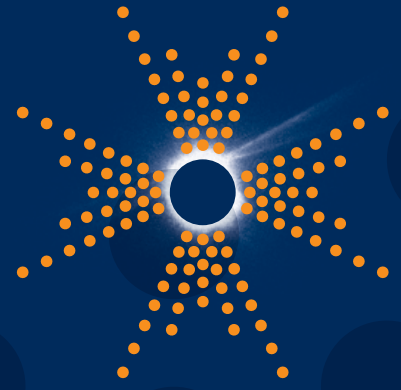


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- Communicate state-of-the-art knowledge in biology, pathogenesis, and melanoma pathology
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- Present pre-clinical and clinical research regarding MEK inhibition in melanoma
- Provide an update on the use of anti-CTLA4 therapy, including the evaluation of response and the management of immune-related toxicities
- Share novel research strategies and initiatives being conducted across Canada
- Identify new targets and targeted agents in the treatment of melanoma
- Review the multi-centre clinical trials currently open in Canada
- Identify key industry partners who would prioritize the development of products and programs in melanoma management in Canada
- Continue to build the network of basic and clinical investigators in order to promote translational and clinical research across Canada
- Discuss short- and long-term research strategies

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Session Co-Chairs: Greg McKinnon, Professor of Surgery and Oncology, University of Calgary and Tom Baker Cancer Centre

Thomas G. Salopek, Director of Dermatology, Associate Professor, University of Alberta

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Embracing Progress: Managing Metastatic Melanoma Patients in a New Therapeutic Era

Michael Smylie, Medical Oncologist, Department of Medical Oncology, Cross Cancer Institute; Professor, University of Alberta

Jeff Weber, Director, Donald A. Adam Comprehensive Melanoma Research Center, Moffitt Cancer Center

Interactive plenary session open to all.

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Targeted Treatments in Metastatic Melanoma: Where Are We Now?

Teresa Petrella, Medical Oncologist, Sunnybrook Odette Cancer Centre

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Skin Adverse Events of Targeted Anti-Cancer Agents. Focus on BRAF Inhibitors

Caroline Robert, Professor of Dermatology, Head of the Dermatology Unit, Institute Gustave Roussy

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Case Presentation/Discussion

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Tanny Nadon, Alberta Society of Melanoma
- 07³⁰ – 08¹⁵ **How Staging Affects Adjuvant Therapy Decision for Stage III Melanoma**
Charles Balch, Professor of Surgery, Division of Surgical Oncology, Department of Surgery, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
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- A series of challenging cases will be presented in an interactive format and will provide opportunity for multi-disciplinary input from invited experts and all meeting participants. Issues to be addressed include: Clinico-dermoscopic- pathological correlations, Sentinel Node indications in thin melanomas, desmoplastic melanoma, extent of investigation in melanoma and the management of locally recurrent and advanced disease.
- 09¹⁵ – 09⁴⁵ **Various Profiles of Responses to RAF Inhibitors**
Caroline Robert, Professor of Dermatology, Head of the Dermatology Unit, Institute Gustave Roussy
- 09⁴⁵ – 10⁰⁰ **Break** *Wildrose Salon A*
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Annette Cyr, Melanoma Network of Canada
- 10⁰⁰ – 10²⁰ **Sunscreens: An Update**
Cheryl Rosen, Head, Division of Dermatology, Toronto Western Hospital, University Health Network
- 10²⁰ – 10⁴⁰ **Where Does Interferon Stand in 2012?**
Sanjiv Agarwala, Professor of Medicine, Temple University School of Medicine; Chief, Oncology and Hematology, St. Luke's Cancer Center
- 10⁴⁰ – 11²⁵ **Uveal Melanoma**
Ezekiel Weis, Associate Professor, Department of Ophthalmology, University of Alberta
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- 07³⁰ – 08¹⁵ **Update on Sentinel Node Biopsy and the Surgical Management of Positive Nodes**
Vernon Sondak, Chair, Surgical Oncologist, Director of Surgical Education, Department of Cutaneous Oncology, Moffitt Cancer Center
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Sanjiv S. Agarwala



Professor, School of Medicine, Temple University School of Medicine; Chief, Oncology and Hematology, St. Luke's Cancer Center

Dr. Sanjiv Agarwala is Chief of Medical Oncology and Director of the Melanoma and Immunology Program at St. Luke's Cancer Center, Bethlehem, PA, and Professor of Medicine at Temple University School of Medicine, Philadelphia, PA. He is nationally and internationally recognized as an expert in the treatment of melanoma, immunotherapy and kidney cancers and is a pioneer in development of new drugs for treating these diseases. He is on the core committee for melanoma at the Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group and is the study chair for E 1697, the largest adjuvant trial in melanoma conducted to date. He is the founder and Chair Person for the International Symposium in Melanoma and Other Cutaneous Malignancies held annually in New York City since 2004.

