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# MEETING THE CANCER CHALLENGE

Charbonneau Cancer Institute  
2017-2018 Annual Report



# CHARBONNEAU CANCER INSTITUTE

**Mission:** To meet the cancer challenge.

**Goal:** To decrease cancer in the population, improve cancer treatment, and improve the patient experience by conducting biomedical, clinical, health systems, and population health research, from prevention to life after cancer.

**Objectives:**

- ◆ To foster relationships with academic, health services, and industry partners;
- ◆ To secure philanthropy for research initiatives with significant potential;
- ◆ To increase the competitiveness of the Institute for external funding;
- ◆ To build modern infrastructure that will enable our researchers to discover;
- ◆ To provide exceptional education and learning opportunities for trainees;
- ◆ To recruit, support, and retain the best and brightest cancer researchers; and
- ◆ To facilitate transformative national and international collaborations.



## Message from the Director

In 2018, the Cancer Institute marked its 15th anniversary. Initially known as the Southern Alberta Cancer Research Institute, we became Charbonneau in 2014, a change that marked a commitment to develop a research institute of significance at the University of Calgary. This inaugural annual research report highlights several significant achievements over the past twelve months, including the opening of the new Childhood Cancer and Blood Disorders Laboratories and rapidly increasing success in tri-council funding. Again the Institute has supported its research centres and programs at the Cumming School of Medicine, Calgary's teaching hospitals, and the Tom Baker Cancer Centre by recruiting top research talent from across the globe and building key infrastructure. This report celebrates our scientists, donors, partners, and staff for their dedication to research aimed at meeting the cancer challenge and improving cancer treatment, decreasing cancer in the population, and improving the patient experience.



J. Gregory Cairncross, MD  
Director, Charbonneau Cancer Institute  
Professor, Clinical Neurosciences  
University of Calgary





# Decreasing Cancer in the Population

## Early Cancer Detection



### EXOSOME-BASED DEVICE FOR BLADDER CANCER

**Drs. Amir Sanati Nezhad** and **Don Morris** and their team have developed a point-of-care device to collect and analyze exosomes (components of the cell that are released into the blood and have tumour-specific characteristics). The device can accurately detect changes in exosomes that are predictive of cancer, with an initial application in bladder cancer. The team is now refining the device and clinically testing its use.



### METABOLOMIC TEST FOR COLORECTAL CANCER

**Dr. Oliver Bathe** and team (**Drs. Hans Vogel, Robert Hilsden, and Karen Kopciuk**) have developed a new metabolomic test to detect colon cancer. Current approaches, such as FIT testing, are effective but not widely adopted, due to their inconvenience. Dr. Bathe's metabolomic test is convenient, less invasive, and was highly accurate in early phase testing. Further testing and validation of the test are now underway.

## Cancer Prevention & Epidemiology

**Dr. Christine Friedenreich**, an Adjunct Professor with the Department of Oncology and Scientific Director of the Department of Cancer Epidemiology and Prevention Research (AHS), is leading the Canadian population attributable risk of cancer (ComPARE) study, which aims to estimate how many cancer cases can be prevented in Canada through the year 2042. In collaboration with **Dr. Darren Brenner** and several Ontario- and Quebec-based investigators, the team is examining cancer risk factors, such as tobacco, diet, energy imbalance, infectious diseases, hormonal therapies, and environmental factors (i.e., air pollution and residential radon). The results of this study will inform cancer prevention and public health initiatives, as well as public policy.



