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## **President & CEO**



WE ALL DREAM ABOUT THE FUTURE, a time when fewer cancers will be diagnosed and every cancer patient can be effectively treated. That has been our goal since our founding 70 years ago. Over that time, our thinking about cancer has evolved from viewing it as a mysterious killer into a better understood disease, driven by genetic mutations that cause cells to multiply and spread in an uncontrolled manner.

We have more recently witnessed the application of this knowledge to new ways to prevent, diagnose and cure many forms of cancer. Today, novel therapies are saving the lives of those who likely would not have even survived if they were diagnosed in the year 2000. We want this outcome—continued health and survival—to be true for all cancer patients regardless of cancer type.

This progress would not be possible without brilliant scientists fully dedicated to this work, which is why the Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation remains so vitally important. Our unique role is to recruit the best emerging talent to cancer research—young scientists with the creativity, passion and innovative spirit needed to make the next breakthroughs—and keep them there.

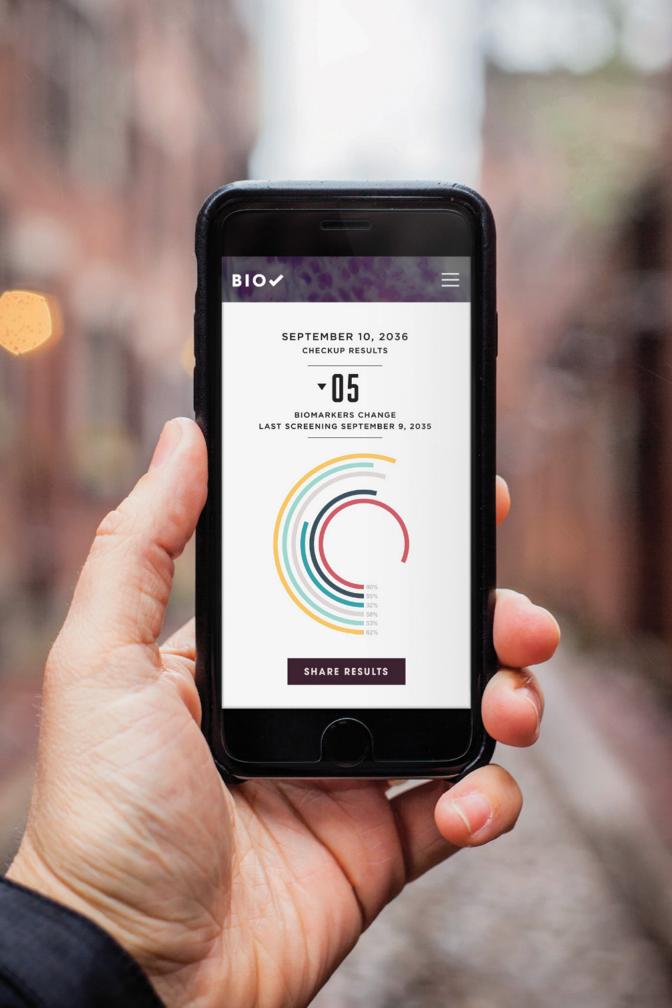
In the pages that follow, a few of these exceptional Damon Runyon scientists share their vision for the future. Our goal is to give them the resources they need to make these predictions a reality.

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# Revolutionizing Cancer Screening



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Catching cancer in its earliest stages can vastly improve outcomes for patients, and great effort is put toward encouraging the public to undergo regular screening tests such as mammograms, prostate examinations and colonoscopies. If discovered, benign lumps and polyps can then be safely removed before they turn malignant. Ideally, everyone should have the opportunity to be routinely screened for signs of cancer, but the financial burden and available resources make this a tremendous challenge.

In the future, screening will be carried out by the patient with the same device they use to schedule meetings—the smartphone.

Faster processors and increased functionality from handheld devices will give individuals the equivalent of a lab computer in their pockets. Additionally, nanotechnology and microfluidic advances have shrunk the equipment needed to test blood or other bodily fluids for biomarkers of cancer into miniature sensors that can be plugged into phones like a memory card. In a few years, people will routinely test themselves at home. Any changes in cancer biomarkers will be detected early and the results emailed to oncologists for a treatment strategy to be organized.

Along with technological advances, basic biological research to uncover "early-tumor" biomarkers and enhance the understanding of cancer progression will be equally critical. With twin breakthroughs in technology and biology, ubiquitous smartphone screening can be at the forefront of fighting this disease.

#### SCREENING AT OUR FINGERTIPS

A patient will have the ability to screen for signs of cancer from their home, providing the opportunity for early diagnosis.

## Cancer Treatment As Unique As Each Patient



Written by
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"Illness is the night-side of life, a more onerous citizenship," wrote Susan Sontag in 1977. Twenty-seven years later, Sontag died of myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS), a subtype of myeloid blood cancers, which are the focus of the research in my laboratory at Harvard. Sontag's words remind us that we as physician-scientists have a solemn responsibility to never give up in our efforts to develop better treatments for our patients and to lessen the burden their illness imposes on them and on their families.

In the twelve years since Sontag's death, we've made enormous advances in understanding how myeloid blood cancers develop. We've defined the causative mutations and have developed

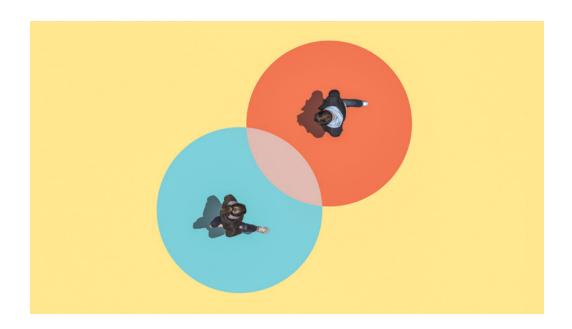


the ability to sequentially track the genetic evolution of leukemia in real time in patients. We can even detect leukemia-initiating mutations in the blood of normal individuals before they are aware of any symptoms or signs of disease.

Armed with this knowledge, we are poised to prevent myeloid blood cancers, to diagnose them earlier and to treat them more selectively and effectively.

