Symposia on Cancer Research 2015

Emerging Concepts in Host Response to Cancer

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The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center
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Goal

Recent advances in cancer treatment have relied on our improved knowledge of the role of host responses much like those that combat infectious disease causing organisms. The role of cellular responses in cancer development and host response are new frontiers in human biology. In this symposium, fundamental and translational aspects of host response to cancer will be the focus. Keynote speakers are Michael Karin, PhD (University of California San Diego) and Clotilde Thery, PhD (Institute Curie, Paris). In addition, Mina J. Bissell, PhD (Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory) will receive the Ernst W. Bertner Memorial Award and Robert Schreiber, PhD (Washington University School of Medicine) will receive the Heath Memorial Award. There will also be a poster session for participants to represent their findings. The symposium begins Thursday morning and will end Friday afternoon.

Target Audience

The program will be of broad interest to scientists, scientists-in-training, physicians, physicians-in-training, students, nurses, and fellows interested in hearing the newest advances in the area of genomic medicine.

Educational Objectives

After attending the symposium, participants should be able to

- Apply the latest discoveries about the role of host response to cancer in clinical practice;
- Make decisions based on what is currently known about the microbiome’s function in human health and biology;
- Relate the origins and diagnostic potential of the cancer exosome to clinical practice.

Educational Methods

- Lectures
- Question-and-Answer Sessions
- Panel Discussions
- Posters
Call for Posters

Abstracts may be submitted for the Poster Session but must be received no later than August 3, 2015. Please submit to Research2015@mdanderson.org.

Please indicate the category for your poster – Basic Epigenetic Mechanisms and Epigenetics of Tumors; Epigenetic Therapies; Microbiome/Metagenome in Cancer; Innate and Adoptive Immune Response; or Cancer Exosomes.

Should you have difficulty with the submission, call the Department of CME/Conference Management at 713.745.5000 for guidance. Participants will be notified of their posters’ acceptance by mail or e-mail by August 21, 2015. Please indicate the person to whom correspondence should be sent if other than the first author and include an address, telephone number, fax number, and e-mail address (if available) when submitting the abstract. Registration for the symposium must be submitted at the same time as the abstract. Please register at www.mdanderson.org/conferences.

Young Investigator Travel Fellowship Awards

A limited number of travel fellowships will be available to graduate and medical students, postdoctoral fellows, and physicians in training. Only those applicants who submit abstracts will be considered for an award, which is intended to offset some of the expenses incurred by the recipient in connection with attending the symposium. Anyone wishing to apply for a travel fellowship should check the appropriate box on the registration form and attach a letter of recommendation. This letter should be on official letterhead, be signed by the dean or department head, and contain the following information about the applicant (due by August 3, 2015):

1. academic status
2. research activities in the subject area of the meeting
3. citations of recent articles in this subject area published in peer-reviewed journals
Registration will open at 7:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 8, 2015.

Thursday, October 8, 2015

8:15 a.m.  Symposium Opening and Welcome

8:30  

Keynote Lecture
Introduction: Raghu Kalluri, MD, PhD

From Inflammation to Immunity: Understanding Cancer and Improving its Treatment
Michael Karin, PhD
University of California San Diego
La Jolla, California

SESSION I: BASIC EPIGENETIC MECHANISMS AND EPIGENETICS OF TUMORS

Session Co-Chairs: Sharon R. Dent, PhD and Jessica Tyler, PhD

9:30  

Introduction
Sharon R. Dent, PhD

9:35  

Chromatin and Cancer: New Insights and Opportunities
Richard A. Young, PhD
Whitehead Institute
Cambridge, Massachusetts

10:05  

Break

10:25  

How DNA Methylation Organizes the Epigenome
Peter A. Jones, PhD, DSc
Van Andel Institute
Grand Rapids, Michigan

10:55  

The Potential for Epigenetic Therapy to Enhance the Efficacy of Immune Checkpoint Therapy
Stephen Baylin, MD
The Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins
Baltimore, Maryland

11:25  

Development of Second Generation Epigenetic Anti-Cancer Agents
Philip Jones, PhD
Applied Cancer Science Institute
MD Anderson
Houston, Texas

11:55  

Lunch/Poster Session
Trainee Lunch – Limited to 40 (on-site sign up)
Thursday, October 8, 2015 (continued)

SESSION II: GENOMICS, IMMUNE RESPONSE AND EXOSOMES IN GLIOMAS
Session Co-Chairs: Xiaobing Shi, PhD and Joya Chandra, PhD

12:55 p.m.  
Introduction  
Xiaobing Shi, PhD

1:00  
The Genetic and Epigenetic Landscape of Pediatric High-Grade Glioma  
Suzanne Baker, PhD  
St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital  
Memphis, Tennessee

1:30  
Macrophages as a Therapeutic Target in Cancer  
Johanna A. Joyce, PhD  
Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center  
New York, New York

2:00  
Glioblastoma Exosomes as Saboteurs and Biomarkers  
Xandra Breakefield, PhD  
Massachusetts General Hospital  
Charlestown, Massachusetts

2:30  
Break

SESSION III: HOST MICROBIOME/METAGENOME IN CANCER
Session Co-Chairs: Samuel Shelburne, MD, PhD and Jennifer Wargo, MD

2:45  
Introduction  
Jennifer Wargo, MD

2:50  
The Human Microbiome in Cancer and Chemotherapy  
Joseph Petrosino, PhD  
Baylor College of Medicine  
Houston, Texas