Dr. Agarwala has special interest and expertise in immunotherapy for cancer. He serves and has served as Principal Investigator for several clinical trials involving immunotherapy and targeted therapy for melanoma and other malignancies. He has over 80 publications and book chapters written on melanoma and other research areas. He is board certified in Oncology, Hematology and Internal Medicine and is an active member of several professional and scientific societies including the American Association for Cancer Research, the American Society of Clinical Oncology and the European Society of Medical Oncology. He has served on the editorial board for the Journal of Clinical Oncology and is currently section editor for melanoma on for the American Journal of Hematology/Oncology and Heme-Onc Today.

Charles Balch



Professor of Surgery, Division of Surgical Oncology, Department of Surgery, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

Dr. Charles Balch is a leading authority in melanoma. He is author of over 670 publications, which have been cited over 19,000 times in the biomedical literature, and has lectured in over 32 different countries in the world and most of the major academic centers in the United States. He is the editor of Cutaneous Melanoma, regarded as the authoritative textbook on melanoma, now in its 5th edition.

Dr. Balch, Dr. Seng-jaw Soong and colleagues performed one of the first prognostic factors analysis for melanoma in a landmark paper which was the first to use the Cox multifactorial regression analysis. Their research on the natural history and predictive factors of melanoma clinical outcome essentially redefined the criteria now used worldwide for stratification criteria and end results reporting of clinical trials as well as TNM staging for melanoma.

Dr. Balch's leadership roles have involved the Society of Surgical Oncology (as President in 1992), where he currently serves as Editor-in-Chief for the society's peer-reviewed journal, the Annals of Surgical Oncology, the American Board of Surgery (Board of Directors), the Association of Academic Surgeons (President) and the Commission on Cancer (Chair, Board of Directors) and the American Joint Committee on Cancer (Executive Committee).

John Bell



Senior Scientist, Cancer Therapeutics Ottawa Hospital Research Institute; Professor, Depts. of Medicine and Biochemistry, Microbiology & Immunology University of Ottawa

Dr. John Bell received his PhD from McMaster University in 1982. In the following three years he trained as a post-doctoral fellow at the University of Ottawa and then at the Medical Research Council in London England. Dr. Bell began his independent research career at McGill University in 1986 and moved to the University of Ottawa, Department of Medicine in 1989. He is a member of the Center for Cancer Therapeutics at the Ottawa Hospital Regional Cancer Center, a Senior Scientist with the Ottawa Health Research Institute and Professor of Medicine at the University of Ottawa. He heads the Canadian Oncolytic Virus Consortium, a Terry Fox funded group from across Canada that is developing virus based cancer therapeutics and is the Director of the Biotherapeutics Program for the Ontario Institute for Cancer Research. His research program is directed towards identification and characterization of novel viruses that specifically infect and kill cancer cells. Currently he is the Chief Scientific Officer for Jennerex Biotherapeutics, a small biotech company that clinically testing virus therapeutics in patients.

Joël Claveau



Dermatologist, Melanoma and Pigmented Lesions Clinic, Hôpital Hôtel-Dieu de Québec

Dr. Joël Claveau is a dermatologist, specializing in the diagnosis and treatment of melanoma, and an Associate Professor with the Department of Medicine at Laval University where he completed his Medical Study and Internal Medicine training. He completed his residency in Dermatology at McGill University and subsequently worked at the Melanoma Clinic at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal, Quebec.

He is a diplomat of the American Board of Dermatology and is a member of a number of medical societies including the American Academy of Dermatology and the International Dermoscopy Society. He has received many awards including the Young Dermatologist's Volunteer Award of the Canadian Dermatology Association for his work on the prevention of skin cancers.