In the next 10–20 years, we will screen for these cancers using blood testing, much as we currently screen for diabetes. We will intervene before full-blown cancer develops using either targeted drug therapies or gene editing technology to correct specific cancercausing mutations.

In patients who present with cancer, we will exploit precision medicine to tailor our treatment to the mutational spectrum of their individual cancer, and we will target their own immune system against specific mutant proteins in their cancer.





Written by
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Luckily for the cancer research community, science has arrived in the era of genomics. This is what we've been waiting for, and it is the key to the future of cancer diagnosis and treatment.

Through deep sequencing of cancer genomes we can now appreciate the tremendous diversity of cancers and the combinations of mutations that drive them. It will take a village of cancer researchers (and computers—lots of computers) to tenaciously hash out the functions of cancer-associated genes, and the consequences of mutations within them, to precisely pinpoint a cancer's weaknesses.

Ten to fifteen years from now, cancer patients should expect to have their tumors fully sequenced after biopsy. A unique disease deserves a unique treatmentsequencing a patient's tumor genome will reveal the specific mutations that are driving his or her cancer. Plugging these mutations into computational models will enable doctors to prescribe treatment combinations that are as unique as the patient. Perhaps that will include a vaccine developed from the tumor's own mutated proteins to train the patient's immune system to recognize and destroy it. Or perhaps a drug schedule targeting molecules upon which the cancer uniquely relies, but not normal cells.

We'll gradually transition away from the "one-size-fits-all," blunt instrument chemotherapeutics of the past toward the sophisticated custom-tailored therapies of the future.

#### PRECISION & TARGETED TREATMENTS

Cancer treatments will be tailored to the individual, providing treatment options that are less toxic and more effective.



## Prevention through Greater Knowledge



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Biomedical scientists and physicians are extremely adept at curing cancers through chemical, surgical, or immunological interventions. While this broad and desirable statement applies to certain patients with treatable cancers, it does not apply to enough. Furthermore, rates of cancer incidence and prevalence continue to increase. What is the cause of the disparity between failure in prevention and success at treatment, and how can we address this challenge?

While cancer immunotherapy has already heralded the era of treatmentbased precision medicine that will dominate the next decade, I predict that the most significant impact of patientspecific medicine will come from a greater understanding of the unique path that each patient's cells take to transform a healthy tissue into a malignant tumor.

By systematically characterizing, defining, and testing cell networks within individuals, we will not only understand what precipitates cancer but also identify how we can reset the balance of these cellular ecosystems to inhibit the initiation of cancer.

It is with great hope that I consider the possibility that the next decade of precision therapies will not be targeted at cancer treatment, but rather at prevention.

#### ANALYZING THE EARLY STAGES

Understanding how a cell transforms into a cancer cell will help scientists create therapies for disease prevention.

## Changing the Way Science is Done



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I treat children with brain tumors, a resilient patient population that suffers not only from the direct effects of cancer but also the deleterious effects of the toxic treatments we must give them to try to achieve cures. More children die from brain tumors than from any other type of cancer. This must and will change.

We are on the cusp of a scientific revolution. As we begin to unravel the genome, epigenome, and transcriptome of these devastating tumors, we are also removing the academic roadblocks that have stymied research for so long.

I am collaborating with a scientific community that understands we must not just stand on our academic laurels but that we must make "significant" and "meaningful" discoveries. In the past, there have been many smart, well-meaning scientists devoted to pediatric neuro-oncology research; however, they were missing a research infrastructure that brought scientists and patients together. They were missing a research platform in which the massive amounts of biological data (petabytes) could be openly shared in real-time.

As a scientific community we now have the technology, the perseverance, and the cultural academic shift to find cures. We are no longer conducting research in scientific silos.

In the future, children with a devastating brain tumor, no matter where they live, will be able to have their tumor molecularly analyzed, and a treatment tailored to provide them with the best chance possible for a long, healthy, productive life.

#### CREATING A DATABASE OF KNOWLEDGE

With scientists working together across multiple disciplines and sharing research data, patients will see more effective and creative treatments developed at a rate never before seen.





With brilliant scientists working in collaboration, developing new technologies, and seeking even greater understanding of cancer, these visions of the future will become a reality—for us, and certainly for our children.

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## Remembering Dale F. Frey, 1932-2016

The Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation was deeply saddened by the passing of Dale F. Frey, past Chairman of its Board of Directors, one of its greatest champions and a dear friend. Through his vision, passion and relentless dedication to cancer research, Dale had a lasting impact on human life. Under his leadership for over 16 years, the Foundation grew exponentially and funded top young scientists in cancer research whose discoveries have dramatically advanced progress against cancer. In 2010, the Dale F. Frey Award for Breakthrough Scientists was established in his honor to support the most outstanding young cancer researchers in the nation.

## Select Damon Runyon-Dale F. Frey Breakthrough Scientists



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#### Damon Runyon-Rachleff Innovation Award

Supports the next generation of exceptionally creative thinkers with high-risk, high-reward ideas that have the potential to significantly impact our understanding of and approaches to the prevention, diagnosis or treatment of cancer.

#### TWO-YEAR AWARD:

\$300,000, with possibility of extension up to an additional \$300,000

#### Damon Runyon Clinical Investigator Award

Supports early career physicianscientists conducting patientoriented research. The goal of this innovative program is to increase the number of physicians capable of moving seamlessly between the laboratory and the patient's bedside in search of breakthrough treatments.

#### THREE-YEAR AWARD:

\$450,000 plus up to \$100,000 for medical school loan repayment

#### Damon Runyon Clinical Investigator Continuation Grant

Supports Damon Runyon Clinical Investigators who are approaching the end of their original three-year awards and need extra time and funding to complete a promising avenue of research or initiate/continue a clinical trial.

TWO-YEAR AWARD: \$300,000

#### Damon Runyon Fellowship Award

Supports the training of the brightest postdoctoral scientists as they embark upon their research careers. This funding enables them to be mentored by established investigators in leading research laboratories across the country.

#### **FOUR-YEAR AWARD:**

\$231,000

#### Damon Runyon-Sohn Pediatric Cancer Fellowship Award

Supports dedicated basic scientists and clinicians who conduct research with the potential to significantly impact the prevention, diagnosis or treatment of one or more pediatric cancers.