# EVICT RADON



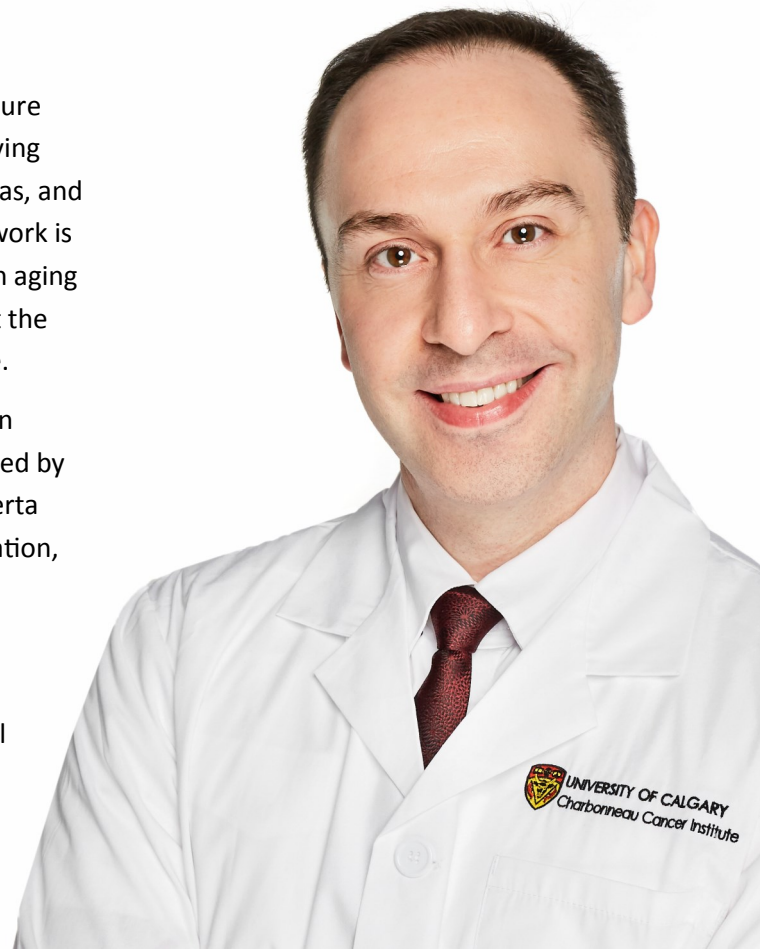
Radon emits radiation  
that damages your  
DNA, **leading to cancer**

## Evict Radon

**Dr. Aaron Goodarzi**, Canada Research Chair for Radiation Exposure Disease and member of the **Robson DNA Science Centre**, is studying ionizing radiation, such as the alpha particles emitted by radon gas, and how this type of radiation impacts DNA damage and repair. His work is improving our knowledge of cancer development and the human aging process, as well as informing efforts to educate the public about the harms of ionizing radiation and how to avoid or reduce exposure.

Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers and can further increase the risk of lung cancer in smokers. Work published by Dr. Goodarzi in 2017 revealed that 1 in 8 homes in southern Alberta have cancer-causing levels of radon. Yet, with appropriate mitigation, radon can be eliminated in homes.

Dr. Goodarzi now leads a grass-roots, citizen science initiative, **Evict Radon**, to increase awareness about radon testing and mitigation. The Evict Radon campaign has evolved into a national research initiative to test thousands of homes across Canada for radon. Learn more at [www.evictradon.ca](http://www.evictradon.ca).

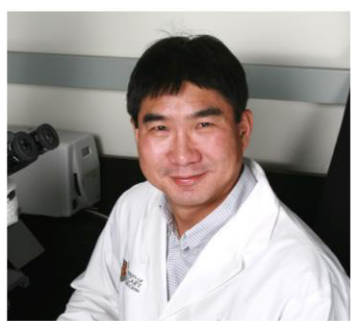


**Right:** Dr. Aaron Goodarzi

# Improving Cancer Treatment

## Brain Tumour Biology and Therapeutics

Clark Smith Brain Tumour Centre scientists and clinician researchers have made notable contributions to the understanding and treatment of brain cancer.



**Dr. V. Wee Yong** spearheaded a brain immunotherapy program and has shown that immune cells in brain tumours can be activated by the off-label use of existing drugs, such as the antifungal drug amphotericin B, to suppress cancer growth in animal model systems. He is leading a CIHR-funded trial, *Mobilizing anti-tumor microglia/macrophages with niacin to improve the prognosis of glioblastoma*, which will study the role of niacin (vitamin B3), a more tolerable drug than amphotericin B, in boosting immune cells within the brain to suppress tumour growth in patients with glioblastoma.



