Dear Colleagues:

With the summer upon us, I extend to all of you my deepest thanks for your collaboration to make this a very successful year for our department. Mentors and trainees, medical and technical personnel, researchers and research specialists, administrative colleagues, each and every one of you have given your best and we appreciate it. The department was able to meet all its responsibilities in research, teaching and diagnostics, as well as our financial goals while maintaining and flying orbits at times of high turbulence.

On May 20, 2015 we had a research retreat, with invited keynote speaker Dr. Kojo Elenitoba-Johnson speaking on proteomics in lymphoma research, and internal invited speakers Drs. Mark Gladwin, the new Chair of the department of Medicine, Miguel Reyes-Mujica, Chief of Pediatric Pathology, and Alex Soto-Gutierez, assistant professor in Experimental Pathology. There were also multiple presentations from all groups of trainees (graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, pathology residents and fellows) with presentations of posters providing an extended opportunity to interact with the presenters two hours in the evening at the University Club. The department always looks at its best in these sessions, and the excitement was palpable as for many of the trainees, this was their first formal presentation.

I am ending this note and reassuring everyone that the department is standing strong and with everyone’s support I am looking forward to what the next academic and fiscal year is going to bring. In my 24 years as Chair of this department, I have never seen so many forays of direct application of deep science to everyday diagnostics. There is finally a fusion coming between all acets of “Pathology” that were previously mostly non-overlapping. These are exciting times. I hope that everyone’s summer will be just as exciting and will get everyone in the spirit of the new year starting July 1st. With best regards,

George Michalopoulos
Pathology Professor and Chair
Department of Pathology

Bad times have a scientific value. These are occasions a good learner would not miss.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Holiday Reminders
The University of Pittsburgh and UPMC will be closed Monday, May 25, 2015 in observation of Memorial Day
The University of Pittsburgh and UPMC will be closed Friday, July 3, 2015 in observation of Independence Day.
The University of Pittsburgh and UPMC will be closed on Monday, September 7, 2015 in observation of Labor Day.
Faculty Highlights

Charleen T. Chu, MD, PhD
Elected to The Pluto Society of the American Association of University Pathologists.

Marie DeFrances, M.D., Ph.D. Has been appointed as a Master Educator which is awarded based on the recommendation of the School of Medicine’s Academy of Master Educators Committee. This is a five year term effective July 1, 2015. Members must be involved with the education of medical students, graduate students, and residents for the duration of the appointment.


Satdarshan (Paul) Monga, M.D.
Medical Student Research Mentoring Merit Award. This award is presented to a Scholarly Project (SP) mentor of a graduating Pitt Med student in recognition for outstanding mentoring over the course of the SP.

Joseph Newsome, DVM
Editorial Board(s)
1/2015 - Present Journal of Microbial Pathophysiology and Pathogenesis

National Academies of Science – ILAR appointment as a member of the Roundtable Committee on Science and Welfare in Laboratory Animal Use. My appointment will began Dec 1, 2014 and will end on November 30, 2017.

Jeffrey Nine, M.D.
Delivered the Invocation at the Celebration of Life Ceremony on April 28, 2015. The Ceremony, sponsored by CORE and UPMC, honors organ, tissue and eye donors and their families, attended by members of CORE, UPMC Transplant Surgery and many transplant recipients and donor families.

Liron Pantanowitz, M.D.
“Emerging Infections and the Cytology Laboratory” in Cancer Cytopathology and selected to be profiled on the April 2015 cover of the journal as a featured article. Cancer Cytopathology is a peer-reviewed journal of the American Cancer Society. It is the elite journal in its field, offering the highest impact factor (3.807) among cytopathology journals.

Michael Shurin, M.D., Ph.D.
Shurin MR: Organizer, Fourth International Conference “Cancer Immunotherapy and Immunomonitoring (CITIM)”, Ljubljana, Slovenia, April, 2015.