#### FOUR-YEAR AWARD:

\$231.000

#### Damon Runyon-Dale F. Frey Award for Breakthrough Scientists

Supports a select few
Damon Runyon Fellows
who have greatly exceeded
the Foundation's highest
expectations. This additional
investment in these exceptional
individuals will help catapult
their research careers and
their impact on cancer.

#### TWO-YEAR AWARD:

\$100,000

\*Increased award amount effective July 1, 2016

#### Damon Runyon Physician-Scientist Training Award

Supports and encourages outstanding recent medical school graduates to pursue cancer research careers by providing them with the opportunity for a protected research training experience under the mentorship of a highly qualified and gifted mentor.

#### **FOUR-YEAR AWARD:**

\$460,000 plus up to \$100,000 for medical school loan repayment



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"Exploring the role of a toxic endogenous glycolytic metabolite in tumor suppression and chemotherapy action" at Stanford University, Stanford

#### NICHOLAS T. INGOLIA, PhD

"Cis-regulatory code for the translational control of gene expression" at the University of California, Berkeley

#### **GUILLEM PRATX. PhD**

"Adding a new dimension to flow cytometry: radionuclideactivated cell sorting" at Stanford University School of Medicine, Stanford

#### PETER J. TURNBAUGH, PhD\*,

Nadia's Gift Foundation Innovator "The gut microbiome: an unexpected contributor to cancer drug resistance" at the University

#### ELCIN ÜNAL. PhD

"Reducing cancer susceptibility by attenuating cellular aging" at the University of California, Berkeley

of California, San Francisco

#### ROBERTO ZONCU, PhD\*

"Dissecting and disabling the glucose-mTORC1 signaling axis in cancer growth" at the University of California, Berkeley

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"Elucidating the bacterial determinants of colorectal cancer" at Yale University, New Haven

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"Harnessing intra-lymph node controlled release to study and enhance tumor immunity" at the University of Maryland, College Park

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"Understanding and preventing carcinogenesis caused by the human microbiota" at Harvard University, Cambridge

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"Using single-cell genomics to resolve the molecular identity of cancer stem cells and guide their pharmacological eradication" at Columbia University, New York

#### ARVIN C. DAR, PhD

"Targeting allosteric control in the Ras-MAPK pathway for cancer therapy" at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York

#### MORITZ F. KIRCHER, MD, PhD

"Raman-MRI nanobeacons: towards a universal cancer theranostic agent" at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York

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"Dissecting chromosome hemizygosity with human pluripotent stem cells" at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York

#### OHIC

#### CHRISTIN E. BURD, PhD\*

"Exploiting mutational specificity to target RAS-driven melanoma" at The Ohio State University, Columbus

#### OREGON

## SUMMER L. GIBBS, PhD and XIAOLIN NAN, PhD

"Studying spatial regulation of HER2 tumorigenesis with multispectral super resolution microscopy (MSSRM)" at Oregon Health and Science University, Portland

#### **TEXAS**

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"A single cell integrated system to dissecting cancer immunoediting in humans" at The University of Texas, Austin

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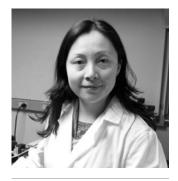
"Participatory genetics for defining genotype-phenotype associations of rare cancer variants" at the University of Washington, Seattle

#### WISCONSIN

#### PHILIP A. ROMERO, PhD\*

"Digital circulating tumor cell detection using scalable molecular logic" at the University of Wisconsin, Madison

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"Targeting the malignant reprogramming of early hematopoietic progenitors to mature aggressive human B-cell lymphomas" with Ronald Levy, MD, Stanford University School of Medicine, Stanford

#### AMI S. BHATT, MD, PhD\*

"Applying microbiome-based therapeutics in cancer patients" with Linda Boxer, MD, PhD, and Michael Snyder, PhD, Stanford University School of Medicine, Stanford

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Damon Runyon-Jake Wetchler Foundation for Innovative Pediatric Cancer Research Clinical Investigator

"Targeting CD123 using chimeric antigen receptor T cells for treatment of acute myeloid leukemia" with Stephen J. Forman, MD, FACP, City of Hope, Duarte

#### FLORIDA

#### MARCO L. DAVILA, MD, PhD

"The development and clinical translation of an armored CAR T cell therapy for immune-resistant B cell malignancies" with Michel Sadelain, MD, PhD, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York, and Claudio Anasetti, MD. Moffitt Cancer Center. Tampa

#### **ILLINOIS**

#### JAEHYUK CHOI, MD, PhD\* Doris Duke-Damon Runyon Clinical Investigator

"Identification of genetic basis of altered T cell receptor signaling in cutaneous T cell lymphoma" with Stephen D. Miller, PhD, and John D. Crispino, PhD, Northwestern University, Chicago

#### **MASSACHUSETTS**

#### PRISCILLA K. BRASTIANOS, MD

"Investigation of novel targeted therapeutic approaches for brain metastases" with Keith T. Flaherty, MD, and Tracy T. Batchelor, MD, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston

#### ALEJANDRO GUTIERREZ, MD

"Mechanisms and therapeutic targeting of EZH2-dependent chemoresistance in T-ALL" with Stuart H. Orkin, MD, and Anthony G. Letai, MD, PhD, Boston Children's Hospital, Boston

#### PETER S. HAMMERMAN, MD, PhD

"Development of personalized cancer immunotherapy" with Kwok-Kin Wong, MD, PhD, F. Stephen Hodi, Jr., MD, and Glenn Dranoff, MD, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Boston

#### GEOFFREY R. OXNARD, MD\* Gordon Family

Clinical Investigator

"Noninvasive genotyping of cell free plasma DNA (cfDNA) as a tool for guiding personalized lung cancer care" with Pasi A. Janne, MD, PhD, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Boston

#### ELIEZER M. VAN ALLEN, MD\*

"Dissecting response to conventional and emerging DNA damage and repair therapies" with Levi A. Garraway, MD, PhD, and Philip Kantoff, MD, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Boston

#### **MISSOURI**

#### VIVEK K. ARORA, MD, PhD\*

"Defining a targetable oncogenic dyad in bladder cancer" with Lee Ratner, MD, PhD, Washington University, St. Louis