**Drs. Donna Senger and Steve Robbins** have shown how brain tumour cells are able to influence the adjacent brain environment to ensure their own growth and survival. Using patient-derived brain tumour models, they are working to identify ways to exploit the active interplay between tumour cells, the surrounding normal cells, and the extracellular matrix within the brain to mitigate tumour proliferation, invasion, and therapeutic resistance. Through their work on the Terry Fox Research Institute Translational Cancer Research Project, *Modeling and therapeutic targeting of the clinical and genetic diversity of glioblastoma*, they identified a specific subset of immune cells that could be targetable in patients with glioblastoma.



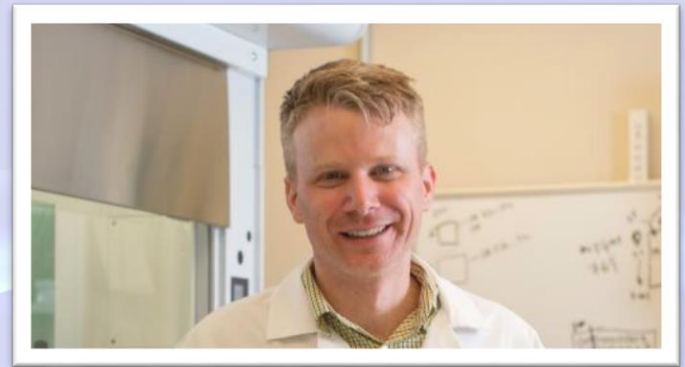
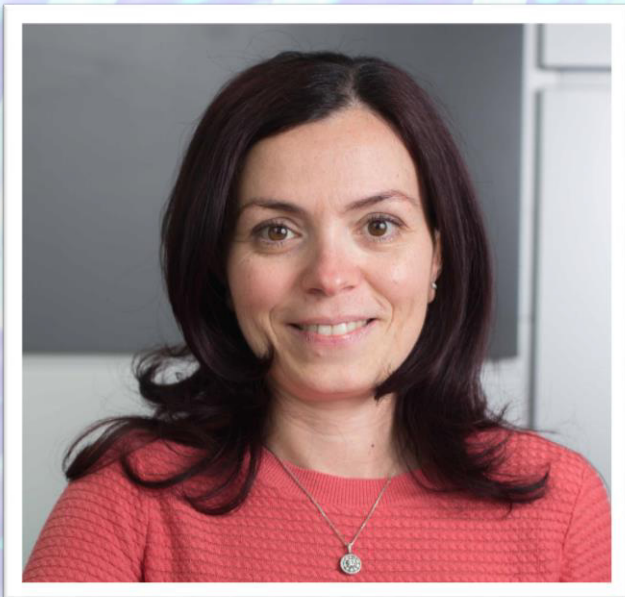
**Dr. Marco Gallo**, Canada Research Chair in Brain Cancer Epigenomics, is interested in the epigenome of brain cancer stem cells. He and his team have generated high resolution 3D genome maps using glioblastoma cells from three patients. These 3D maps have been integrated with epigenetic and transcriptional profiles to understand how individual genes are regulated in different patients. He has also shown that cancer stem cells from glioblastoma activate a group of immune-related genes that allow them to escape the immune system. The protein product of one of these genes is targetable using an experimental compound to which glioblastoma cancer stem cells are especially sensitive.

**Above:** Dr. V. Wee Yong (top); Dr. Donna Senger (middle); Dr. Marco Gallo (bottom)



# Precision Oncology in Multiple Myeloma

**Drs. Paola Neri** and **Nizar Bahlis** are conducting genomic studies to identify novel drug targets for multiple myeloma (MM), based on the individual genetic profile of the patient's tumour cells. Using this approach, they are able to deliver personalized and tailored therapeutics for patients with MM and define mechanisms of drug resistance to novel anti-MM agents. By performing single cell immune profiling in patients treated with immunotherapy, they have found that the expansion of central memory T-cells is important to achieve deep and durable responses in patients. Moreover, by analyzing the repertoire of T-cells through single cell sequencing, they are working to design efficient CAR-T cells targeting MM-specific neo-antigens.



