquer Cancer Young Investigator Award

**Patricia Mae Garcia Santos, MD, MS**

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center  
"Leveraging Emergency Medicaid data to understand disease burden, resource utilization, and health-related expenditures among undocumented immigrants with cancer in New York"

**Mentored by:** Fumiko Chino, MD, K. Robin Yabroff, PhD, MBA



### Debra Lesavoy Women Who Conquer Cancer Young Investigator Award

**Pavlina Spiliopoulou, PhD, MD**

University Health Network  
"Prospective Analysis of INteStinal Microbiome and Autoimmune PanElis as PrediCtors of Toxicity in ImmunOncology Patients (INSPECT-IO)"

**Mentored by:** Anna Spreafico, MD, PhD (2014 YIA), Bryan Coburn, MD, PhD



### Bristol Myers Squibb Endowed Women Who Conquer Cancer Young Investigator Award

**Kara Schenk, MD**

Johns Hopkins University

"Immune checkpoint blockade for kidney transplant recipients with selected unresectable or metastatic cutaneous cancers"

**Mentored by:** Evan Lipson, MD, Janis Taube, MD, MS



### Hattie Sherman Women Who Conquer Cancer Young Investigator Award in Breast Cancer Research

**Lynn Symonds, MD**

University of Washington

"Evaluation of genomic risk scores and the presence of metastasis initiating cells in early-stage estrogen receptor positive breast cancer"

**Mentored by:** Cyrus Ghajar, PhD, Jennifer Specht, MD



### Dr. Anne Moore Women Who Conquer Cancer Young Investigator Award

**Anupriya Singhal, MD, PhD**

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

"Uncovering Pancreatic Cancer Cell States Driving Resistance to KRAS Inhibition"

**Mentored by:** Tuomas Tammela, MD, PhD

## 2023 MERIT AWARD



### Darla C. Ellis Endowed Women Who Conquer Cancer Merit Award

**Yael Bar, MD, PhD**

Massachusetts General Hospital

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WHO CONQUER  
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## WOMEN WHO CONQUER CANCER (WWCC) MENTORSHIP AWARDS

Launched in 2016, this award program recognizes extraordinary female leaders in oncology and role models who have excelled as mentors and have demonstrated outstanding commitment to the professional development of women colleagues as clinicians, educators, and researchers in oncology. The awards seek to recognize and promote the work of women mentors in oncology and, ultimately, narrow career gender disparities through the mentorship and professional development of women oncology professionals.



### Hologic, Inc Endowed Women Who Conquer Cancer Mentorship Award

**Carolyn D. Runowicz, MD**, is a tenured Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine Florida International University at Miami, Florida. She is a nationally and internationally recognized leader in women's health and gynecologic cancer. Her research has focused on the development, initiation and conduct of clinical trials in gynecologic cancer and in cancer prevention. She has authored more than 200 scientific articles and 5 books. She has received numerous honors and awards, including the 2018 Distinguished Service Award by the Society of Gynecologic Oncology. She is also the recipient of the University of Connecticut Distinguished Alumni Award, the American Medical Women's Association Local Legend Award, Cancer Care Physician of the Year Award, and many others. She serves as a role model and mentor for faculty, residents, and students. She has served in leadership roles in the major cancer organizations. She served on the Board of Directors of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (2011-2015) as the first gynecologic oncologist. She served as the first woman president of the Society of Gynecologic Oncologists (2000), was President of the American Cancer Society (2005) and served on the National Cancer Advisory Board (NCAB), appointed by President George W. Bush. She served as Chair of the NCAB for 4 years (2006-2010). She completed 2 terms as Vice President of the American Gynecological and Obstetrical Foundation Board. She has initiated and led many innovative clinical trials in the development of novel therapies for gynecologic cancers.