#### STEPHEN T. OH, MD, PhD

Doris Duke-Damon Runyon Clinical Investigator

"Targeting aberrant signaling pathways in myeloproliferative neoplasms" with Daniel C. Link, MD, Washington University, St. Louis

#### **NEW YORK**

## CHRISTOPHER E. BARBIERI, MD, PhD\*

MetLife Foundation Clinical Investigator

"Presurgical trials to target distinct subclasses of localized prostate cancer" with Mark A. Rubin, MD, Weill Cornell Medicine, New York

#### JOSHUA BRODY, MD

"Flt3L-primed 'in situ' vaccination for low-grade lymphoma-Phase I/II study of intratumoral injection of rhuFlt3L and poly-ICLC with low-dose radiotherapy [NCT01976585]" with Nina Bhardwaj, MD, PhD, and Miriam Merad, MD, PhD, Mount Sinai Hospital, New York

## **Damon Runyon Clinical Investigator Awards (Continued)**

## ALEX KENTSIS, MD, PhD\* Richard Lumsden Foundation Clinical Investigator

"Mechanism and function of regulatory signaling in acute myeloid leukemia" with Scott A. Armstrong, MD, PhD, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Boston, and Ross Levine, MD, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York

#### LUC G. MORRIS, MD

"Functionalizing tumor suppressor gene mutations and deletions in head and neck cancer" with Timothy A. Chan, MD, PhD, and James A. Fagin, MD, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York

#### HEATHER L. YEO, MD\*

"Use of mobile applications to evaluate post surgical recovery in aging patients with GI cancer" Manish A. Shah, MD, and Deborah Estrin, PhD, MS, Weill Cornell Medicine, New York

#### WASHINGTON

#### AUDE G. CHAPUIS, MD

"To specify the requirements of CD8+ and CD4+ T cells for successful adoptive transfer in solid tumors" with Philip D. Greenberg, MD, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, Seattle

\*Initial Year

## Damon Runyon Clinical Investigator Award Continuation Grants

#### **MASSACHUSETTS**

#### RYAN B. CORCORAN, MD. PhD

"Defining novel targeted therapy combination strategies for BRAF V600 mutant colorectal cancer" with Jeffrey A. Engelman, MD, PhD, and Keith T. Flaherty, MD, Massachusetts General Hospital, Charlestown

#### ANN MULLALLY, MD\*

"Peptide vaccination to target mutant calreticulin in myeloproliferative neoplasms" with Benjamin L. Ebert, MD, and Jerome Ritz, MD, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston

#### **NORTH CAROLINA**

#### OREN J. BECHER, MD

"Regional differences in central nervous system gliomagenesis" with Darell D. Bigner, MD, PhD, Katherine E. Warren, MD, and Michael B. Kastan, MD, Duke University, Durham

#### **NEW YORK**

## SARAT CHANDARLAPATY, MD, PhD

#### Patterson Trust Clinical Investigator

"Therapeutic approaches to PI3K-AKT-mTOR feedback pathways in breast cancer" Neal Rosen, MD, PhD, and Clifford A. Hudis, MD, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York

#### **TENNESSEE**

#### CHRISTINE M. LOVLY, MD. PhD\*

"Developing novel therapeutic strategies for ALK-fusion positive lung cancer" with David P. Carbone, MD, PhD, The Ohio State University, Columbus, and Pierre P. Massion, MD, Vanderbilt University, Nashville

#### TEXAS

#### DEEPAK NIJHAWAN, MD, PhD\*

"Developing the anti-tumor toxin CD437 into a new cancer therapy" with Steve L. McKnight, PhD, and David Johnson, MD, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas

\*Initial Year

## **Select Damon Runyon Clinical Investigators**



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## **Damon Runyon Fellowship Awards**

#### CALIFORNIA

New York, New York

#### **Gladstone Institutes**

#### CASEY A. GIFFORD, PhD HHMI Fellow

"Dissecting the role of pioneer transcription factors in cancer progression" with Deepak Srivastava, MD

#### Salk Institute

#### CORINA E. ANTAL, PhD\*

"Stromal reprogramming as a therapeutic approach in pancreatic cancer" with Ronald M. Evans, PhD

#### JEANINE L. VAN NOSTRAND, PhD

"Elucidating the AMPKdependent regulation of mTOR signaling in the metabolic checkpoint of tumorigenesis" with Reuben J. Shaw, PhD

#### **Scripps Research Institute**

#### LIRON BAR-PELED, PhD

Lallage Feazel Wall Fellow "Identification of cysteine liabilities in NRF2-driven cancers" with Benjamin F. Cravatt, PhD

#### EVGENIA N. NIKOLOVA, PhD

Robert Black Fellow

"Recognition of methylated and specific DNA sequences by the zinc finger transcriptional repressor Kaiso and modulation by other nuclear factors" with Peter E. Wright, PhD

#### JOSEPH D. SCHONHOFT, PhD Merck Fellow

"Probing the relation between sequence, aggregation and proteotoxicity in cardiac amyloidoses caused by free antibody light chains" with Jeffery W. Kelly, PhD

#### **Stanford University**

#### CHRISTOPHER J. CAMBIER, PhD\* HHMI Fellow

"In vivo characterization of mycobacterial cording" with Carolyn R. Bertozzi, PhD

## **Stanford University School** of Medicine

## ANUPAM K. CHAKRAVARTY, PhD

**HHMI Fellow** 

"Investigating the phenomenon of epigenetic inheritance mediated by non-amyloid protein aggregates" with Daniel F. Jarosz, PhD

#### KEREN I. HILGENDORF, PhD

Layton Family Fellow

"Role of ciliary IGF-1/AKT signaling in ciliogenesis, adipogenesis, and tissue regeneration" with Peter K. Jackson, PhD

#### KATHRIN LEPPEK, PhD

Layton Family Fellow

"Mechanistic characterization of 5'UTR RNA elements that confer translational specificity to shape vertebrate embryonic development" with Maria Barna, PhD

#### YIN LIU, PhD

#### Layton Family Fellow

"Sensing lung tumors by pulmonary sensory neurons" with Mark A. Krasnow, MD, PhD

#### ANDREW R. NAGER, PhD

#### Fayez Sarofim Fellow

"Dissecting the mechanism of selective diffusion into the primary cilium" with Maxence V. Nachury, PhD