Darrell Triulzi, M.D.
Served as Co-Director of the NHLBI Transfusion Medicine State of the Science meeting on the NIH campus March 25 and 26 2015. The two day meeting is a culmination of six months of work and provided a forum to discuss the NHLBI transfusion medicine research agenda over the next 5 - 10 years. The proceedings will be published in the journal Transfusion.
Promotions

Jon Davison, M.D., promoted to Associate Professor of Pathology
Marina Nikiforva, M.D., promoted to Professor of Pathology
Sarangaranjan Ranganathan, M.D., promoted to Professor of Pathology
Jian Yu, Ph.D., promoted to Professor of Pathology

New Faculty

Hunching Guo, M.D., Ph.D. from Mount Sinai in New York will join the Division of Pathology Informatics as an Assistant Professor of Pathology July 1, 2015 and will be based at Shadyside Hospital.

Thu Phuong Tran, M.D. from Indiana University in Indianapolis will join the Anatomic Pathology Division at Shadyside Hospital July 1, 2015. Dr. Tran is presently a fellow in Genitourinary Pathology.

Departing/Retiring Faculty

Anil Parwani, M.D., Ph.D., MBA, Professor of Pathology, will relocate to Ohio State University effective July 17, 2015 as Vice Chair of Anatomic Pathology and Director of Pathology Informatics.

Frank Schneider, M.D., Assistant Professor of Pathology, Division of Anatomic Pathology, relocated to Kaiser Permanente Oakland, California.

Eizaburo Sasatomi, M.D., Assistant Professor of Pathology from the Division of Transplant Pathology, relocated to Dept. of Pathology and Lab Medicine, University of North Carolina at Chapel.

Kumiko Isse, M.D., Assistant Professor of Pathology, Division of Transplant Pathology, relocated to California to be with her family.

Thomas Talamo, M.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, Mercy Hospital, retired.

Gutti Rao, M.D., Professor of Pathology, VA Medical Center, retired.

Manjit Singh, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Pathology, MSTP Program, will retire June 30, 2015.
Current research support
Funding Agency: NIH-ORIP
Grant Number: 1G20 OD020257-01
Title of Grant: Modernization of Environmental Monitoring and Controls:
   BST-S Vivarium

Principal Investigator: Newsome, Joseph T
   Newsome Role on Grant: PI (sole)
   Years Inclusive: 4/15/2015 - 4/14/2016
   Total funded Direct Costs: $498,627
   Total project costs: $1,466,550

Alpha-1 Foundation Pilot & Feasibility Grant
   PI: Zahida Khan, MD, PhD
   Title: “Hepatocyte repopulation by liver progenitor cells in A1AT deficiency”
   $40,000 for 1 year (7/1/15-6/30/16)

Shadyside Pathology received a Frontline Innovation Grant from The Beckwith Foundation to support Ultrasound guided FNAs at UPMC Shadyside $10,000

   Proposal #: 327038 “Microenvironmental control of premalignant lesions in ovarian cancer”
   (Shurin – Project 1 Leader)

   “New mechanism of molecular abnormalities of innate Immunity in cancer”
   (Shurin – PI, Zakiryanova - PI)

Cláudia M. Salgado, MD, PhD, was awarded a $95,000 Grant from the Morgan Family Foundation.

“Life is like riding a bicycle.
To keep your balance, you must keep moving.”
Albert Einstein
GUIDELINES TO ENSURE A PERFECT SUBMISSION

Conflict of Interest (COI)

The following are extremely important compliance reminders for all researchers and anyone participating in the design of sponsored research project. These compliance modules and forms are necessary in order for the Office of Research to process proposals of not only Pathology faculty but any proposals involving your participation.

Any investigator planning to participate in or who is currently participating in a PHS funded research project (i.e. NIH) must complete:

COI Superform for PHS Funded Researchers
CITI Conflict of Interest Module (Basic Course)

PIs and CO-PIs conducting research projects involving human subjects must also complete the following:

CITI Responsible Conduct of Research
CITI Human Subjects Training

The above CITI module requirements for human subject research are in addition to the current requirements. If the training requirements are not completed, access to OSIRIS (IRB on-line application) will be blocked. Go to www.citi.pitt.edu for detailed information.