Since 1996, Dr. Claveau has been the co-Director of the Melanoma and Skin Cancer Clinic at Le Centre Hospitalier Universitaire de Québec, Hôtel-Dieu de Québec, and consultant in Public Health for the province of Québec. He participated in the publication of more than 15 papers in peer-review journals including work on melanoma, sunscreens and tanning parlours. He is actively involved in a numerous Continuing Medical Education (CME) events.

Reinhard Dummer



Professor, Department of Dermatology, University of Zurich

Dr. Reinhard Dummer started his medical education in haematology and oncology before he did his dermatology residency in Würzburg and Zürich. He is both board certified in dermatology and allergology and clinical immunology and has a board certification in dermatopathology. His principal research interest is in the molecular biology and immunotherapy of cutaneous malignancies. He has intensively investigated epithelial skin cancers, cutaneous lymphomas and melanomas.

He is the author of more than 300 original articles and is a recognized opinion leader in cutaneous oncology worldwide. Professor Dummer is past president of the International Society for Cutaneous Lymphomas, a board member of the European Association for Dermatological Oncology, and past president for the European Society for Dermatological Research.

Scott Ernst

Head, Division of Medical Oncology, London Regional Cancer Program

Dr. Scott Ernst is a Professor of Medicine at the University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario where he has also served as Divisional Head, Medical Oncology for the past three years. He graduated from University of Ottawa and completed his postgraduate training in Edmonton, Alberta, including the Cross Cancer Institute. He has held faculty positions at the Universities of Calgary, East Carolina and Miami.

His principal clinical interest has been in the management of GU and ENT malignancies, and melanoma. His specific research has focused upon new drug development and bone metastases. Dr. Ernst has participated in numerous national and international clinical trials and has authored over 50 peer-reviewed publications. He is currently an executive member of the NCIC CTG Melanoma Group and is a founding co-chair for the Canadian Melanoma Conference.

Axel Hauschild



Professor of Dermatology and Head of Dermato-Oncology and Dermatologic Surgery at the University of Kiel in Germany

Dr. Axel Hauschild is Professor of Dermatology and Head of Dermato-Oncology and Dermatologic Surgery at the University of Kiel in Germany. He is a board member and past president of the Dermatologic Cooperative Oncology Group (DeCOG) in Germany and current board member of the European Association of Dermatologic Oncology (EADO).

In addition he is Co-Chairman of the Global Melanoma Task Force (GMTF) and a board member of the International Melanoma Working Group (IMWG), the German Skin Cancer Foundation, the Hiege Foundation Against Skin Cancer and the Schleswig-Holstein Cancer Society.

Dr. Hauschild has been the principal investigator of 55 clinical studies in the areas of melanoma, cutaneous lymphomas, epithelial skin cancers and other dermatologic diseases. He has given more than 500 scientific lectures, is a reviewer for more than 32 scientific journals in oncology and dermatology and, as of March 2011, has published more than 220 peer-reviewed articles, 86 non-peer reviewed articles and 75 book chapters.

David Hogg

*Professor of Medicine; Attending Physician Princess Margaret Hospital;
Site Leader Melanoma Oncology, Departments of Medicine and Medical Biophysics,
University of Toronto*

Dr. David Hogg received his MD in 1980 from the University of Toronto, followed by training in Internal Medicine and Hematology. He carried out his postdoctoral research training in molecular genetics at the Hospital for Sick Children and the Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto, and at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD. Dr. Hogg is currently a Professor in the Department of Medicine at the University of Toronto, and Attending Physician at the Princess Margaret Hospital. He specializes in treating melanoma and sarcoma and has a particular interest in the genetics of sporadic and familial melanoma. He is currently focusing on melanoma clinical trials with a focus on targeted agents and immunotherapy.

Suzanne Kamel-Reid

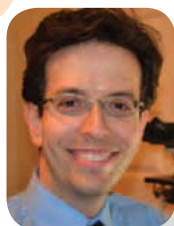


Professor, University of Toronto, Ontario Cancer Institute / Princess Margaret Hospital

Dr. Suzanne Kamel-Reid is a Professor of Laboratory Medicine and Pathobiology, University of Toronto, Senior Scientist, The Ontario Cancer Institute, Head, Laboratory Genetics and Director, Molecular Diagnostics, The University Health Network. Her service laboratory is one of the largest cancer genetics testing laboratory in Canada and focuses on the diagnosis, prognosis and monitoring of many hematological malignancies as well as solid tumors. Referrals for testing are received from physicians across the province of Ontario, as well as nationally and internationally due to the unique nature of some of the tests that are available and the reputation of this lab as the gold standard for much of this testing. Her laboratory is currently the Reference Laboratory for various NCIC sponsored trials as well as trials sponsored by Pharmaceutical companies.