## Oncolytic Virus Therapy

**Dr. Douglas Mahoney** and colleagues published a paper in *Nature Communications* in 2017, which showed that oncolytic rhabdoviruses and smac (second mitochondrial activator of caspase) mimetic compounds work synergistically to promote anticancer immunity by driving anticancer T-cell activity and reinvigorating exhausted T-cells in immuno-suppressed tumour microenvironments.

Building on his expertise designing therapeutic viruses and engineering immune cells, Dr. Mahoney is collaborating with **Dr. Jennifer Chan** on a new CAR-T cell program in cancer immunotherapy. The **ACTION (Advanced Cellular Therapy & Immune Oncology) Initiative** will include the identification of new immunotherapy targets, the development of innovative CAR T-cell technologies, preclinical studies in patient-derived and genetically-engineered mouse models, and an innovative clinical trials component at the Alberta Children's Hospital. ACTION strives to position Calgary as a Canadian hub for CAR-T cell innovation and enhance access in Alberta to these new immune-based cancer therapies.

**Above:** Dr. Paola Neri (left); Dr. Doug Mahoney (right)

## Improving the Patient Experience



### Improving Social Adjustment in Survivors of Childhood Cancer

Dr. Fiona Schulte is an Assistant Professor in the Division of Psychosocial Oncology and a psychologist in the Hematology, Oncology and Transplant program at the Alberta Children's Hospital (AHS). Her work has broadly explored psychological outcomes in survivors of pediatric cancers and specifically social adjustment in children who were treated for brain cancer. Her research has provided evidence for the negative impact of treatments directed at the brain, such as cranial radiation therapy, on social adjustment and cognitive impairment. She recently received funding from Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation that will allow her and her team to use peer data, multi-informant assessments, and neuroimaging to examine these relationships further. Dr. Schulte's future research will focus on children with acute lymphoblastic leukemia, the most common form of childhood cancer, to examine factors associated with poor social adjustment in this vulnerable population.



### National Impact: Improving Cancer Related Sexual Dysfunction

Dr. Lauren Walker, an Adjunct Assistant Professor within the Division of Psychosocial Oncology and psychologist at the Tom Baker Cancer Centre (AHS), has identified how to recognize and treat sexual dysfunction within the context of cancer. Over the course of about 10 years, Dr. Walker's research has transformed the way patients with cancer-related sexual dysfunction are supported, including the development of integrated intimacy work-shops, as part of routine care for prostate cancer. She has collaborated to develop a national sexual recovery e-clinic and health care provider training program based on her research. Dr. Walker's team developed a one-of-a-kind educational program for patients receiving androgen deprivation therapy for prostate cancer. It consists of a professionally facilitated class and a book she co-authored, titled *Androgen Deprivation Therapy: An Essential Guide for Prostate Cancer Patients and Their Loved Ones*. The program is available online and has been disseminated internationally, with 14 sites having served over 1000 patient/partner participants to date. Ultimately, Dr. Walker hopes that her work will help patients who tend to get overlooked, whether it's those who don't respond to traditional sexual medicine treatments or those who experiencing side effects that no one likes to talk about.



## Improving Care Delivery



### Toward Better Care: CHORD Consortium

Dr. Winson Cheung, an Associate Professor in the Department of Oncology and the Medical Director of Health Services Research at CancerControl Alberta (AHS), chairs the Cancer Health Outcomes Research Database (CHORD) Consortium, a pan-Canadian collaboration to develop a national cancer data repository for rectal cancer and other malignancies. Having demonstrated the feasibility of a national data sharing collaboration, Dr. Cheung led a study to examine whether adjuvant chemotherapy, which is associated with toxicity and increased healthcare costs, improves outcomes in patients with early stage rectal cancer. The study included patients from several provinces, including Newfoundland, Ontario, Alberta, and British Columbia. Published in the *American Journal of Clinical Oncology* in 2018, his study showed that post-surgical chemotherapy does not improve outcomes and its use should be carefully considered. By reducing the use of post-surgical chemotherapy, patients may be able avoid some unnecessary toxicity and long-term side effects from treatment.

