Lurie Cancer Center Receives "Outstanding" Rating and Core Grant Renewal from NCI

THE LURIE CANCER CENTER received its highest rating, an overall "Outstanding", on the competitive renewal of its National Cancer Institute (NCI) Cancer Center Support Grant (CCSG), along with recommended funding of $24.9 million over five years. The grant award, which will run through 2018, provides essential support for the Lurie Cancer Center’s nine research programs and 15 shared research facilities.

The award follows a rigorous review process by the NCI, including a peer-review site visit in February. "This rating for the NCI Cancer Center Support Grant reflects the scope and strength of the work being done by our researcher’s, clinicians and staff members, said Steven T. Rosen, MD, Director of the Lurie Cancer Center. "We are honored by the NCI’s continued recognition of our commitment to collaboration and to discovering more effective ways to prevent, detect and treat cancer."

GET EMPOWERED: Life Living & Follow-Up Care after Childhood Cancer

TREATMENT IS JUST part of the journey for survivors of childhood cancer. Learning to protect their health and embrace survivorship is a life-long job.

A video education series developed by the Lurie Cancer Center’s STAR (Survivors Taking Action & Responsibility) Program, GET EMPOWERED features first-hand accounts from seven adult survivors of childhood cancer about their experiences.

Lurie Cancer Center health professionals, Aarati Didwania, MD, Karen Kinahan, RN, APN, Vera Rigolin, MD, Kristin Smith and Lynne Wagner, PhD, provide information on topics including:

- Childhood Cancer and its impact on adult survivors
- Transitioning to adult care
- Cardiac risk factors, prevention and late effects
- Fertility
- Finding a “new normal” and the emotional side of survivorship

The videos will help survivors anticipate and manage common medical and social issues that may arise after treatment, and enhance awareness of the long-term follow-up care recommended for survivors of childhood cancer.

» Read more and watch videos
15th Annual Lynn Sage Breast Cancer Symposium, Sept. 26–29

THE LYNN SAGE Breast Cancer Symposium continues its tradition of attracting a faculty of experts from around the world; providing a forum for presenting breakthroughs in clinical and laboratory research, and discussing the care of patients with breast cancer.

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Lurie Cancer Center Joins Big Ten Cancer Research Consortium

IN ATHLETICS, the Big Ten universities compete against each other, but now many will join together against a common foe—cancer. They are uniting to transform cancer research through collaborative oncology trials that leverage the scientific and clinical expertise of the Big Ten universities.

The Big Ten Cancer Research Consortium creates a unique team-research culture in which cancer leaders will collaborate with and mentor the research leaders of tomorrow with the goal of improving the lives of all cancer patients. The consortium will provide junior faculty and fellows with the opportunity to write, conduct and complete trials, which would not normally be done at a single institution or on a national level for young investigators.

“By uniting to transform cancer research through collaborative oncology trials we will be able to leverage the scientific and clinical expertise of the Big Ten Universities,” said Steven Rosen, MD, Director of the Lurie Cancer Center. “The consortium will benefit patients because researchers will work together to turn ideas into potential new treatments. I view this as the beginning of a broad spectrum of potential research, training and care initiatives that will benefit our patients and society.”

Preventing Eggs’ Death From Chemotherapy

YOUNG WOMEN WHO have cancer treatment often lose their fertility because chemotherapy and radiation can damage or kill their immature ovarian eggs, called oocytes. Now, Northwestern Medicine scientists have found the molecular pathway that can prevent the death of immature ovarian eggs due to chemotherapy, potentially preserving fertility and endocrine function.

Scientists achieved this in female mice by adding a currently approved chemotherapy drug, imatinib mesylate, to another chemotherapy drug, cisplatin. “This research advances the efforts to find a medical treatment to protect the fertility and hormone health of girls and young women during cancer treatment,” said So-Youn Kim, the lead investigator and a postdoctoral fellow in the laboratory of Teresa Woodruff, Chief of Fertility Preservation at the Feinberg School of Medicine and a member of the Lurie Cancer Center.

Adding imatinib mesylate to the drug cisplatin blocks the action of a protein that triggers a cascade of events resulting in death of the immature eggs. Kim discovered the protein that triggers the oocyte’s ultimate death is Tap63. Previous research suggested that imatinib is a fertility-protecting drug against cisplatin, but reports of the drug’s effectiveness have been contradictory, Kim said. Her research confirms its effectiveness in an animal model.