#### ROHITH K. SRIVAS, PhD

"Longitudinal profiling of hostmicrobiome interactions in obese patients during drastic weight loss" with Michael P. Snyder, PhD

#### ALBERT G. TSAI, MD, PhD\*+

"Diagnosis of hematologic malignancies from paucicellular aspirate material using highly multiplexed single cell analysis" with Sean C. Bendall, PhD

#### University of California, Berkeley

#### JUSTIN M. CREST, PhD

"Cells, ECM, and the mechanical forces that regulate organ shape" with David Bilder, PhD

#### FUGUO JIANG, PhD

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"Molecular mechanisms of guide RNA: target dsDNA binding and PAM recognition by CRISPR/ Cas9" with Jennifer A. Doudna, PhD

#### STEVEN LIN, PhD

#### **HHMI Fellow**

"Biochemical characterizations and optimization of CRISPR/ Cas9 for genome engineering" with Jennifer A. Doudna, PhD

#### MANDY M. MULLER, PhD HHMI Fellow

"Widespread RNA destruction and selective preservation during viral infection" with Britt Glaunsinger, PhD

#### NEEL H. SHAH, PhD

"Interrogating ZAP-70 substrate recognition using highthroughput mutant screening" with John Kuriyan, PhD

#### NIRANJAN SRINIVAS, PhD\*

"Mutual repression, bistability, and switch-like decisions during development" with Hernan G. Garcia, PhD, and Adam P. Arkin, PhD

#### DAVID W. TAYLOR, PhD

"Structures of the RNA-targeting CRISPR-Cas complex Cmr" with Eva Nogales, PhD

#### University of California, Los Angeles

#### MAGDALENA E. POTOK, PhD HHMI Fellow

"The relationship between epigenetic gene silencing, nuclear architecture, and genome stability" with Steven E. Jacobsen, PhD

#### MICHAEL A. CIANFROCCO, PhD HHMI Fellow

"How does dynein achieve processivity?" with Andres Leschziner, PhD, and Samara L. Reck-Peterson. PhD

#### ERIC L. VAN NOSTRAND, PhD Merck Fellow

"Improved RNA binding protein target identification by eCLIPseq and integrative analysis of RNA regulatory networks across neuronal differentiation and medulloblastoma" with Eugene Yeo, PhD

#### University of California, San Francisco

#### BRITTANY ADAMSON, PhD HHMI Fellow

"Comprehensive characterization of the integrated networks that regulate protein homeostasis within the mammalian endoplasmic reticulum" with Jonathan S. Weissman, PhD

#### TRACY T. CHOW, PhD

"Investigating and engineering non-canonical telomere maintenance mechanisms in human cells" with Elizabeth H. Blackburn, PhD

#### KYLE G. DANIELS, PhD\*

"Controlling T cell signaling and fate choice using synthetic receptors" with Wendell A. Lim, PhD

#### ALBA DIZ MUÑOZ, PhD

"How neutrophils convert changes in membrane tension to changes in intracellular signaling during chemotaxis" with Orion D. Weiner, PhD, and Daniel A. Fletcher, PhD

#### MARY W. ELTING, PhD

"Probing how kinetochore-fibers anchor to spindles to robustly and accurately segregate chromosomes" with Sophie Dumont, PhD

#### QI HU, PhD

"Design of inhibitors of cancerassociated mutant GNAS" with Kevan M. Shokat, PhD

#### JEFFREY A. HUSSMANN, PhD\* Rebecca Ridley Kry Fellow

"Genome-wide measurement of ribosome spacing on individual transcripts" with Carol A. Gross,

PhD

#### ANKUR JAIN, PhD

"Formation and function of mRNA processing bodies" with Ronald D. Vale, PhD

#### BRIAN J. LAIDLAW\*, PhD

"Role of EBI2 in the regulation of lymphocyte migration during viral infection and cancer" with Jason G. Cyster, PhD

#### JESSICA P. LAO, PhD

"Identifying metabolic targets of the DNA damage checkpoint" with David P. Toczyski, PhD

#### WENYU LUO, PhD

"A *Drosophila* model to study resilience to social stress and depression-like behavior" with Yuh-Nung Jan, PhD

#### GABRIELA C. MONSALVE, PhD

#### Robert Black Fellow

"Identification and characterization of plasma membrane transporters for glucocorticoids" with Keith R. Yamamoto, PhD

#### LYNDSAY M. MURROW, PhD

"Fate specification of mammary stem cells by cell self-sorting" with Zev J. Gartner, PhD

#### DUY P. NGUYEN, PhD

Connie and Bob Lurie Fellow
"Genome editing via an
engineered RNA-guided nuclease
to create cancer genetic models"
with James A. Wells, PhD

#### THOMAS M. NORMAN, PhD

"Identifying the stochastic determinants of drug resistance" with Jonathan S. Weissman, PhD

#### BEVERLY J. PIGGOTT, PhD Lefkofsky Family Fellow

Letkorsky Family Fellow

"Brain tumor suppression by mutation(s) of the voltage-gated sodium channel Para" with Yuh-Nung Jan, PhD

#### ALEX POLLEN, PhD

"Regulation of proliferation, migration and angiogenesis by genes uniquely expressed in human neural stem cells" with Arnold R. Kriegstein, MD, PhD

#### ERIN F. SIMONDS, PhD

"Single-cell analysis and targeting of signaling networks in glioblastoma tumor-initiating cells" with William A. Weiss, MD, PhD

## JAKOB VON MOLTKE, PhD

"Innate type II cells and wound healing" with Richard Locksley, MD

#### VICTORIA E. WANG, MD PhD†

"The role of the c-Met/Hepatocyte growth factor (HGF) pathway in drug resistance and tumor metastasis" with Frank McCormick, PhD

## **Damon Runyon Fellowship Awards (Continued)**

#### ANDREW L. WOLFE, PhD

"The therapeutic potential and biological effects of targeting oncogenic KRAS" with Frank McCormick. PhD

#### JIAXI WU. PhD\*

"Mechanism of dendritic cell missing-self recognition and migration to activate CD4 T cell responses" with Jason Cyster, PhD