### Palliative Care Early and Systematic (PaCES Study)

In 2018, **Drs. Jessica Simon** and **Aynharan Sinnarajah** (Tom Baker Cancer Centre, AHS) were awarded a grant from CIHR and Alberta Health to develop, implement, and evaluate the impact of an early, systematic and integrated palliative care pathway for advanced colorectal cancer on patient, caregiver, and health system outcomes. The PaCES Study seeks to increase the number of patients with advanced colorectal cancer who receive integrated palliative care and, in doing so, improve both patient-reported and health system outcomes. Initial PaCES activities focused on understanding why palliative care services are accessed late and the challenges that are associated with integrating palliative care into clinical practice. The team discovered that health care providers and patients perceive benefit in receiving palliative care at the same time as cancer-modifying treatments, but both are challenged by misperceptions that palliative care means that end of life is imminent. They also found that healthcare providers believe that a palliative care approach is part of their role as clinicians but struggle with knowing how best to provide it.

The team is now working to close these gaps through the routine identification of those likely to benefit; improved patient-clinician communication about care preferences; ensuring the essential components of palliative care are provided in a systematic way; on-going liaising between specialists, family doctors, and palliative care providers; and more timely access to palliative care.

**Above:** Dr. Winson Cheung; **Right:** Drs. Jessica Simon and Aynharan Sinnarajah



# New Childhood Cancer and Blood Disorders Collaborative Research Laboratories

Thanks to generous gifts from the Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation and Kids Cancer Care Foundation, in January 2018 the Institute opened its new **Childhood Cancer and Blood Disorders Collaborative Research Laboratories** in the Heritage Medical Research Building. This modern, open-concept facility was designed to enable the sharing of equipment and research staff and provide collision space for researchers to share new ideas and plan future research endeavours. The facility was planned and overseen by **Dr. Jennifer Chan** and now accommodates nine principal investigators (**Drs. Faisal Khan, Jan Storek, Aru Narendran, Marco Gallo, Paola Neri, Nizar Bahlis, Sorana Morrissy, Edwin Wang, and Jennifer Chan**) and their trainees and staff.

The facility supports research to: understand the cellular and molecular basis for childhood cancer initiation and progression, innovate and test new therapeutic approaches for the treatment of childhood cancers, and increase the availability of patient-derived samples and experimental models of childhood cancer. It also features a hematology translational laboratory (**Drs. Faisal Khan and Jan Storek**), which was accredited by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta to provide clinical testing for patients across the province undergoing bone marrow transplant, including Next-Generation Sequencing-based somatic variant results.

**Below:** Dr. Jennifer Chan in the Childhood Cancer and Blood Disorders Collaborative Research Laboratories (Photo credit: Riley Brandt)





# Tri-Council Grant Recipients (2017-2018)

## Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada:

Dr. Shirin Bonni  
Dr. Sarah Childs  
Dr. Jennifer Cobb  
Dr. Jason de Koning  
Dr. Darren Derksen  
Dr. Marco Gallo  
Dr. Aaron Goodarzi  
Dr. Savraj Grewal  
Dr. Ebba Kurz  
Dr. Haocheng Li  
Dr. Jonathan Lytton  
Dr. Gregory Moorhead  
Dr. Derrick Rancourt  
Dr. Karl Riabowol  
Dr. Kristina Rinker  
Dr. Amir Sanati Nezhad  
Dr. David Schriemer  
Dr. Hans Vogel  
Dr. Edwin Wang  
Dr. Gareth Williams

## Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR):