The results were presented June 17, at The Endocrine Society’s 95th Annual Meeting in San Francisco. Kim is currently testing imatinib with other chemotherapy agents to see if it also protects fertility in combination with them.

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Single-Dose Radiation Effective for Cutaneous T-Cell Lymphoma

WHY USE 10 treatments when the same results can be achieved with one? That was the question Bharat Mittal, MD, Chair of Radiation Oncology at the Feinberg School of Medicine, posed more than a decade ago as he began evaluating the way people with cutaneous T-cell lymphoma (CTCL) were treated with palliative care.

"Traditional methods meant that these patients had to return over and over and over again. What we found is that the results of a single, higher-dose radiation treatment were similar to the results of giving 10-15 treatments," said Mittal, who recently published the work in the International Journal of Radiation Oncology, Biology, Physics. "What truly instigated this project was the burden and inconvenience that patients were experiencing from the standard treatment regimen."

"The outcomes were excellent and we did a cost analysis and found that there was a savings of more than 200 percent when using just one treatment," said Mittal, a member of Lurie Cancer Center. "There’s no downside to it; patients experience reduced social and financial burden while dedicating less time and receiving comparative results."

Today, single-treatment radiation therapy is the standard of care at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, and Mittal is optimistic about its implementation across the country.

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20th Annual Cancer Survivors Celebration & Walk and New 5K: a Celebration to Remember!

THE WIND AND RAIN were no match for the spirits of close to 4,000 cancer survivors & supporters who gathered in Grant Park to walk, run and celebrate on National Cancer Survivors Day! Mark Agulnik, MD, the first to register for the Lurie Cancer Center’s first 5K, welcomed the group and started the race, along with his patient and fellow runner, Molly Akers. The returning runners were exuberant, and their times speak for themselves. Check out the race results here.

The 20th anniversary of the Lurie Cancer Center's signature event was a celebration to remember. We're grateful to cancer survivor Heather Schumacher, as well as Ann Lurie and Lurie Cancer Center Director Steve Rosen, MD, for getting the morning off to a great start. "20 years and so much progress, it’s quite amazing. Yet we have many challenges and we recognize them," Dr. Rosen observed. "The goal is that every year we have more and more survivors."

The crowd stayed warm until the end, "twisting out cancer" with Jenna Benn Shersher and dancing along with special guest Bonnie Hunt, who attended with 15 family members. "You’re all making an investment in your own Karma by being here today," Hunt told the crowd. "I think we all know what it’s like ... to hear the words, or to have someone in your family hear the words – you have cancer. The next sentence has to be 'but there’s something we can do about it.' We all want that hope."

Save June 1, 2014 for the 21st Annual Cancer Survivors’ Celebration & Walk—and 5K Run!

» View photos and videos from the event here
Karl Bilimoria, MD, MS, Assistant Professor of Medical Social Sciences at the Feinberg School of Medicine, has received a 2013 NCCN Foundation Young Investigator Award. Each of the funded research initiatives will focus on assessing or improving outcomes in cancer care. Bilimoria’s research initiative is titled, “Sentinel lymph node positivity rates for breast cancer and melanoma: an opportunity to improve quality and enhance the NCCN Guidelines.”

Bilimoria, a member of the Lurie Cancer Center Cancer Control and Survivorship Program, also received an American Cancer Society Award for his research, “A New Approach to Measuring and Improving Surgical Cancer Quality.”

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John Crispino, PhD, Professor of Medicine at the Feinberg School of Medicine, was awarded a grant for continued and collaborative support from the Samuel Waxman Cancer Research Foundation for his study, “The GATA-ERG axis in hematologic malignancies.” The grant recipients represent some of the best minds in differentiation therapy—reprogramming cancer cells, which is a hallmark of the Waxman Foundation. Crispino is Associate Director for Education and Training and a member of the Cancer Cell Biology and Hematologic Malignancies Programs at the Lurie Cancer Center.

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Barbara Holmes Goebel, RN, MS, AOCN, is co-author of the fourth edition of “Cancer Symptom Management,” an oncology nursing textbook. In addition, Goebel and Yvonne Rucker, RN, MSN, OCN, co-authored a chapter on anxiety. Mary Callaghan, RN, MN, AOCNS and Abby Vial, RN, MSN, OCN, co-authored a chapter on alopecia. The nurses are all part of Oncology Services at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, where Goebel is Operations Manager.