#### COLORADO

#### University of Colorado, Boulder

#### JENS C. SCHMIDT, PhD Merck Fellow

"Single-molecule analysis of telomerase recruitment to telomeres" with Thomas R. Cech, PhD

#### CONNECTICUT

#### Yale School of Medicine

#### ZHUOBIN LIANG, PhD\*

"Mechanistic dissection of the Fanconi anemia pathway in coordinating R-loop processing and DNA repair" with Patrick Sung, DPhil, and Gary M. Kupfer, MD

## SEYED FAKHREDDIN TORABI, PhD\*

"Evolution of triplex-forming RNAs from random sequences: a search for additional MALATIlike triplex motifs" with Joan A. Steitz, PhD

#### **ILLINOIS**

#### The University of Chicago

#### JOHN D. LEONARD, PhD\*

"Self-antigen recognition by regulatory T cells" with Erin J. Adams, PhD, and Peter A. Savage, PhD

#### SIGRID NACHTERGAELE, PhD HHMI Fellow

"The dynamic N1-methyladenosine methylome in eukaryotic mRNA" with Chuan He, PhD

#### **University of Illinois**

#### SARAH Z. TASKER, PhD\* HHMI Fellow

"Synthesis and evaluation of a collection of complex molecules biased for penetration of the blood-brain barrier" with Paul J. Hergenrother, PhD

#### MARYLAND

#### John Hopkins University, Baltimore

## DANIEL H. GOLDMAN, PhD \* Merck Fellow

"Elucidating the role of the exon junction complex in regulating translation of spliced mRNA" with Rachel Green. PhD

#### CHIH-YUNG LEE, PhD

**HHMI Fellow** 

"Regulation of primordial germ cell fate in *Caenorhabditis elegans*" with Geraldine Seydoux, PhD

#### VU QUANG NGUYEN, PhD

"Role of chromatin organization in dynamics of transcription initiation" with Carl Wu, PhD

#### HANJING PENG, PhD

"Targeting the proteasome using a hybrid, combinatorial rapafucin library" with Jun O. Liu, PhD

## BORIS ZINSHTEYN, PhD\*

**HHMI Fellow** 

"Mechanisms of splicingindependent nonsense-mediated mRNA decay" with Rachel Green, PhD

#### **National Institutes of Health**

#### DANFENG CAI, PhD

"Protein crowding and protein folding landscapes as predictors of healthy and diseased cell states" with Jennifer Lippincott-Schwartz, PhD

#### DANIEL E. WEBSTER, PhD Philip O'B Montgomery, Jr.,

MD, Fellow

"Identification and analysis of LncRNAs regulating diffuse large B cell lymphoma" with Louis M. Staudt, MD, PhD

#### **MASSACHUSETTS**

#### **Boston Children's Hospital**

#### MEGAN L. INSCO, MD, PhD\*†

"Investigating transcriptional cyclin dependent kinases as novel melanoma drug targets" with Leonard I. Zon, MD

## Brigham and Women's Hospital

#### EMMA WATSON, PhD\*

Suzanne and Bob Wright Fellow "Metabolic stress response: Exploring transcript-level regulation of metabolic feedback"

## with Stephen Elledge, PhD TIMOTHY D. MARTIN. PhD

Marion Abbe Fellow

"Investigating the role of aneuploidy and haploinsufficiency in driving tumorigenesis" with Stephen J. Elledge, PhD

#### Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

#### DENNIS L. BUCKLEY, PhD

Merck Fellow

"Development of selective brodomain inhibitors from dual brodomain-kinase inhibitors for the treatment of neuroblastoma" with James E. Bradner, MD

#### SERKAN KIR, PhD

Robert Black Fellow

"Identification of factors that induce brown fat activity in cancer cachexia" with Bruce M. Spiegelman, PhD

#### NEIL T. UMBREIT, PhD

HHMI Fellow

"Elucidating the mechanism of chromosome bridge resolution" with David S. Pellman, MD

#### ERIC S. WANG, PhD\*

"Enhancing anti-tumor immunity via pharmacological inhibition of kinases" with Nathanael S. Gray, PhD

#### Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

#### CAITLIN A. BRENNAN, PhD Dennis and Marsha Dammerman

"Mechanisms underlying Fusobacterium nucleatum-driven colorectal cancer" with Wendy S. Garrett, MD, PhD

#### Harvard Medical School

#### RYAN D. BALDRIDGE, PhD

Fraternal Order of Eagles Fellow "Investigating the mechanism of retro-translocation by ERAD" with Tom A. Rapoport, PhD

#### JUSTIN A. BOSCH, PhD\*

"Elucidating the biological functions of polypeptide transfer between animal cells" with Norbert Perrimon, PhD

#### IVANA GASIC, DrSc\*

Merck Fellow

"Molecular elucidation of the interphase microtubule integrity response (MIR)" with Timothy J. Mitchison, PhD

#### NATASHA M. O'BROWN, PhD\*

"Molecular and cellular mechanisms of transcytosis regulation in blood-brain barrier function" with Chenghua Gu, PhD

#### NIKHIL SHARMA, PhD\*

"Neural control of breathing" with Stephen Liberles, PhD

#### JUSTIN L. SPARKS, PhD

"Replicative helicase bypass of bulky DNA adducts?" with Johannes C. Walter, PhD

#### BENJAMIN M. STINSON, PhD\*

"Mechanism of DNA processing during non-homologous end joining" with Johannes C. Walter, PhD, and Joseph L. Loparo, PhD

#### HUME A. STROUD, PhD **HHMI Fellow**

"Understanding the mechanism and roles of changes in chromatin composition in the brain" with Michael E. Greenberg,

#### TONY Y. TSAI, MD, PhD Kenneth G. and Elaine A.

Langone Fellow

"Cell sorting in zebrafish neural tube development" with Sean G. Megason, PhD

#### THOMAS S. VIERBUCHEN, PhD HHMI Fellow

"Understanding the developmental programming and function of the enhancers that control activity-regulated transcription in the mammalian cortex" with Michael E. Greenberg, PhD

#### **Harvard University**

#### PHILIP B. ABITUA, PhD\*

"Functional characterization of signaling molecules during zebrafish embryogenesis" with Alexander F. Schier, PhD

#### BRIAN J. BELIVEAU, PhD\* **HHMI Fellow**

"Decoding Polycomb-mediated gene regulation in single cells with single-molecule super resolution imaging and synthetic biology" with Peng Yin, PhD

#### AVINASH KHANNA, PhD

Rebecca Ridley Kry Fellow

"Disrupting the protein-protein interactions of CDK8 to target cancer" with Matthew D. Shair.