The training guidelines required for research involving animal models are listed at the following website:
http://www.iacuc.pitt.edu/node/220

The Office of Research will not submit any proposal that includes faculty who have not completed the appropriate compliance training for their specific part of research.

eRA Commons – GSRs and PostDocs

The NIH requires an eRA Commons ID for all individuals in graduate and undergraduate student roles who participate in NIH-funded projects for at least one person month or more. Any Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR) lacking the eRA Commons ID for graduate and undergraduate students will receive an error and the RPPR will not be accepted by the NIH. A cautionary note, please make sure your GSRs and PostDocs register with eRA Commons before graduating or leaving your lab.

Mary Lou Benedetti, MHR/IR
CMP and Related News of Note:

The numbers are in! This year there will be 26 NEW students matriculating to the IBGP program in the fall so soon we will be ACTIVELY seeking mentors who wish to host a graduate student in their lab next year. To assure that the students know you are interested, contact me and also, be sure you have your projects registered on the web site:

https://somgrad.wufoo.com/forms/update-faculty-information/

Since last fall, 2 students have formally graduated and one has formally joined, making our current number of CMP students 25; however, this summer a record number of students (FIVE) will be leaving us. On the other hand, we anticipate adding another 8 new students from the MSTP (3) and IBGP (5) parent programs by September, so CMP remains one of the strongest graduate programs at the University.

The Pathology Research Seminar and Retreat was held this year on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 from 12-7:30 PM. Our keynote speaker was Dr. Kojo S. Elenitoba-Johnson from the University of Michigan who spoke on “Integrated genomic and proteomic analyses for identification of oncogenic drivers in lymphoid malignancies”. ECU credits are offered for the oral presentation portion of the meeting so remember to turn your information in for credit. The poster session (refreshments included!) was held at the University Club and the winners were:

**Graduate students:**

First place: Abby Stahl  
Second place: Erin Steer  
Third place: Tie between Emma He, Beth Oczypok and Jackie Russell  

**Post-graduate trainee (basic and clinical):**  
First place: Amanda Clark  
Second place: Tie between Rebecca Ocque and Dane Olevian  
Third place: Tie between Christopher Griffith and Daniel Rhoads

The CMP arm of the School of Medicine Summer Undergraduate Research Program (SOM-SURP) will run from May 26 until July 31 this year. We have a total of 6 students participating from across the country, including 2 from an ASIP-sponsored program (SROPP). The SOM-SURP is a highly competitive program. This year there were 570 applicants to SURP overall, with 283 indicating an interest in CMP.

SURP isn’t the only summer training program in the Pathology Department! This summer we will have several other students working with Pathology faculty. There will be three first year medical students working on summer research projects and funded through the Klionsky Pathology fellowship. Additionally, Klionsky fellowships have been offered to another 4 college undergraduates who plan to attend medical school and have an interest in Pathology. This continues to be one of the strongest recruiting programs we have for the discipline of Pathology.

If you are interested in having issues brought before the CMP committee, please share them with our CMP administrator, Tara Rohall (rohallta@upmc.edu), or me (wmars@pitt.edu). Also, please continue to make me aware of any outstanding faculty members who are not currently members of CMP but who would be eligible and have a possible interest in joining our program.

Thanks so much!  
Wendy M. Mars, Ph.D.  
Director, Pathology SURP and CMP graduate program
The PIRRT program allows Pathology residents and fellows at the University of Pittsburgh to construct individualized research training experiences with the goal of “fast-tracking” to faculty positions to pursue combined research and diagnostic careers. Trainees are generally admitted to the program as first year residents, electing to take their research year after PGY1 or PGY2, or before continuing to diagnostic fellowship training here. Following their PIRRT research year, our trainees have been well-positioned for K08 and K99/R00 applications. For those wishing to transition to independence directly after primary residency (AP, CP, AP/CP or combined AP/NP), the NIH Director’s Early Independence Award is another option.