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Dong-Hyun Kim, PhD, Research Assistant Professor of Radiology at the Feinberg School of Medicine was recently awarded a 1-year $100k grant from the Illinois Division of the American Cancer Society. Kim and co-investigators (Andrew C. Larson, PhD, Sui Huang, PhD and, Richard M Green, MD) will be developing a next generation liver-directed transcatheter therapy employing a novel anti-cancer drug and a microsphere delivery platform fabricated with microfluidic techniques and nanotechnology. Ultimately, these strategies should offer improved therapeutic efficacy for the treatment of unresectable liver tumors. Kim is a member of the Lurie Cancer Center Cancer and Physical Sciences Program.

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David Klumpp, PhD, is the first recipient of the Anthony J. Schaeffer Professorship in Urology, established by a group of patients, colleagues, and friends to honor Anthony J. Schaeffer, MD, the Herman L. Kretschmer Professor and Chair of the Department of Urology. “For me, Tony has been a mentor, a partner, and a friend. It’s a true privilege to work with him.” Klumpp said at his investiture in June. “I regard this award as both an immense honor and an important responsibility to, in part, uphold the legacy of Anthony J. Schaeffer.” Both Klumpp and Schaeffer are members of the Lurie Cancer Center.

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Jonathan Licht, MD, Professor of Medicine at the Feinberg School of Medicine, has received a grant for continued and collaborative support from the Samuel Waxman Cancer Research Foundation (SWCRF) for his study, “Histone Methylation and the Response to DNA Damage and Cancer Therapeutics in Multiple Myeloma.” Funded investigators become part of the Foundation’s unique collaboration, aptly called “Institute Without Walls,” and are expected to share their findings at the SWCRF annual Scientific Review. Licht is Associate Director for Clinical Sciences Research and a member of the Cancer Cell Biology and Hematologic Malignancies Programs at the Lurie Cancer Center.

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John Lurain, MD, Professor of Gynecologic Oncology at the Feinberg School of Medicine, will become President of the International Society for the Study of Trophoblastic Diseases at the ISSTD World Congress, hosted by the Lurie Cancer Center and the Feinberg School of Medicine, Sept. 20 – 23, 2013.

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Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago was ranked #8 in the nation among only 10 children’s hospitals to qualify for the Honor Roll in the 2013-2014 U.S. News & World Report Best Children’s Hospitals rankings.

Erica Marsh, MD, was honored by the Chicago Urban League during its annual summit in May. Marsh, Assistant Professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology-Reproductive Endocrinology & Infertility at the Feinberg School of Medicine, was recognized for her career achievements and work as the founder of the Northwestern Medicine Scholars Program, which encourages top-performing high school students to consider a career as a physician or medical researcher. The Chicago Urban League works for economic, educational and social progress for African Americans and promotes strong sustainable communities through advocacy, collaboration and innovation. Marsh is a member of the Lurie Cancer Center Signal Transduction in Cancer Program.

Chad A. Mirkin, PhD, has been named 2013 Chemistry World Entrepreneur of the Year by the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC). The award recognizes an individual’s contribution to the commercialization of research. The RSC is honoring Mirkin for his invention of spherical nucleic acids (SNAs), new globular forms of DNA and RNA. These structures form the basis for more than 300 products commercialized by licensees of the technology. Mirkin is the George B. Rathmann Professor of Chemistry at the Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences, and Professor of Medicine, Chemical and Biological Engineering, Biomedical Engineering and Materials Science and Engineering. Mirkin is Director of Northwestern’s International Institute for Nanotechnology, and a member of the Lurie Cancer Center Translational Research in Solid Tumors (TRIST) Prostate/Genitourinary Cancers and Oncology/Glioblastoma Programs and the Cancer and Physical Sciences Program.

Richard I. Morimoto, PhD, Professor of Molecular Biosciences at the Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences, has received the Commandeur de l’Ordre des Palmes Académiques, which is the Commander grade of the French Republic’s Order of Academic Palms. Morimoto is being recognized for the energy and expertise he has devoted to expanding Franco-American cooperation in the sciences. The honor currently is awarded by the Prime Minister of France. Morimoto is a member of the Lurie Cancer Center Cancer Cell Biology Program.