### International Women Who Conquer Cancer Mentorship Award

**María Teresa Bourlon, MD, MS**, is a medical oncologist, Associate Professor, and Head of the Urologic Oncology Clinic at Instituto Nacional de Ciencias Médicas y Nutrición Salvador Zubirán. She is also the Director of the Genitourinary Cancers Program for Medical Oncologists at Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México. She was a 2013 ASCO International Development & Education Award (IDEA) Awardee and 2018 JCO-GO Editorial Fellow Awardee. Her investigator initiated research and participation in clinical trials has focused on genitourinary cancers. Dr. Bourlon mentors medical school junior research fellows, medical oncology fellows, former oncologists training in urologic oncology, and has served as thesis director for graduate students. She has served as mentor for the Women's Networking Center at the ASCO Annual Meeting, is a member of the ASCO Global Oncology Task Force and is a JCO GO Editorial Fellowship Mentor. She is the Ambassador of the Oncofertility Consortium in Mexico and, has served as faculty of ESMO LATAM, ESO Latin America, and the ASCO Annual Meeting and ASCO GU Symposium.

## INTERNATIONAL INNOVATION GRANTS (IIG)

Since 2014, the IIG provides funding in support of novel and innovative projects with the potential to advance cancer control in low- and middle-income countries.



### All India Institute of Medical Sciences (India)

"Role of celecoxib in reducing cognitive impairment in patients receiving definitive chemoradiation for head and neck carcinoma : A phase II randomized placebo controlled trial"  
**Principal Investigator:** Aparna Sharma, MD (2022 IDEA)



### Binaytara Foundation Cancer Center (Nepal)

"Effectiveness of a community screening program for early detection of oral cancers in Nepal"  
**Principal Investigator:** Rubina Suwal, MDS



### Health Support Initiatives (Uganda)

"Identifying and designing strategies to increase uptake of second dose Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination among adolescent girls in Uganda"  
**Principal Investigator:** Pamela Bakkabulindi, MBChB



### Instituto Nacional de Ciencias Médicas y Nutrición Salvador Zubirán (Mexico)

"Development and implementation of a geriatric oncology educational intervention for cancer care providers in Mexico"  
**Principal Investigator:** Haydee Verduzco-Aguirre, MD (2020 GOYIA)



### The University of Dodoma (Tanzania)

"Integrated mHealth Red reflex test training For Retinoblastoma Detection (Im-RED) at Reproductive and Child Health Clinics- A Stepped Wedge Cluster RCT"  
**Principal Investigator:** Shakilu Jumanne, MD


















*Without the IIG, I would have never been able to start a clinic for long-term survivors of childhood cancer, most of whom are now adolescents, which allowed me to identify and manage their physical challenges as well as listen to their psychosocial challenges and provide support."*

















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



# ONCOLOGY SUMMER INTERNSHIP (OSI)

The ASCO Oncology Summer Internship (OSI) is an immersive summer pilot program for rising second year medical students from populations underrepresented in medicine (UIM).

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Baylor College of Medicine
-  **Sofia Pedroza**  
Baylor College of Medicine
-  **Destiny Iwuh**  
Baylor College of Medicine
-  **Nicole Nyamongo**  
Baylor College of Medicine
-  **Michael Allison**  
Baylor College of Medicine
-  **Ludvinna Bazile**  
Rutgers New Jersey Medical School
-  **Yaxel Levin-Carrion**  
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-  **Kimberly Cartagena**  
Rutgers New Jersey Medical School
-  **Oladotun Ebunlomo**  
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-  **Simona Alomary**  
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-  **Ellen Essien**  
Ohio State University
-  **August Gonzalez**  
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-  **Chiamaka Enemu**  
Ohio State University
-  **Taylor Weatherly**  
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-  **Gustavo Miranda**  
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-  **Damaris Zapien**  
University of Arizona
-  **Esther Melton**  
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-  **Marc Anthony Pastor**  
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-  **Nawal Hassan**  
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-  **Mezvah Nob**  
University of Kansas
-  **Samira Shorey**  
University of Kansas
-  **Shefaa Allan**  
University of Kansas
-  **Alice Azzun**  
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-  **Michael Allevato**  
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-  **Amanda Rivas**  
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-  **Mana Yacim**  
University of Michigan
-  **Shannon Ballard**  
University of Mississippi
-  **Kaylee Zettler**  
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-  **Kamryn Davis**  
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-  **Dustin Bishop**  
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-  **Hannah Craft**  
University of Mississippi
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University of Pittsburgh
-  **Faith Kehinde**  
University of Pittsburgh
-  **Felix Aggor**  
University of Pittsburgh
-  **Rochelle Fletcher**  
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