In September 2014, the American Board of Pathology officially sanctioned a “Physician-Scientist Pathway”. The structure of this pathway is identical to what we have been offering in the PIRRT program. While it does not increase the GME time allowed for research, it reflects the Board’s commitment for increasing the numbers of physician-scientists that chose Pathology as a career path.

In October 2014, the PIRRT co-directors, Charleen Chu and Tim Oury, submitted input representing our department for the NIH Request for Information (RFI) on Physician-Specific Grant Program to Facilitate the Transition from Training to Independence, as well as contributing to the official ASIP response.

The results from our first trainee impact and satisfaction survey, which was presented to participants in the UPMC-PSD/Katz Marshall W. Webster Physician Leadership Program can be viewed at this link: [http://path.upmc.edu/pirrt/Chu_UPMC-Katz_PosterDec2014.pdf](http://path.upmc.edu/pirrt/Chu_UPMC-Katz_PosterDec2014.pdf)

Trainee updates:

**Jason Cheng-Hsuan Chiang (NP fellow)**

Jason is completing his PIRRT and NP research year in Charleen Chu’s laboratory, making the novel discovery of synaptic activity-dependent changes in mitochondrial respiratory complex structure and function in neurons. His abstract, "Sensitivity of Mitochondrial Respiratory Chain Complex I to Toxin Inhibition is Activity-Dependent in Neurons" has been selected for platform oral presentation in 2015 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Neuropathologists (AANP) in Denver, CO on Saturday, June 13, 2015. He has also published a case report in *Brain Pathology*.

Jason is currently preparing a manuscript and a grant proposal for the NIH Pathway to Independence Award (K99/R00). He plans to study the impact of Parkinson disease-linked LRRK2 mutations on activity-dependent changes in neuronal mitochondrial function using rodent and iPSC-derived neurons. He will continue his training in clinical neuropathology starting July 2015.

My clinical and research interests lie at the intersection of endocrinology, metabolism and neoplasia. My past work has addressed diet and hormonal milieu as important components of diagnosis and disease management within oncology, gastroenterology and women's health.

My ongoing work with Dr. Peter Lucas (breast pathology and molecular diagnostics) and Dr. Jeffrey Fine (pathology informatics) attempts to incorporate traditional anatomic histopathology features including hormone, growth receptors and proliferative markers, together with molecular and image informatics driven approaches. The goal of this work is to improve the characterization of heterogenous breast and GYN tumors and to develop better, tumor-subtype specific diagnostic tools, prognostic, and treatment paradigms.

I enjoy spending time with my family and outdoor activities like hiking, biking and golf. I also enjoy playing & listening to music, dabbling with computer programming and cultural outings like classic movies, theater and summer festivals.

Thomas Pearce (AP/NP)
I am currently nearing the end of my first year of Anatomic Pathology training. In preparation for a year of research through the PIRRT track during my third year of residency, I have been meeting with potential mentors and collaborators. I have decided to join the laboratory of Rob Turner, who studies the motor-system neural circuitry that is affected by Parkinsonism by performing electrophysiological recordings from multiple brain areas simultaneously. I am also excited for potential future collaboration with Marlene Cohen's laboratory, which uses large-scale multichannel recording techniques to great effect.

ALUMNI NEWS:
Edward Plowey, Assistant Professor at Stanford University
Received the 2015 Young Physician-Scientist Award from the American Society of Clinical Investigation (ASCI), on April 25, 2015. He was invited to present his work on: BECN1 sorts surface Amyloid Precursor Protein for endolysosomal and autophagic degradation.
K08 from NIH/NINDS to study the role of BECN1 in NMDA receptor regulation
Intramural funding from Stanford Brain Rejuvenation Project and the Stanford University Mass Spectrometry Laborator – Vincent Coates Foundation.
Attended 2014 Charleston Conference for Alzheimer Disease Early Career Investigator
2014-15 – Four publications including research papers in Autophagy, Biochim Biophys Acta and JAMA Ophthalmology.

Julia Kofler, Assistant Professor at University of Pittsburgh was elected to the Neuropathology Steering Committee for the NIH Alzheimer’s Disease Centers (ADC) Program for a 3-year term, and is serving as Chair for this committee.

