

Graduate Medical Education Program

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The Medical Science Division at Fox Chase Cancer Center maintains several active programs for graduate training of physicians. The activities of these programs range from preceptorship for medical students through research fellowships within the disciplines of medical oncology, surgical oncology, radiation oncology and pathology.

The Department of Medical Oncology is responsible for the training of Temple University medical students and residents who rotate at Fox Chase for their training experience. Fourth year medical students are provided a subinternship experience. Second and third year residents do rotations on the inpatient service during which they receive intensive exposure to medical oncology. These residents are also given the opportunity to rotate in the ambulatory care department where outpatient oncology can be experienced. In addition, the Medical Oncology Department maintains active fellowship training programs in hematology/medical oncology administered jointly with Temple University. The Surgical Oncology Department maintains a fellowship program in surgical oncology as well as providing many training opportunities for Temple University surgical residents. The Pathology Department also provides a fellowship-training program. Finally, the Radiation Oncology Program at Fox Chase is an independent residency with its own certification.

The fellows and residents (radiation) assigned to Fox Chase Cancer Center during the period of this Report are listed below, along with the medical schools from which they graduated and the hospitals in which they did their residencies. Fellows doing research at Fox Chase may also be listed with the staff of the laboratories in which they are working.

Medical Oncology

First Year

Igor Astsaturov, M.D., Ph.D. – I.M. Sechenov Medical Academy, Moscow, Russia, 1992; Resident in Internal Medicine, Good Samaritan Hospital, Baltimore, MD, 2003

Moshe Chaim Chasky, M.D. – Tel Aviv University-Sackler School of Medicine/New York State American Program, Tel Aviv, Israel, 2002; Resident in Internal Medicine, New York University Downtown Hospital, 2005

Rajiv Panikkar, M.D. – University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Pittsburgh, PA, 2001; Resident in Internal Medicine, Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, VA, 2004

Marc Rappaport, D.O. – Western University of Health Sciences-College of Osteopathic Medicine of Pacific, Pomona, CA, 2002; Resident in Internal Medicine, Albert Einstein College of Medicine/Jacobi Medical Center, Bronx, NY, 2005

Melissa Williams, M.D. – University of Wisconsin Medical School, Madison, WI; 2001; Resident in Internal Medicine, Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, PA, 2005

Brian Work, M.D., MPH – University of California at Davis School of Medicine, 2000; Resident in Internal Medicine, Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, 2004

Second Year

Crystal Denlinger, M.D. – New Jersey Medical School, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, Newark, NJ, 2001; Resident in Internal Medicine, Mount Sinai Medical Center, New York, NY, 2004

John Devlin, M.D. – Temple University School of Medicine, Philadelphia, PA, 2001; Resident in Internal Medicine, Temple University Hospital, Philadelphia, PA, 2004

Holly Dushkin, M.D. – Temple University School of Medicine, Philadelphia, PA, 2001; Resident in Internal Medicine, Temple University Hospital, Philadelphia, PA 2004

Pallav Mehta, M.D. – Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, PA, 2001; Resident in Internal Medicine, Temple University Hospital, Philadelphia, PA 2004

Marc Shapiro, M.D. – Medical College of Ohio, Toledo, OH, 2001; Resident in Internal Medicine, Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA, 2004

Jason Taksey, M.D. – Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine, Hershey, PA, 2001; Resident in Internal Medicine, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC and Temple University Hospital, Philadelphia, PA, 2004

Third Year

Lainie Martin, M.D. – Temple University School of Medicine, Philadelphia, PA, 1999; Resident in Internal Medicine, Boston University Medical Center, Boston, MA, 2003

Danielle Shafer, † D.O. – Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine, Downers Grove, IL, 1999; Resident in Internal Medicine, Loyola University, Maywood, IL, 2003

Lorraine Snyder, M.D. – University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, 1999; Resident in Internal Medicine, Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, 2003

Mark Sundermeyer, M.D. – University of Missouri-Columbia School of Medicine, Columbia, MO, 2000; Resident in Internal Medicine, Temple University Hospital, Philadelphia, PA, 2003

Completed Program

Jeffrey Ball, M.D. – Temple University School of Medicine, Philadelphia, PA, 1999; Resident in Internal Medicine, Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, 2002

Donna Trauth, M.D. – Loyola University of Chicago, Maywood, IL; Resident in Internal Medicine, UMDNJ/Robert Wood Johnson, New Brunswick, NJ, 2001

Stephen Wallace, † M.D. – University of Cape Town Medical School, South Africa, 1993; Resident in Internal Medicine, Albert Einstein Medical Center, Philadelphia, PA, 2002