She is involved in policy making and regulation of genetic testing in Ontario by being a member of the Ontario Genetics Secretariat Executive, a Co-Chair of the Cancer Care Ontario Molecular Oncology Advisory Committee and a Steering Committee Member for the Ontario Genetics Services Strategy Initiative. In her research laboratory she has cloned and identified two novel variant fusion genes in Acute Promyelocytic Leukemia and created a mouse model of this disease. She has recently identified a 4 gene panel that can help predict local recurrence in patients with oral carcinoma. Her research program focuses on identifying and understanding the utility of genetic markers of disease progression and prognosis as well as developing novel tests for clinical use. She has been the recipient of peer reviewed grant funding from the NCIC, CIHR, Cancer Research Society, OICR and Leukemia Research Fund and has published over 150 papers and 250 abstracts in the field of genetics.

Sébastien Labonté



Pathologist, Centre hospitalier universitaire de Québec, Hôpital Hôtel Dieu de Québec

Dr. Sébastien Labonté is currently the chief of pathology at the CHUQ-Hotel-Dieu de Quebec where his principal interests are bone and soft tissue tumors, dermatopathology, and molecular pathology. He received his medical education from the University of Sherbrooke in Quebec and completed his residency in anatomic pathology at Laval University where he was also appointed Associate Clinical Professor in the Department of Molecular Biology, Medical Biochemistry and Pathology.

Dr. Labonté's fellowships include oncologic surgical pathology at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center and dermatopathology at the University of Toronto.

Greg McKinnon

Professor of Surgery and Oncology, University of Calgary and Tom Baker Cancer Centre

Dr. Gregory McKinnon is a Professor of Surgery and Oncology at the University of Calgary and Tom Baker Cancer Center. He obtained his MD and completed a residency in general surgery at Dalhousie University. He completed sub-specialty training in surgical oncology at Roswell Park Memorial Institute, Buffalo, NY and the Medical College of Virginia. He was a research fellow, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital and Sydney Melanoma Unit at the University of Sydney.

He is the former chair of the Royal College Surgical Oncology Specialty Committee, the former chair, Canadian Association of General Surgeons Oncology Committee and the past president of the Canadian Society of Surgical Oncology. He is also the current head of the Cutaneous Oncology Clinic at the Tom Baker Cancer Center and Chair of the Provincial Cutaneous Oncology Tumor Group of Alberta.

Teresa Petrella



Medical Oncologist, Sunnybrook Odette Cancer Centre

Dr. Teresa Petrella is a Medical Oncologist at the Sunnybrook Odette Cancer Centre in Toronto, Canada and an Assistant Professor at the University of Toronto. Dr. Petrella has a BSc in Molecular Biology from the University of Western Ontario and completed her MD from Queen's University. Her Internal Medicine and Medical Oncology training was at McMaster University. She subsequently completed a fellowship in Melanoma and Breast cancer at the Sunnybrook Odette Cancer Centre along with a Masters in Health Research Methodology at McMaster University. She was the recipient of a CIHR/CAMO award for her research in Vaccine therapy in combination with Interferon for melanoma patients. Dr. Petrella joined the staff at OCC in 2002 and became the Head of the Melanoma Site Group. She also Chairs the Provincial Guidelines Melanoma Disease Site Group, Program in Evidence Based Care. She is currently the Chair of the National Cancer Institute of Canada (NCIC) Melanoma Clinical Trials Group.

Her research interests are in melanoma and breast cancer and she is currently the Principal Investigator for several multi-centre trials investigating novel therapies in melanoma.

Caroline Robert



Professor of Dermatology, Head of the Dermatology Unit, Institute Gustave Roussy

Dr. Caroline Robert is Head of the Dermatology Unit in the Department of Medicine at the Cancer Center Institute of Gustave Roussy where she runs the Division of Clinical Research on melanoma. She has been trained in France, Paris (Paris V university) and did a 3.5 year research fellowship at Harvard (Boston, MA, USA) in the field of cancer immunology and in immunotherapy. Her unit is devoted to clinical and translational research on melanoma and about 100 patients are included in clinical trials every year. She developed several phase I or phase II clinical trials and actively participated as PI to more than 25 international phase II and III studies.