#### SUMMER B. THYME, PhD **HHMI Fellow**

"Chromatin modifications and pioneer transcription factors in development" with Alexander F. Schier, PhD

#### ERIC M. WOERLY, PhD

Suzanne and Bob Wright Fellow

"Accessing new cancer therapeutics via an intermolecular fluorofunctionalization reaction" with Eric N. Jacobsen, PhD

#### SUNGWOOK WOO, PhD HHMI Fellow

"Crystal-free crystallography using programmable 3D DNA crystal frameworks" with Peng Yin, PhD

#### **Massachusetts General** Hospital

#### KAI MAO, PhD

"Mechanisms of xenobiotic surveillance and regulation" with Gary Ruvkun, PhD

#### IVA A. TCHASOVNIKAROVA, PhD\*

"Deciphering the role of chromatin remodeling in epigenetic repression by the HUSH complex" with Robert E. Kingston, PhD

#### OZLEM YILDIRIM, PhD

HHMI Fellow

"Role of LncRNAs in inheritance of chromatin states during selfrenewal and differentiation" with Robert E. Kingston, PhD

#### **Massachusetts Institute** of Technology

#### ALLISON N. LAU, PhD

Robert Black Fellow

"Understanding metabolic heterogeneity in pancreatic cancer" with Matthew G. Vander Heiden, MD, PhD

#### JOSE M. ORDOVAS-MONTANES, PhD\*

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"Single-cell genomic approaches for tracing the contribution of inflammation to human colon cancer" with Alex K. Shalek, PhD

#### CHENXI TIAN, PhD Sherry and Alan Leventhal Family Fellow

"Understanding the roles of extracellular matrix proteins in pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma progression" with Richard O. Hynes, PhD

#### PETER M. WESTCOTT, PhD\*

"Exploiting endogenous mutational processes in cancer to enhance response to immunotherapy" with Tyler Jacks, PhD

#### **University of Massachusetts Medical School**

#### GINA V. CALDAS, PhD

"Analysis of CSR-function in C. elegans embryonic cell division" with Craig C. Mello, PhD

#### Whitehead Institute for **Biomedical Research**

#### WENWEN FANG, PhD

HHMI Fellow

"Mechanism and regulation of primary-microRNA processing" with David P. Bartel, PhD

#### JUNJIE U. GUO, PhD

Dale F. and Betty Ann Frey Fellow "Charting the in vivo landscape of RNA-RNA interactions" with David P. Bartel, PhD

#### ALEXANDER M. JAEGER, PhD\* **HHMI Fellow**

"Surveying the chromatin architecture shaped by HSF1 in cancer" with Susan Lindquist, PhD

## **Damon Runyon Fellowship Awards (Continued)**

#### XIAOXIAO S. LIU, PhD

"Examining the biological function of 5-hmC modification in the mammalian genome" with Rudolf Jaenisch. MD

#### MARIA M. MIHAYLOVA, PhD Robert Black Fellow

"Examining how nutrient state dependent metabolic reprogramming in adult stem cell niches controls cell renewal, differentiation and tumorigenesis" with David M. Sabatini, MD, PhD

#### MICHIGAN

#### **University of Michigan**

#### SWATHI YADLAPALLI, PhD HHMI Fellow

"Neural and genetic basis of metabolic regulation" with Orie T. Shafer, PhD, and Edgar Meyhofer, PhD

#### **NEW YORK**

#### **Cornell University**

#### SUDEEP BANJADE, PhD\* HHMI Fellow

"Division of labor in ESCRT-III proteins during polymer assembly and membrane remodeling" with Scott D. Emr, PhD

#### Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory

#### CHRISTINE I. CHIO, PhD Shirley Stein Fellow

"Regulation of the global redox landscape: Investigating the role of Nrf2 in pancreatic cancer development" with David A. Tuveson, MD, PhD

#### Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

#### NICHOLAS ARPAIA, PhD Robert Black Fellow

"The role of microbiota-derived metabolic signals in shaping the intestinal immune landscape" with Alexander Y. Rudensky, PhD

#### HARIHAR BASNET, PhD\*

"Identifying determinants of latency in brain metastatic breast cancer cells" with Joan Massague, PhD

#### LYDIA FINLEY, PhD

#### Jack Sorrell Fellow

"Regulation of cancer cell growth and survival by the propionate catabolic pathway" with Craig B. Thompson, MD

#### BRYAN C. KING, PhD

#### Berger Foundation Fellow

"AMPK-induced catabolism of extracellular proteins: a novel survival mechanism for nutrientdeprived cancer cells" with Craig B. Thompson, MD

#### WILLIAM RAZZELL, PhD

#### **HHMI Fellow**

"The role of tension in Hippo pathway signaling" with Jennifer A. Zallen, PhD

#### AARON D. VINY, MD†

#### William Raveis Charitable Fund Fellow

"Role of the cohesin complex in oncogenic transformation of AML" with Ross L. Levine, MD

#### DMITRIY ZAMARIN, MD, PhD†

#### Dr. Bart A. Kamen Fellow

"Immunotherapeutic approach to cancer treatment integrating oncolytic virotherapy and immune checkpoint regulation" with Jedd D. Wolchok, MD, PhD

## New York University School of Medicine

#### LACY J. BARTON, PhD

"Mechanisms of directed cell migration in a complex *in vivo* environment" with Ruth Lehmann, PhD

#### JUNE-YONG LEE, PhD

#### HHMI Fellow

"Investigation of potential roles of serum amyloid A in peripheral Th17 cell pathogenicity" with Dan R. Littman, MD, PhD

#### The Rockefeller University

#### CHAO LU, PhD

#### Kandarian Family Fellow

"Understanding the mechanism of histone H3 mutation in cancer initiation and maintenance" with C. David Allis, PhD