Yu-Ning Wong, M.D. – Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, Piscataway, NJ, 1999. Resident in Internal Medicine, Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, Philadelphia, PA, 2002

Pathology

Current Program

Heba Abdallah, M.D. – University of Jordan, College of Medicine, Amman, Jordan 1997; Resident in Pathology, Temple University Hospital, Philadelphia, PA, 2005

Manju Harshan, M.D. – T.D. Medical College, Alappuzha, Kerala, India 1996; Resident in Pathology, Memorial Medical Center, Johnstown, PA, 2005

Ed Liu, M.D. – Taishan Medical College, China 1985; Resident in Pathology, Temple University Hospital, Philadelphia, PA, 2005

Completed Program

Eric Behling, M.D. – Thomas Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, PA 2000; Resident in Pathology, Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, Philadelphia, PA, 2004

Ruth Birbe, M.D. – Central University of Venezuela, Caracas, Venezuela, 1995; Resident in Pathology, Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, Philadelphia, PA, 2004

Jun Liu, M.D. – Shanghai Medical University, Shanghai, P.R. China, 1991; Resident in Pathology, Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, Philadelphia, PA, 2004

Radiation Oncology

Current Residents

Matthew C. Abramowitz, M.D. – Temple University School of Medicine, 2003; Transitional Year Resident, Department of Medicine, Crozer-Keystone Health System, Chester, PA, 2004

David J. D'Ambrosio, M.D. – Stony Brook School of Medicine, Stony Brook, NY, 2003; Intern, Department of Internal Medicine, Cabrini Medical Center, New York, NY, 2004

Shelly B. Hayes, M.D. – Temple University School of Medicine, 2002; Intern, Department of Internal Medicine, Albert Einstein Medical Center, Philadelphia, PA, 2003

Peter B. Morgan, M.D. – University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB), Galveston, TX, 2004; Transitional Resident, Department of Medicine, Christus Saint Joseph Hospital, Houston, TX, 2005

Niraj H. Pahlajani, M.D. – Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, Camden, NJ 2004; Intern, Department of Internal Medicine, Lankenau Hospital, Wynnewood, PA, 2005

Alice F. Tsai, M.D. – University of Chicago, Pritzker School of Medicine, Chicago, IL 2002; Transitional Resident, Department of Medicine, Mac Neal Hospital, Berwyn, IL, 2003

Current Fellow

Alexander V. Kirichenko, M.D. – Kiev Medical University, Kiev, Ukraine, 1981; Residency, Radiotherapy and Nuclear Medicine, Kiev Medical University, Kiev, Ukraine, 1983

Completed Program

Stephen F. Andrews, D.O. – Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, 2000; Intern, Department of Medicine, Crozer-Keystone Health System, Chester, PA, 2001

Mark Buyyounouski, M.D. – University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, New Jersey Medical School, 2000; Intern, Department of Medicine, St. Barnabas Medical Center, West Orange, NJ, 2001

Khanh H. Nguyen, M.D. – University of California, San Diego, CA 2000; Internal, Department of Internal Medicine, Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia, PA, 2001

Surgical Oncology

Junior Fellows

Kimberly Brown, M.D. – University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine, 1998; Administrative Chief Resident, Loyola University Medical Center, General Surgery Residency, July 2004–June 2005

Fernando Cordera, M.D. – 1993–1998 Title of Medico Cirujano (MD), Anahuac University, Mexico City, Mexico

Roderick Quiros, M.D. – The University of Texas Medical School at Houston, 1994–1998; Medical Doctorate; Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, IL, 1998–2005, Surgical Residency

Senior Fellows

Cletus A. Arciero, M.D. – F. Edward Hebert School of Medicine, Bethesda, MD, 1998; Surgical Residency, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington DC, 2004

Christophe L. Nguyen, M.D. – Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX, 1997; Surgical Residency, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC, 2004

Alliric I. Willis, M.D. – University Of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Philadelphia, PA, 1996; Surgical Residency, Barnes-Jewish Hospital, Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO, 2004

Completed Program

James C. Garber, M.D. – Medical College of Georgia, Augusta, GA, 1998; Surgical Residency, Mercer University School of Medicine, Savannah, GA, 2003

Leonard R. Henry, M.D. – University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, 1995; Surgical Residency, National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, MD, 2003

Ryan K. Takamori, M.D. – University of Hawaii, John A. Burns School of Medicine, Honolulu, HI, 1993; Surgical Residency, University of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI, 1999; Research Fellow, University of Texas, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX, 2003

† Chief Fellow