She is an internationally recognized clinical scientist in clinical and translational research on melanoma as well as on cutaneous side-effects of new targeted chemotherapies. Dr. Robert is principal author or co-author of more than 120 articles in peer-reviewed scientific journals, including the New England Journal of Medicine, Journal of Experimental Medicine, Journal of Clinical Oncology, the Lancet. More recently

she published two papers in the New England Journal of Medicine about new treatments for metastatic melanoma: immunotherapy with ipilimumab and targeted anti BRAF therapy with vemurafenib.

Dr. Robert is a member of the EADO board (European Association of Onco-Dermatology), Secretary of the EORTC melanoma board, EADV (European Association of Dermato-Venereology) and of the French society of Dermatology and Venereology.

Cheryl Rosen

Head, Division of Dermatology, Toronto Western Hospital, University Health Network

Dr. Cheryl Rosen is the head of Dermatology at the Toronto Western Hospital, University Health Network Hospitals, and Mt. Sinai Hospital. She is also an associate professor at the University of Toronto. She received her MD from the University of Toronto in 1980, did her residency (medicine and dermatology) at the University of Toronto and her Clinical and Research Fellowship at Wellman Laboratories, Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard University.

Dr. Rosen is the National Director of the Sun Awareness Program at the Canadian Dermatology Association; Member and Past Chair at the Ontario Sun Safety Working Group; Member of the Group for Research and Assessment of Psoriasis and Psoriatic Arthritis; and Member of IPART (Canadian Institutes of Health Research) research network: susceptibility factors for arthritis in patients with psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis.

Her research interests include public education for skin cancer prevention, psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis and effects of ultraviolet radiation on cutaneous biology.

Thomas Salopek



Associate Professor and Divisional Director; Division of Dermatology and Cutaneous Sciences, University of Alberta

Dr. Thomas Salopek is an Associate Professor in the Division of Dermatology and Cutaneous Sciences at the University of Alberta, where he is also the Divisional Director. He is the Director of the Multidisciplinary Melanoma Clinic at the University Dermatology Center. He is a graduate of the University of Alberta Medical School and Dermatology Residency Program. After graduating from dermatology he spent one year with the renowned melanoma specialist Dr. Al Kopf at New York University. Other interests include dermatologic surgery, psoriasis and other dermatologic conditions with systemic implications.

Michael Smylie



Medical Oncologist, Cross Cancer Institute; Professor, Department of Oncology, University of Alberta

Dr. Michael Smylie is a Medical Oncologist at the Cross Cancer Institute in Edmonton, Alberta. He holds an academic appointment as a Professor in the Department of Oncology at the University of Alberta. He is the past Site Leader for the Clinical Trials Committee and the past Site Leader of the National Cancer Institute of Canada (NCIC). He is very active in designing and participating in clinical trials in malignant melanoma. His other interests include lung cancer. His major research interest is in targeted therapy and new drug development in metastatic melanoma. He has chaired several National Melanoma Meetings and is the current chair of the Canadian national melanoma meeting in Canada.

Vernon Sondak



Chair, Surgical Oncologist, Director of Surgical Education, Department of Cutaneous Oncology, Moffitt Cancer Center

Dr. Vernon Sondak is Chair of the Department of Cutaneous Oncology and Director of Surgical Education at the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute in Tampa, Florida. He is also a Professor in the Departments of Oncologic Sciences and Surgery at the University of South Florida, College of Medicine.

His research interests include surgical treatment of malignant melanoma in adults and children; surgical treatment of Merkel cell carcinoma and soft-tissue sarcomas, including dermatofibrosarcoma protuberans, angiosarcoma, gastrointestinal stromal tumors, and desmoid tumors; adjuvant therapy of melanoma; and evaluation of vaccine treatments for patients with localized or disseminated melanoma. Dr. Sondak has also been a leader in studies of surgical treatment of melanoma and other cutaneous malignancies, particularly in the application of sentinel lymph node biopsy to the staging of melanomas, sarcomas and non-melanoma skin cancers. He is actively involved in ongoing analyses to determine which patients with thin melanoma are most likely to benefit from sentinel node biopsy, as well as which patients with sentinel node metastases are most likely to have further metastases identified in other regional lymph nodes.