Craig Horbinski, Associate Professor with tenure at University of Kentucky is moving to Northwestern University to join the Brain Tumor Institute as Director of the Tumor Bank.

Charleen T. Chu and Tim Oury
PIRRT Co-Directors
Residency Program:
New PGY-1 Class – July 2015

Nine new residents have been recruited as follows:

Dayne Ashman, MD – University of the West Indies, Jamaica
Nicholas Barasch, MD – The School of Medicine at Stony Brook University Medical Center
Shweta Bhavsar, MD – B.J. Medical College, India
Sarah Booker, MD – Emory University School of Medicine
Li Liu MD, PhD – China Medical University, China
Oscar Lopez, MD – Universidad Dr. Jose Matias Delgado, El Salvador
Daniel Marker, MD, PhD – University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry
Eric Statz, MD – University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health
Bryan Stevens, MD – The University of Toledo College of Medicine

Fellowship Program:
Fellows – July 2015

Nine fellows have been recruited from outside programs together with six internal candidates.
A total of fifteen trainees will begin their fellowships on July 1, 2015.

Aaron Berg, MD (Cyto) – UPMC – AP/CP residency
Jason Chiang, MD, PhD (NP) – UPMC – AP residency
Kossivi Dantey, MD (BST) – University of Vermont College of Medicine & Fletcher Allen Health Care – AP/CP residency
Navid Farahani, MD (Info) – Cedars-Sinai Medical Center – AP/CP residency
Grzegorz Gurda, MD, PhD (MGP) – The Johns Hopkins Hospital – AP/CP residency
Alicia Hunt, MD (MGP) – UPMC – AP/CP residency
Bryon Jackson, MD (BB) – Thomas Jefferson University Hospital – AP/CP residency
Jiancong Liang, MD, PhD (Peds) – SUNY Downstate Medical Center – AP/NP residency
Mitra Mehrad, MD, MHA (Thor) – Washington University in St. Louis – AP/CP residency
Sohail Qayyum, MD (MGP) – University of Tennessee Health Science Center – AP/CP residency
Lisa Radkay-Gonzalez, MD (Cyto) – UPMC – AP/CP residency
Akeesha Shah, MD (H&N) – University of Virginia – AP/CP residency
Clinical Instructors – July 2015

Nine clinical instructors have also been recruited as follows:

Stacey Barron Miller, MD (SP) – UPMC – AP/CP residency
Casey Gooden, MD (Heme) – Emory University – AP/CP residency
Rebecca Leeman-Neill, MD, PhD (Heme) – UPMC – AP residency
Ioana Moisini, MD, PhD (GYN/Breast) – St. Luke’s Roosevelt Hospital – AP/CP residency
Erika Moore, MD (Heme) – Hospitals of the University of Pennsylvania – AP/CP residency
Bing Ren, MD, PhD (GI) – University of Rochester Medical Center – AP/CP residency
Kate Serdy, MD (GYN/Breast) – UPMC – AP residency
Catherine Stoos, MD (GYN/Breast) – Sanford USD Medical Center – AP/CP residency
Michelle Xia, MD (GI) – University of Texas Medical Branch – AP/CP residency

Residency Program ACGME Items:
Core faculty ACGME survey response 95%
Resident ACGME survey response 100%

Under new ACGME accreditation system next site visit is 2020 but annual metrics reporting has resulted in ongoing accreditation with commendation and no citations
New program requirements effective July 2015 – we are already compliant

Humberto Trejo Bittar, MD
Resident, Anatomic Pathology, UPMC Department of Pathology

Appointed Junior Member of the CAP Histotechnology Committee. 2 years appointment starting January 1st 2015.


Accepted for Publication: Trejo Bittar HE and Pantanowitz L. Merkel Cell Polyomavirus Is Not Detected in Lung Adenocarcinomas By Immunohistochemistry. Applied Immunohistochemistry & Molecular Morphology (In press).