Harold Pelzer, DDS, MD, Associate Professor in Otolaryngology at the Feinberg School of Medicine, received the Gary A. Mecklenburg Award at Northwestern Memorial Hospital’s annual medical staff meeting. Presented to a physician nominated by his or her peers, the award honors someone who embodies professionalism and humanism, and who demonstrates a strong commitment to enriching the lives of others through research, teaching, patient care or community outreach. Chaz Ebert, wife of the late film critic Roger Ebert, presented Pelzer with a “Thumbs Up” statue and words of gratitude for his skill as Ebert’s surgeon and his compassion.

Teresa Woodruff, PhD, Director of the Women’s Health Research Institute and Chief of Fertility Preservation at the Feinberg School of Medicine, was inaugurated by the Endocrine Society as President during a ceremony at its 95th Annual Meeting in San Francisco. As a reproductive endocrinologist, Woodruff has spent the better part of her research career focusing on female reproductive health and infertility. Woodruff is also Professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology at Feinberg, Professor of Molecular Biosciences at the Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences, and a member of the Lurie Cancer Center’s Signal Transduction in Cancer and Cancer Control and Survivorship Programs.

Jindan Yu, MD, PhD, Assistant Professor of Medicine at the Feinberg School of Medicine, is the winner of the fifth annual Early Career Professor Award from Agilent Technologies and will direct $100,000 in unrestricted research funding from Agilent. A member of the Lurie Cancer Center, Yu’s research uses genomics and bioinformatics to better understand the progression of prostate cancer. Her aim is to develop novel prognostic/diagnostic tools and treatment strategies. Yu is a member of the Lurie Cancer Center Translational Research in Solid Tumors (TRIST) Program.
Patient & Public Programs

**THE LURIE CANCER CENTER** is committed to educating the public about cancer prevention and treatment, and offers a wide range of community events and patient programs throughout the year. Below is a list of programs scheduled through August 2013.

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<td>Patients and families learn about techniques and services to help them eat well, move more, and manage stress and fatigue during and after treatment. Workshop topics include, Humor and Healing, Coping with the Cost of Care, Shhh, Let’s Talk about Sex, Using Acupuncture to Cope with Fatigue, Nausea and Peripheral Neuropathy, and Plant-Based Diets.</td>
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<td>Northwestern Memorial Hospital and the Lurie Cancer Center have joined forces with the Oncology Nursing Society’s Chicago Chapter to provide free real-hair wigs for women undergoing cancer treatment. The event will feature a hair donation ceremony, free styling for those who donate, speakers and more.</td>
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<td>Cheer for the Chicago White Sox when they take on the Minnesota Twins! Use the code LURIE to purchase discounted tickets, and make some great some memories Lurie Cancer Center patients, families and health care team.</td>
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<td>Virginia Kaklamani, MD, will be the featured speaker at this symposium for breast cancer advocates, survivors and families. Focus will be on Breast Cancer Deadline 2020, an initiative to end breast cancer by 2020.</td>
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<td>Whether you’re an experienced Stand Up Paddleboard racer or this will be your first time-stand up for Young Adult Cancer Survivors through SUP races, relays and family-friendly activities at Montrose Beach.</td>
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Fundraising Events

Lynn Sage Cancer Research Foundation Summer Cocktail Party

Thursday, July 11, 2013
Studio Paris
59 W. Hubbard St., Chicago
Cocktails and dancing to raise funds for breast cancer research.

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The H Foundation Goombay Bash

Saturday, August 3, 2013
Grand Ballroom
Navy Pier, Chicago
Great food, music and dancing, fireworks and more. The H Foundation’s Caribbean-themed event supports basic science research at the Lurie Cancer Center.

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No More Lip Service in the Fight Against Tobacco Addiction: Cocktail Party and Fundraising Event

Thursday, August 22, 2013
Billy Goat Tavern
Navy Pier, Chicago
Funds raised at this “evening of entertainment & enlightenment” expand outreach and increase access to Northwestern’s smoking cessation program for those who need it most.

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Lurie Cancer Center Receives $750,000 from Avon Walk Chicago

THE 11TH ANNUAL Avon Walk for Breast Cancer held in Chicago June 1–2, 2013 raised more than $5.2 million to advance access to care and fund breast cancer prevention and treatment research. The Avon Walk Chicago attracted 2,400 participants from 40 states and Washington D.C., as well as Canada and Bermuda.