Dr. Sondak is the author or co-author of over 250 articles in peer-reviewed publications, 146 abstracts, and 8 books and 67 book chapters.

Alan Spatz



Professor of Pathology and Oncology, Department of Pathology, McGill University; Canadian Research Chair in Molecular Pathology; Director, Jewish General Hospital

Dr. Alan Spatz is Director of the Pathology Department at the Jewish General Hospital, and Professor of Pathology and Oncology at McGill University. He comes from the Gustave Roussy Cancer Institute in Villejuif, France, where he was the director of dermatopathology for 12 years, and chief of the immunopathology and biopsy units. He trained in Pathology in Paris where he received his MD in Pathology and MSc in Molecular Oncology from Paris VI University in 1992.

Dr. Spatz is Co-Chair of the National Cancer Institute of Canada CTG, Melanoma committee and of the Canadian Association of Pathologists, Anatomic Pathology committee. Dr. Spatz served as Chair of the European Organization for Research and Treatment of Cancer, Melanoma group, and as President of the French division of the International Academy of Pathology. He currently serves as a board member of several international professional organizations and on editorial boards and international strategic committees. Dr. Spatz is Program Director of the McGill Integrated Cancer Research Training Program.

Dr. Spatz leads an international research group on cutaneous melanoma. His current research involves the X chromosome role in metastatic potential and key factors associated with cancer progression. He has authored more than 150 original scientific papers, reports, review articles, and books.

Ryan Sullivan



Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Center

Dr. Ryan Sullivan is an Attending Physician in the Division of Hematology/Oncology at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) and is board certified in both Medical Oncology and Internal Medicine. At the MGH, he is a member of the Center for Melanoma in the MGH Cancer Center. He also has an active role at the Dana-Farber/Harvard Cancer Center (DFHCC), serving on their Institutional Review Board.

As a clinical investigator, Dr. Sullivan's main areas of interest are the development of novel molecular therapeutic agents for malignant melanoma, the translation of promising preclinical findings into early stage clinical trials, and the development of predictive biomarkers for these investigational as well as standard treatment approaches. He currently serves as the Principal Investigator on a phase I clinical trial of sorafenib and bortezomib in patients with advanced melanoma open at the Dana-Farber Harvard Cancer Center (DFHCC) and has two pending DFHCC Institutional Review Board (IRB) proposals exploring the utility of a novel assay to measure BRAF in the blood.

He has numerous peer-reviewed publications and received many honors, most recently the Conquer Cancer Foundation (ASCO) Career Development Award.

Claire Temple-Oberle



Associate Professor of Surgery, Tom Baker Cancer Centre

Dr. Claire Temple-Oberle is an associate professor of surgery and oncology at the Tom Baker Cancer Centre in Calgary. Her clinical interests include breast cancer reconstruction, cutaneous oncology, and sarcoma. Her research focus includes quality of life outcomes in breast cancer, sarcoma and melanoma.

Jeff Weber



Director, Donald A. Adam Comprehensive Melanoma Research Center, Moffitt Cancer Center

Dr. Jeff Weber earned his PhD in molecular cell biology from Rockefeller University (New York) in 1979 and received his MD from New York University in 1980. He completed his internship and residency in Medicine at the University of California, San Diego, and his fellowship in Medical Oncology at the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, MD.

His experience includes clinical, research and teaching positions at the University of California, Irvine, and the University of Southern California where he was Chief of Medical Oncology and Associate Director for Clinical Research at the USC/Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center. Coming to Moffitt in 2007, Dr. Weber is a Senior Member, Director of the Donald A. Adam Comprehensive Melanoma Research Center, and Professor and Associate Chair for Medicine in the Department of Oncologic Sciences.

A specialist in cancer immunotherapy, Dr. Weber is principal investigator on several ongoing studies funded by the National Cancer Institute (NCI), including trials in clinical drug development, vaccines, and studies on autoimmunity and melanoma. He has been continuously NCI R01 funded for the last 16 years.

Dr. Weber has published more than 100 articles in the top peer-reviewed journals in his field including Cancer, Clinical Cancer Research, Journal of Clinical Oncology and Nature Medicine. Dr. Weber sat on the National Cancer Institute's Clinical Oncology Study section as well as the boards of the Melanoma Research Foundation and the Melanoma Therapeutics Foundation, and served as a chair of the Veterans Administration's clinical oncology study section.