Accepted for publication: Trejo Bittar HE, Incharoen P, Althouse A, Dacic S. Accuracy of the IASLC/ATS/ERS histological subtyping of stage I lung adenocarcinoma on intraoperative frozen sections. Modern Pathology (In press)
The Pathology Medical Student Interest Group (PMSIG) is wrapping another successful year. They hosted several lunch-and-learn sessions with Pathology Faculty such as Dr. Michalopoulou, Dr. Nine and Dr. Wells and held a Resident Panel discussion for students to gather information about applying for and going through Pathology Residency training.

Residents Humberto Trejo Bittar and Russ Silowash served as our department’s first-ever Pathology Resident-Medical Student Liaisons this academic year. They participated in the SOM MS-3 career night, the medical student research fair, the Allegheny Medical Society Career night and PMSIG’s Resident Panel, as well as many other important medical student related-activities during the year. Residents Lama Farchoukh and Dane Olevian are the new liaisons for this coming academic year.

Two graduating medical students, Liang-I Kang and Jacob Abel, became members of the ICPI Pathology Honor Society. They will start Pathology Residency training this July at Barnes-Jewish Hospital, St. Louis, and at University of Tennessee, Memphis, respectively.

Marie DeFrances, M.D., Ph.D.

Cytology Conference
June 6, 2015 8:00 a.m.—5:30 p.m.
S-120 Biomedical Science Tower
Dr. Paul Ohori, Dr. Sara Monaco, Dr. Liron Pantanowitz and Dr. Juan Xing will present.
For more information email Jackie Cuda at cudajm@upmc.edu.
CME credit; target audience cytotechnologists, cytopathologists, fellows and residents

Dr. David Ellison
St. Jude Endowed Chair in Neuropathology, St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital was the Martinez Memorial Lecturer
February 18, 2015
Charleen T. Chu, M.D., Ph.D.

- Mitochondrial homeostasis and dendrite maintenance: beyond mitophagy. Symposium on Stress Organelles and Neurodegenerative Diseases. American Society for Neurochemistry, March 17, 2015, Atlanta, GA.

- Maintaining calcium homeostasis and mitochondrial health in Parkinson’s disease. Minneapolis Veterans Affairs GRECC, March 24, 2015, Minneapolis, MN.


- Mitochondrial dynamics and dendrite remodeling in Parkinson’s disease. Killam Lecture, McGill University, April 14, 2015, Montreal, Canada.

- Grand Rounds, Montreal Neurological Institute, April 15, 2015, Montreal, Canada

George K. Michalopoulos, M.D., Ph.D.


- Co-Chair Session, “Cellular and Molecular Mechanisms of Liver Repair, ASIP meeting, SanDiego, CA March 26—April 1, 2015.

Sarangarajan Ranganathan, M.D.

- Tamil Nadu-Poducherry Oration: Intractable Diarrheas in Childhood”. Invited Speaker, 63rd Annual Conference Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists, Pune, India. Dec 07. 2014.

- Invited speaker: Pediatric Liver CME. SRM University Medical Center (SIMS), Chennai, India. Nov 28th, 2014.

- “Cholestatic Diseases in Children” “Pediatric Liver Tumors” Invited Faculty: ‘Pediatric Solid Tumors – Books to Bedside’, Bombay Hospital, Mumbai, Dec 5-6th 2014.

- “Pathologic Diagnosis in Liver tumors” “Pathology of Wilms Tumor”. Slide Seminar: Pathology of Pediatric Tumors and Liver disease, K.E.M. Hospital, Mumbai. Dec 1st 2014.

Drs. Jeffrey Nine, Trevor MacPherson, Jennifer Yoest and Marie DeFrances will be presenting “A Pathology Discovery Project for Pre-Clinical Medical Students” at the Association for Pathology Chairs 2015 Meeting in San Diego.
Jennifer Picarsic, M.D.
Disorders of Histiocytosis Workshop, presented at Society of Pediatric Pathology (SPP) 2015 workshop at Boston, 3/22/15.

Michael Shurin, M.D., Ph.D.
“Nanomaterials and immune regulators in the tumor microenvironment”, Georgia Regent University, invited Lecture, Augusta, GA, February 2015.