3:20  
Cancer as a Disease of the Symbiont/Metaorganism  
Giorgio Trinchieri, MD  
National Cancer Institute  
Bethesda, Maryland

3:50  
The Importance of Microbial Activities in CRC  
Christian Jobin, PhD  
University of Florida College of Medicine  
Gainesville, Florida
Thursday, October 8, 2015 (continued)

4:20 
Heath Award Lecture and Presentation
Introduction: James P. Allison, PhD

Personalizing Cancer Immunotherapy
Robert Schreiber, PhD
Washington University – School of Medicine
St. Louis, Missouri

5:30-6:30
Poster Reception

Friday, October 9, 2015

8:00 a.m.
Keynote Lecture
Introduction: Raghu Kalluri, MD, PhD

Exosomes and Other Extracellular Vesicles: Biogenesis and Roles in Immune Responses in Cancer
Clotilde Thery, PhD
Institut Curie
Paris, France

SESSION IV: ADOPTIVE IMMUNE RESPONSE
Session Co-Chairs: Valerie LeBleu, PhD and Padmanee Sharma, MD, PhD

9:00
Introduction
Valerie LeBleu, PhD

9:05
Harnessing Novel Immune Pathways for Immunotherapy
Tak Mak, PhD
University of Alberta
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

9:35
Break

9:55
T cells vs. Tumor Cells: Engineering an Effective Therapeutic Response
Philip D. Greenberg, MD
Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center
Seattle, Washington

10:25
Tipping the Balance From a Pro-Carcinogenic to an Anti-Tumor Microenvironment in Pancreatic Cancers
Elizabeth M. Jaffee, MD
The Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins
Baltimore, Maryland
10:55  Normal and Neoplastic Stem Cell  
Irving Weissman, MD  
Stanford University School of Medicine  
Stanford, California

SESSION V: CANCER EXOSOMES
Session Co-Chairs: Michael Curran, PhD and Jonathan M. Kurie, MD

11:25  Introduction  
Jonathan M. Kurie, MD

11:30  Combinatorial Targeting of Vascular Growth Factor Pathways  
Kari Alitalo, MD, PhD  
Biomedicum Helsinki  
Helsinki, Finland

Noon  microRNA Regulation of Tumor-Associated Macrophages  
Michele De Palma  
Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne  
Lausanne, Switzerland

12:30 p.m.  Adaptation to Anti-Angiogenesis Therapy  
Anil K. Sood, MD  
MD Anderson  
Houston, Texas

1:00  Lunch and Poster Session

2:00  Wilson Stone Award Presentation and Lecture  
Introduction: Sharon R. Dent, PhD

2:45  Ernst W. Berther Award Lecture and Presentation  
Introduction: Raghu Kalluri, MD, PhD

Closing the Loop: How a Linear DNA Sequence Becomes a Three Dimensional Tissue, and How it May Become Malignant and Metastatic?  
Mina J. Bissell, PhD  
Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory  
Berkeley, California

3:45  Closing Remarks

4:00  Adjourn
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Photographing, audiotaping and videotaping are prohibited.

Registration Information

On-site registration opens at 7:00 a.m., Thursday, October 8, 2015. The opening session will begin at 8:15 a.m. on October 8, and the symposium will adjourn at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 9, 2015. Advance registration is encouraged as space and materials are limited. Please see registration form for applicable fees. The deadline for advance registration is September 25, 2015.

There are three ways to register:

1. On-line at www.mdanderson.org/conferences
2. Mail to: Department of CME/Conference Management – Unit 1781, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, P. O. Box 301407, Houston, Texas 77230-1407.
3. Fax to 713-794-1724

We accept the following forms of payment:

1. Check (payable through U.S. banks only)
2. Money Order
3. Credit Cards (MasterCard, VISA, and American Express)
4. Cash (on-site registration only)

When registering on-line a receipt/confirmation letter will be automatically e-mailed to the e-mail address you listed on the registration form. If you register by fax or mail, a receipt/confirmation letter will be sent to you within ten working days of receipt of your fee.

The full symposium registration fee includes the tuition, breaks, lunches, and reception. The student registration fee includes all of the above except lunches. Students wishing to participate in the lunches must pay an additional fee of $24.00.

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Contact the Department of CME/Conference Management at 713-792-2223 or 866-849-5866 if you have any special dietary or ADA accommodation needs.

**Accommodations**

A block of rooms has been reserved for symposium attendees at the Hotel ZaZa, 5701 Main Street, Houston, Texas.

- Early hotel reservation is suggested.
- The hotel phone number is 713-526-1991.
- When you make reservations be sure to mention **MD Anderson’s Research Symposium** to be assured of receiving the special meeting rate of $219.00 single or double occupancy.
- Please add 17% Texas state and local taxes.
- Reservations and deposits received after September 7, 2015, will be confirmed if space is available and at current hotel published guest room rates.

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- Houston is served by two airports, George Bush Intercontinental (IAH) and William P. Hobby (HOU).
- Taxicabs are available at an estimated cost of $40-60 to or from William P. Hobby Airport or George Bush Intercontinental Airport.
- Super Shuttle operates a shuttle bus between George Bush Intercontinental Airport and the Hotel ZaZa for $23 one-way and $42 round-trip. For more information, call 713-523-8888 or toll-free at 800-258-3826 or on-line at www.supershuttle.com.
- Super Shuttle operates a shuttle bus between William P. Hobby Airport and the Hotel ZaZa for $18 one-way and $32 round-trip. For more information, call 713-523-8888 or toll-free at 800-258-3826 or on-line at www.supershuttle.com.

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