#### RAND M. MILLER, PhD

#### Illini 4000 Fellow

"Chemistry-based dissection of multidrug resistance efflux pump mechanisms in living cells" with Tarun M. Kapoor, PhD

#### SHRUTI NAIK, PhD

"Immune and epidermal stem cell cross talk in skin inflammation" with Elaine V. Fuchs, PhD

#### ALEXEY A. SOSHNEV, MD, PhD HHMI Fellow

"The study of linker histone H1 in transcriptional regulation and genome organization" with C. David Allis, PhD

#### JONATHAN R. WHICHER, PhD

#### GE Asset Management Fellow

"Structure and mechanism of the voltage-gated potassium channel hEag1" with Roderick MacKinnon, MD

#### LINGHE XI, PhD\*

## Dale F. and Betty Ann Frey Fellow

"WNT signaling and fate specification of normal versus tumorigenic stem cells" with Elaine V. Fuchs, PhD

#### **TEXAS**

#### **Baylor College of Medicine**

#### CHRISTINE R. BECK, PhD HHMI Fellow

"Mechanisms underlying copy number gain in cancer and genomic disorder-associated complex rearrangements" with James R. Lupski, MD, PhD

#### University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

#### LINDSAY B. CASE, PhD\*

"Regulation of integrin clustering on supported lipid bilayers" with Michael K. Rosen, PhD

#### ELISE C. JEFFERY, PhD\*

"Characterizing a new hematopoietic stem cell niche factor" with Sean J. Morrison, PhD

#### UTAH

## **University of Utah School of Medicine**

#### ALESIA N. MCKEOWN, PhD\* HHMI Fellow

"Novel roles for retrogenes in host immunity" with Nels C. Elde, PhD, and Cedric Feschotte, PhD

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"Single-molecule imaging of transcription factors binding dynamics in *Drosophila* embryos" with Robert H. Singer, PhD

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"Master microbial manipulators: how *Wolbachia* subvert *Drosophila* development" with Harmit S. Malik, PhD

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"Regulation of kinetochore assembly" with Susan Biggins, PhD

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"Evolutionary and functional consequences of genetic conflicts between KRAB-Zinc-Fingers and endogenous retroviruses in primate genomes" with Harmit S. Malik, PhD

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"Mapping paths and mechanisms of virus-host adaptation" with Jesse D. Bloom. PhD

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"Function dissection of the effects of variants of uncertain significance in TPMT in response to thiopurine anticancer agents" with Jay A. Shendure, MD, PhD

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"Global analysis of DNA break repair by single-cell sequencing" with Jay A. Shendure, MD, PhD

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"Elucidating the role of dynamic RNA structures in cancer" with Howard Y. Chang, MD, PhD, Stanford University School of Medicine, Stanford

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"Exploiting chaperone dependence as a novel therapeutic strategy in alveolar rhabdomyosarcoma" with Trever G. Bivona, MD, PhD, University of California, San Francisco

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"The Cebpa +37kb enhancer is a critical target of transformation in acute myeloid leukemia" with Alan D. Friedman, MD, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore

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"DNA methylation stochasticity in pediatric pre-B cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia" with Andrew P. Feinberg, MD, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore

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"Determination of the role of WT1 in hematopoiesis and leukemogenesis" with Patrick A. Brown, MD, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore

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"Molecular and cellular characterization of a novel LincRNA in neuroblastoma" with Richard Gregory, PhD, Boston Children's Hospital, Boston

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"Dual-antigen targeting by ENG-T cells as improved anti-AML therapy" with Pavan Reddy, MD, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

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"Uncovering the role of RNAbinding protein Syncrip in acute myeloid leukemia (AML)" with Michael G. Kharas, PhD, and Ross L. Levine, MD, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York

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"Improving adverse event reporting on cooperative oncology group trials" with Richard Aplenc, MD, PhD, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Philadelphia

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"High-resolution studies of dynein structure and mechanism" at New York University Medical School, New York, New York

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"Using super resolution imaging to probe molecular mechanisms of Polycomb silencing" at Stanford University, Stanford, California

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"Macrophage-mediated immunosurveillance in metastasis" at Stanford University, Stanford, California

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"Molecular mechanisms of ROBO1 in multiple myeloma pathogenesis" with Kenneth C. Anderson, MD, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Boston, Massachusetts

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"GPC2 as an oncogene and immunotherapeutic target in high-risk neuroblastoma" with John M. Maris, MD, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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"Developing new therapeutic approaches for pancreatic cancer with homologous recombination repair defects" with Alan Ashworth, PhD, University of California, San Francisco, California

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"Defining leukomogenic mechanisms in hereditary hematologic malignancies" with Lucy A. Godley, MD, PhD, The University of Chicago Medicine, Chicago, Illinois

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"Genetic dissection of pediatric classic Kaposi sarcoma" with Jean-Laurent Casanova, MD, PhD, at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York, New York

#### DAVID M. KURTZ, MD\*

"Response prediction and personalized therapy from mathematical modeling of circulating tumor DNA in non-Hodgkin lymphoma" with Arash A. Alizadeh, MD, PhD, Stanford University School of Medicine, Stanford, California

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"Mechanisms of disease and resistance in CRLF2-rearranged B-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia" with David Weinstock, MD, at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Boston, Massachusetts

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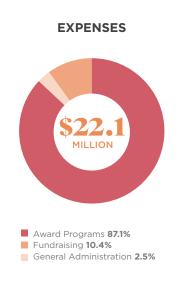
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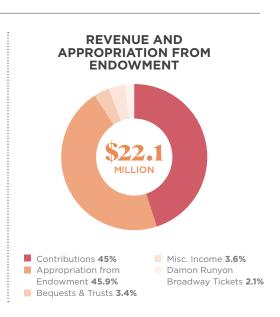


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In Fiscal Year 2016, based on a comprehensive review of our award programs by the Scientific Committee of our Board of Directors, we continued the implementation of several changes to our programs, substantially increasing the duration, dollar amount, and number of awards. These changes were a result of a strategic decision to utilize our endowment, as well as increase donations, to fund new opportunities in cancer research and accelerate progress. In FY2016, we used \$10 million from our endowment to support our work.

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	2015	2016
Total Assets	\$145,440,975	\$135,646,786
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