Dr. Weber's research interests are in the field of immunotherapy for cancer. As a translational clinical investigator, Dr. Weber has performed a variety of vaccine trials in melanoma patients and in women with high-grade cervical intra-epithelial neoplasia. His specific laboratory interests are in the monitoring and characterization of T cell responses in patients with cancer, and the establishment of in vitro models to facilitate the understanding of how immune modulation via abrogating and activating antibodies amplifies adaptive immunity in patients. Clinically, he has held 10 investigator initiated IND over the last decade, and has pursued cutting edge trials recently using gene modified dendritic cells, intranodal injection of plasmid-peptide priming and boosting and novel antibodies like CTLA-4 and PD-1 abrogating antibodies. He has been a pioneer in the clinical advancement of antibodies that induce autoimmunity as a surrogate for clinical benefit in cancer, and the management of the autoimmune side effects.

Ezekiel Weis



Associate Professor, Department of Ophthalmology, University of Alberta

Dr. Ezekiel Weis is an Assistant Professor at the University of Calgary and the Provincial Medical Director of the Alberta Ocular Brachytherapy Program. He is currently a full-time GFT in Edmonton and he works 3 days a month in Calgary helping with ocular oncology cases. He completed his Masters of Public Health at Harvard University in the field of Quantitative methods. Dr. Weis completed 4 fellowships between 2005 and 2007: Ocular Oncology in Wills Eye Hospital, Philadelphia, USA; Orbital Disease, Amsterdam Medical Centre, Amsterdam, Netherlands; Orbital Disease and Ocular Oncology, University of British Columbia, Vancouver General Hospital, Canada; Oculoplastics and Orbit, University of Ottawa, Ottawa Eye Institute, Canada.

His research interests include Epidemiology of Uveal melanoma with a particular focus on environmental risk factors for the development of melanoma and its prevention, diagnostic imaging of orbital diseases, epithelial lacrimal gland tumors.

He is currently the Section editor for Canadian Journal of Ophthalmology and he has been the Academic coordinator for past 3 years for Eye Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta Annual Academic Conference.

Michael West



Radiosurgery, Health Sciences Centre, University of Manitoba

Dr. Michael West is the Associate Dean, Postgraduate Medical Education at the University of Manitoba. He received his MD from the University of Manitoba and was trained in Neurosurgery. Dr. West also received a Fellowship in Neurosurgery from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, and was awarded a Medical Research Council Fellowship.

In 2003, with the support of the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority and the University of Manitoba Department of Surgery, Dr. West established the first Gamma Knife in Canada. Since that time the Winnipeg Unit has been used to treat over 1600 patients from Manitoba and across Canada.

He is currently working with CancerCare Manitoba in the development of an extra-cranial radiosurgery program. As well, he is coordinating plans for a neurosurgical operating room that incorporates intraoperative magnetic resonance imaging and digital subtraction angiography.

Dr. West's main interests are cerebrovascular surgery, brain tumor surgery, skull base surgery, endoscopic skull base surgery, and radiosurgery. Dr. West has won several teaching awards and authored or co-authored over 100 scientific publications and invited lectures. He has been an Examiner in Neurosurgery for the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, was a member of the Accreditation Committee of the Royal College and has completed a seven-year term as Chair of the Specialty Committee in Neurosurgery of the Royal College.

Jedd Wolchok



Department of Medicine, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center

Dr. Jedd Wolchok is an Associate Attending Physician in the Department of Medicine, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. He received his MD from the New York University in 1994.

His clinical experience has been focused on the care of patients with metastatic melanoma since 1997 and his specific area of research has been the development and investigation of novel immunotherapeutic approaches. He initiated a program in xenogeneic DNA vaccination at Memorial Sloan-Kettering and followed the translational pathway from initial mouse studies through on-site GMP manufacturing and eventually leading phase I trials. As part of this endeavour, in collaboration with Drs. Alan Houghton, James Allison and Lloyd Old, he established the Ludwig Center for Cancer Immunotherapy, which serves as the core facility for clinical immune monitoring at MSKCC.

In addition, Dr. Wolchok supervises an R01-funded basic science laboratory which is focused on two discrete areas of research: (1) investigating novel immunotherapeutics in pre-clinical mouse models of melanoma and (2) exploring genetic alterations in human melanoma through the acquisition and processing of fresh melanoma specimens as part of a multi-institutional consortium with the Broad Institute and Cold Spring Harbor.