The Lurie Cancer Center, home of an Avon Foundation Breast Care Center of Excellence and the Avon Breast Cancer Research Laboratories, received a grant for $750,000. The grant will provide access to breast care for low-income women a Northwestern Memorial Hospital and the Erie Family Health Center. It will also support three research projects to identify new therapies to fight breast cancer and lower breast cancer risk.

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» View a complete list of public programs and fundraising events
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, the Lurie Cancer Center offers professional education on various cancer related topics. Below is a list of programs scheduled through September, 2013.

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### 2013 Oncofertility Conference: Fertility and Cancer Around the Globe
September 9-10, 2013
Prentice Women’s Hospital, 3rd Floor, Conference Room L
Chair: Teresa Woodruff, PhD

### International Society for the Study of Trophoblastic Diseases World Congress XVII
September 20-23, 2013
Robert H. Lurie Medical Research Center, Baldwin Auditorium
Chairs: John Lurian, MD and Julian Schnik, MD

### 15th Annual Lynn Sage Breast Cancer Symposium
September 26-29, 2013
Fairmont Chicago Hotel
Chair: William Gradishar, MD
[lynnsagebreastcancer.org](http://lynnsagebreastcancer.org)

### Grand Rounds & Tumor Cell Biology

Grand Rounds and Tumor Cell Biology Seminars will resume in September.

### Cancer & Fertility Virtual Grand Rounds

The Oncofertility Consortium has created a series of Virtual Grand Rounds, primarily for the clinical community, to increase reproductive education among oncology and reproductive providers. Learn more about how specific chemotherapeutic drugs and radiation treatments used to treat brain cancer, can impact fertility. Providers can also get information about the latest fertility preservation options, get access to reproductive specialists in their region, and receive free CME credits through this program, which is accessible via computer or mobile device.

Illinois oncology providers interested in connecting with other providers and reproductive specialists in the Illinois area can participate in the Consortium’s pilot program to increase oncofertility communication and education.

E-mail Angie Krausfeldt or call her at 312.503.2506 to learn more.

» View the Oncofertility Virtual Grand Rounds Schedule here

### 24th Annual Scientific Poster Session

June 19th’s poster session featured the work of students and postdoctoral fellows from Lurie Cancer Center members’ laboratories on the Chicago and Evanston campus. Participants displayed their work, socialized, and learned about the cancer-related research of their colleagues.

2013 Katten Muchin Rosenman Travel Scholarship Program Awardees

2013 Cancer Prevention and Control Travel Scholarship Program Awardees

2013 Malkin Scholars Program Awardees
Funding Opportunities

Travel Grants

The Katten Muchin Rosenman Travel Scholarship Program allows doctoral students and postdoctoral fellows to present the results of their basic cancer research.

The Center for Genetic Medicine (CGM) Travel Fellowship allows doctoral students and postdoctoral fellows to present the results of their basic cancer research showing its genetics relevance.

The Cancer Prevention Travel Scholarship Program allows doctoral students and postdoctoral fellows to present the results of their laboratory, clinical, population or behavioral research with implications for cancer prevention.

The next deadline to apply for 2013 Travel Fellowship Awards is Friday, July 12, 2013.

» Details and Application Process for Academic Year 2013-2014

Basic Sciences Research Division

H Foundation Incentive Awards provide funding for faculty who have submitted and received a score on a RO1 grant to the NCI for the first time in their career. If additional funds are available, awards will be made to other faculty for new, first-time NCI RO1 submissions, which are scored but not yet funded.

H Foundation Bridge Awards provide up to $20,000 of support for competing renewals of NCI-sponsored RO1 research that missed the payline.

Applications for H Foundation Incentive and Bridge Awards are reviewed on a rolling basis and accepted until funds for the year are expended.

» Details and Application Process

Lea Charitable Trust Equipment Grants

Through the generous support of the Lea Charitable Trust, a pool of funds is available to full members of the Lurie Cancer Center affiliated with one of the Basic Sciences Research Programs for use by multiple investigators or to support small equipment grants for collaborative research projects.

Lea Charitable Trust Equipment Grants are made on a rolling basis as funds become available.