“Chemomodulation of the tumor microenvironment”, Pathology CLB seminar series, Pittsburgh, PA, March 2015.

“Regulation of dendritic cell antitumor activity by the TGF-beta superfamily members”, CITIM-2015 Conference, Ljubljana, Slovenia, April 2015


Special Presentation:
Faculty member in the Cancer Immunology for the Non-Immunologist - Tutorial Session, at the AACR Annual Meeting 2015, April 2015, Philadelphia, PA. Discussion Leader on the topic, entitled, “Dendritic Cells.”

Steven Swerdlow, M.D.
Session Chair, “DOUBLE HIT” Diffuse Large B-cell Lymphoma, American Society of Hematology, December 6-9, 2014, San Francisco, California.

Lecture, Diagnosis of “DOUBLE HIT” Diffuse Large B-cell lymphoma and B-cell lymphoma, un-classifiable, with features intermediate between DLBCL and Burkitt lymphoma: When and How, FISH versus IHC. American Society of Hematology, December 6-9, 2014, San Francisco, California.

The summer begins with the solstice on
June 21, 2015 at 12:38 P.M. EDT
Steven Swerdlow, M.D.


Grand Rounds “How low can you go? Dissecting the small B-cell lymphomas” SUNY-Upstate Medical University, Department of Pathology, Syracuse, New York, March 19, 2014.

“Challenges in Diagnostic Hematopathology”, Resident Microscopic Slide Conference, SUNY- Upstate Medical University, Department of Pathology, Syracuse, New York, March 19, 2014.

Co-chair, sessions on follicular lymphoma and “In situ lesions” and other B-cell lesions of low malignant potential”. WHO Clinical Advisory Committee meeting, 3/31/2014, Chicago, IL.

“CLL, monoclonal B-cell lymphocytosis and prolymphocytic leukemia”, presenter, WHO Clinical Advisory Committee meeting, 3/31/2014, Chicago, IL.

“Extranodal marginal zone lymphomas and nodal marginal zone lymphoma and lymphoplasmacytic lymphoma”, Presenter, WHO Clinical Advisory Committee meeting, 3/31/14, Chicago, IL.


Follicular Lymphoma, (Session Chair) International Lymphoma Study Group, 6/2/14, Biarritz, France.

MYD88 in lymphomas with plasmacytic differentiation, International Lymphoma Study Group, 6/4/14, Biarritz, France.

Course Director & lecturer (5 lectures), Scientific Symposia International Course, “Diagnostic lymphomas and leukemias that challenge the surgical pathologist”, June 16-19, 20

International Convenor for Hematopathology section, 2014 International Academy of Pathology meeting, Bangkok, Thailand, October 6-10, 2014.

Keynote Lecture, “Update on the WHO Classification of Malignant Lymphomas”, 2014 International Academy of Pathology meeting, Bangkok, Thailand, October 8, 2014.


Panel Member, Moderator and Presenter (Small B-cell lymphomas with plasmacytic differentiation), Redefining the spectrum of small B-cell lymphomas in light of current technology, XVII Meeting of the European Association for Haematopathology meeting, Istanbul, Turkey, October 11-16, 2014.

Expectations for the WHO classification of lymphomas update, Department of Pathology, Hebrew University Hadassah Medical School, Jerusalem, Israel, October 29, 2014.


Reviews


Case Reports


CH Chiang, CT Chu & CW Wiley. "A 67-year-old man with longstanding multiple sclerosis and a cerebellar lesion" was published online as the Brain Pathology Case of the Month - March 2015 (http://path.upmc.edu/divisions/neuropath/bpath/cases/case303.html). The printed version will be published in the July 2015 issue.


"BRAF mutations are also associated with neurocutaneous melanocytosis and large/giant congenital melanocytic nevi" which attracted the attention of the magazine “Dermatology Times” and will be featured in the June issue with an editorial. The paper is a collaborative study with colleagues from the NorthShore Health System, in Chicago, and was authored by Salgado CM, Basu D, Nikiforova M, Bauer BS, Johnson D, Rundell V, Grunwaldt LJ, Reyes-Múgica M.