-  **Evan Rosario**  
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-  **Joshua Pesantes**  
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-  **Royce Hooks**  
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-  **Dominic Chung**  
University of Pennsylvania
-  **Camila Lage**  
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-  **Kalese Goodwin**  
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-  **Oumou Toure**  
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-  **London Smith**  
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(Left to Right) Medical students Ashley-Marie Cortes, Iman Mahoui, Bianca Duah, George Olverson, and Joshua Arguello during the opening dinner for the 2021 ASCO Oncology Summer Internship hosted at the University of Rochester's Wilmot Cancer Institute.

# MERIT AWARDS

Awarded to oncology trainees or students who are first authors on high-scoring abstracts selected for presentation at the ASCO Annual Meeting.

**Umar Abdullahi, MBBS, MSc**  
The Christie NHS Foundation Trust

**Rachel Abelman, MD**  
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**Elisa Agostinetto, MD**  
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**Luis Aguirre, MD**  
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**Muhammad Danyal Ahsan**  
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Columbia University Medical Center

**Geoffrey Bostany, BA**  
University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine

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The University of Texas Health Science Center - San Antonio

**Emma Boys, FRACP**  
ProCan®, Children's Medical Research Institute, The University of Sydney

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Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre

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**Leticia Campoverde, MD**  
University of Miami Hospital, Jackson Memorial Hospital

**David Cantor, MD, PhD**  
University of Pennsylvania

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**Anthony Carrozzi, HBSc**  
Princess Margaret Cancer Centre, University Health Network

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University Hospitals Seidman Cancer Center

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Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University

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Princess Margaret Cancer Centre

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The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

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**Filippo Dall'Olio, MD**  
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**Gabriel Francisco Pereira Aleixo, MD**  
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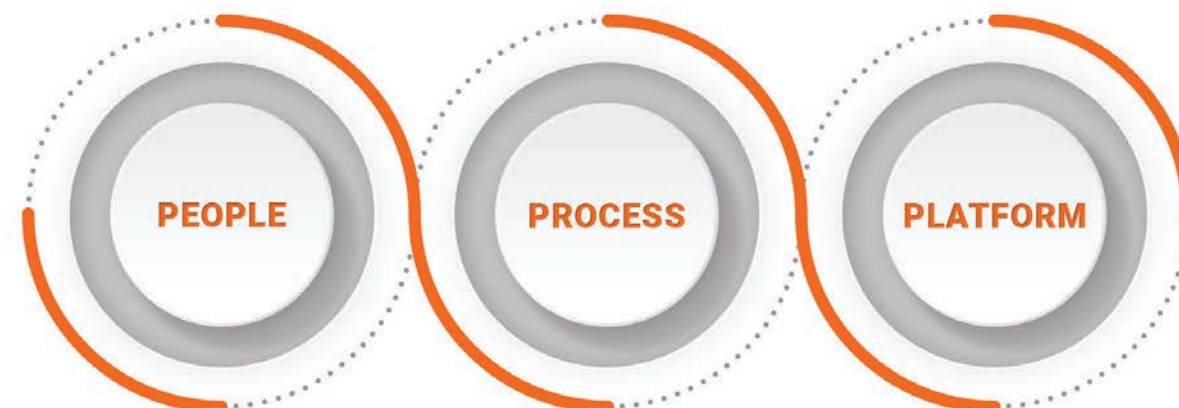
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