» Details and Application Process
Welcome New Members, Faculty and Staff

Lurie Cancer Center
Appoints New Members

Michael Abecassis, MD, MBA, is James Roscoe Miller Distinguished Professor of Medicine, Director of the Comprehensive Transplant Center and Chief of the Division of Surgery, Organ Transplantation at the Feinberg School of Medicine. His research interests include the molecular mechanism by which cytomegalovirus (CMV) establishes latent infection and reactivates from latency. These studies may suggest strategies for developing drugs which prevent reactivation and its associated sequelae.

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Erik Andersen, PhD, is Assistant Professor of Molecular Biosciences at the Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences. His research group uses classical, quantitative and molecular genetics in the roundworm *Caenorhabditis elegans* to identify the genes that vary within populations to cause differences in disease susceptibilities. They are currently focusing on quantitative responses to chemotherapeutic drugs, and hope to identify variant genes in the *C. elegans* population that can be related back to susceptibilities in human patients.

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Carol Clayberger, PhD, is Professor of Microbiology/Immunology at Feinberg. Her research group studies two molecules, granulysin and KLF13, that are expressed by activated cytolytic cells, and is currently exploring the use of 15kD granulysin in cancer vaccines.

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Juehua Gao, MD, PhD, is Assistant Professor of Pathology and Hematopathology at Feinberg. Her research focus is on biomarkers that provide diagnostic and prognostic value in leukemia and lymphoma. Dr. Gao has been working on using flow cytometric analysis to evaluate the immunophenotypic and signaling abnormalities in Myelodysplastic syndrome.

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Francis Giles, MD, MB, FRCPath, FRCIP, is Professor of Medicine at Feinberg and Director of the new Developmental Therapeutics Institute. His primary interest is in developmental therapeutics for patients with cancer, with a specific personal focus on hematologic malignancies. Dr. Giles will also focus on postgraduate education in developmental therapeutics.

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Alan Krensky, MD, is Professor of Pediatrics and Vice Dean for Development and Alumni Relations at Feinberg. A pediatric nephrologist, Dr. Krensky’s current basic and translational research interests involve the regulation of expression of the chemokine RANTES by KLF13 and the role of granulysin in bacterial and tumor lysis by the 9kD isoform and induction of antigen presentation by the 15kD isoform. His work is highly translational, and has resulted in 12 patents.

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Teepu Siddique, MD, is Professor of Neurology and Director of Neuromuscular Medicine/Neurogenetics at Feinberg. He studies the neurobiology of neurodegenerative disorders and his research intersects with cancer biology. For example, one recently identified gene in ALS called FUS/TLS is also responsible for certain cancers.

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Wenan Qiang, MD, PhD, is Research Assistant Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology Reproductive Biology Research at Feinberg. His research interest lies in cancer development, signal transduction, and drug therapeutic treatment. The primary goal in Dr. Qiang’s research is to understand the mechanisms surrounding abnormal cancer cell signaling and drug resistance to utilize the targeted tumors for therapy or development of new therapeutics. As the Ovarian Cancer Xenograft Core Director, his research activities involve establishing and characterizing transplantable ovarian cancer lines and examining their sensitivity to chemotherapeutic agents such as cisplatin.

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Welcome New Members, Faculty and Staff

New Faculty

DIMITRI KRAINC, MD, PHD, a distinguished investigator of international stature whose research has had a transformative impact in the area of neurodegenerative diseases, joined Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine on July 1 as Aaron Montgomery Ward Professor and Chair of the Ken and Ruth Davee Department of Neurology. He will also direct a new center for rare diseases which will have university-wide participation.

“Dr. Krainc will play an integral role in advancing the academic and research missions of Northwestern Medicine,” said Eric G. Neilson, MD, Vice President for Medical Affairs and Lewis Landsberg Dean.

“A highly respected scientist, his research has helped uncover the molecular underpinnings of neurodegenerative disease, and provided a foundation for innovative therapeutic development.”

A native of Slovenia and a graduate of Zagreb Medical School, Krainc spent the past 21 years at Harvard Medical School where he completed his research training followed by a neurology residency and fellowship in movement disorders at Massachusetts General Hospital and Brigham and Women’s Hospital. He then served on the neurology faculty at Massachusetts General and Harvard.

“I am extremely honored to lead one of the nation’s premier departments of neurology and I very much look forward to working with my new colleagues,” Krainc said. “This position also carries great responsibility to seek new treatments for many neurological disorders that remain incurable, and to prepare our medical students and residents for the future of neurology and neuroscience.”

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