**Books:**


Swerdlow, S.H. Diagnosis of “double hit” diffuse large B-cell lymphoma and B-cell lymphoma, unclassifiable, with features intermediate between DLBCL and Burkitt lymphoma: when and how, FISH versus IHC. *Hematology*, 2014 (in press)


*Most people say that it is the intellect which makes a great scientist. They are wrong: it is character.*

*Albert Einstein*


Woodard A, Austin MR, Li Z, Beere J, Zhao C (corresponding). Prevalence of HPV16/18 genotypes and histopathologic follow-up outcomes in women with negative cytology and positive high risk HPV test results. *JASC* 2015 March accepted.


Tao X, Zhou X, Zhao C. The advance of ovarian clear cell carcinoma in immunohistochemistry and molecular pathogenesis. *Zhonghua Bing Li Xue Za Zhi.* Accepted April 2015.


*Jihee Sohn is a CMP Graduate Student. Congratulations!*

Stoler MH, Austin RM, Zhao C. Cervical cancer screening should be done by primary HPV testing with genotyping and reflex cytology for women over the age of 25 years. *J Clinical Microbiology*. 2015 May 6 [Epub ahead of print].


**Personal Highlights**

Dr. Jennifer Picarsic and husband Nicholas welcomed their son, Brennan Joseph Picarsic, 7 lb 1 oz, into the world on January 24, 2015. Congratulations!
CME Credit Update

The University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Center for Continuing Education for the Health Sciences CME transcripts can be obtained via the Internet at ccehs.upmc.edu. Click on link “Credit Transcripts” enter the required information (last name, last five digits of social security number). The transcript reflects the American Medical Association Category 1 credits or the Continuing Education Units (CEUs) which have been entered into the Center’s database. Credits from other institutions can be entered using the option “add/modify” credit information. For questions about the Continuing Medical Education Credits, please contact 412.647.8232.

Annual Report Update

The School of Medicine requests that an annual report be submitted every fall. An e-mail will be sent to the faculty within the next month requesting individual information. The data needed includes a research summary paragraph, Study Sections, Advisory Committees, professional affiliations, major lectureships, honors and recognition, editorships and publications for the last three years (2013, 2014, 2015). Collecting information from all members in the Department is time consuming therefore we are asking you to please respond by the due date. Division Chiefs are asked to submit a summary of their division’s activities. If you have any questions, please contact Shannon Hozinec at hozinecs@upmc.edu. Thank you.

Educational Credit Unit Update

Just a reminder that the Educational Credit Units (ECUs) are being collected from every faculty member who has been involved with teaching activities of the medical or graduate school programs from **July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015**. We have initiated a web-page (see directions for access to page on Page 22) to collect teaching as it happens. Please be sure to update your teaching data. The School of Medicine will be asking for the information in July. If you have any questions please contact Chris Szalkuski at szalkuskict@upmc.edu.

Publication Notification Process Update

This is a reminder the Dean has requested a Notification of Publication form for each manuscript accepted for publication in a peer-reviewed journal. The notification ensures compliance with human and animal research policies, technology transfer/patent guidelines and the requirements for citation of grant support. It also allows for newsworthy publications to be passed onto the University media. Please submit preprint information via the website at: [https://pnf.hs.pitt.edu](https://pnf.hs.pitt.edu). If you have any questions, please contact Chris Szalkuski at szalkuskict@upmc.edu.
ECU data for the academic year July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 will be due soon. Please be sure your info is entered via our Department’s web page link.

For faculty with a UPMC network ID, please use this link. Accessing this link off of the UPMC network will bring up a login prompt:

https://epssecure.upmc.com/ECUAdmin/auth/index.cfm

For faculty without a UPMC ID, please use this link:

https://epssecure.upmc.com/ECUTrack/index.cfm

These links are also available on the Department of Pathology webpage under links at:

http://path.upmc.edu/links.htm

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Faculty may now view entered time with the View Entered Time button.

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