### Spring 2018 Project Grant:

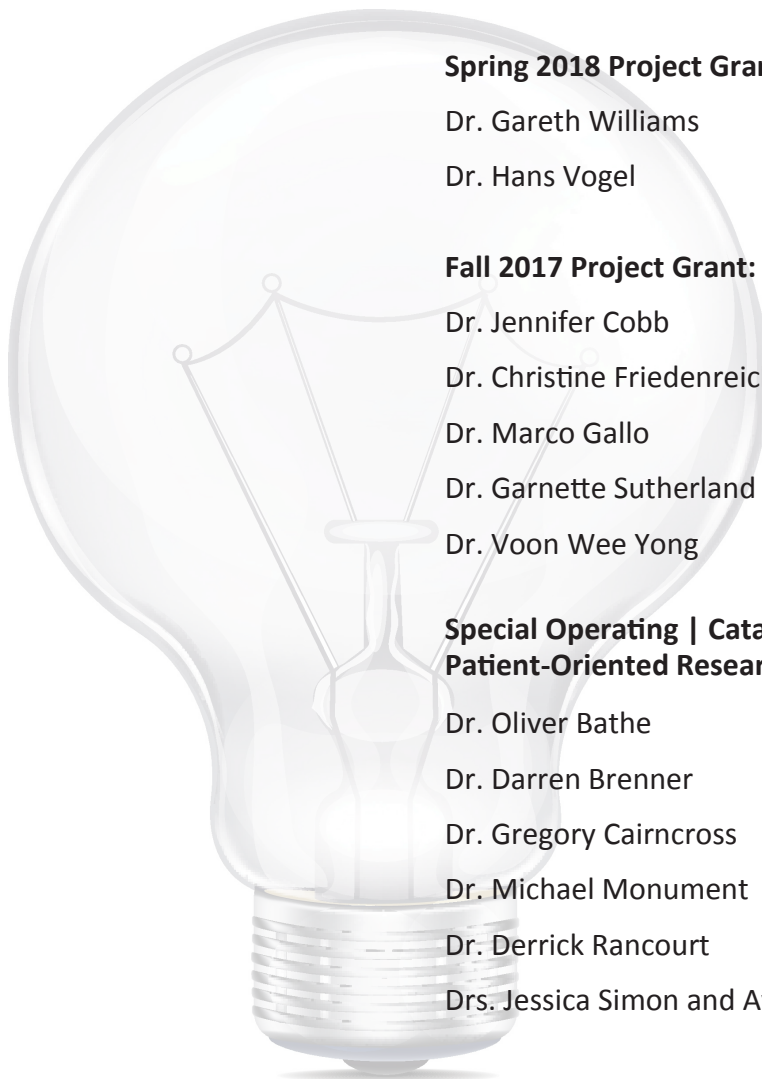
Dr. Gareth Williams  
Dr. Hans Vogel

### Fall 2017 Project Grant:

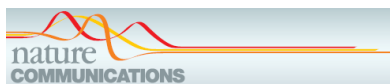
Dr. Jennifer Cobb  
Dr. Christine Friedenreich  
Dr. Marco Gallo  
Dr. Garnette Sutherland  
Dr. Voon Wee Yong

### Special Operating | Catalyst | Supporting Patient-Oriented Research | Other Grants:

Dr. Oliver Bathe  
Dr. Darren Brenner  
Dr. Gregory Cairncross  
Dr. Michael Monument  
Dr. Derrick Rancourt  
Drs. Jessica Simon and Aynharan Sinnarajah



# Noteworthy Publications by Institute Members (2017-2018)



DOI: 10.1038/s41467-017-00324-x

OPEN

## Smac mimetics and oncolytic viruses synergize in driving anticancer T-cell responses through complementary mechanisms

Dae-Sun Kim<sup>1,2,3</sup>, Himika Dastidar<sup>1,2,3</sup>, Chunfen Zhang<sup>1,2</sup>, Franz J. Zemp<sup>1,2,3</sup>, Keith Lau<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>, Matthias Ernst<sup>1,2</sup>, Andrea Rakic<sup>1,2,5</sup>, Saif Sikdar<sup>1,2,3</sup>, Jahanara Rajwani<sup>1,2</sup>, Victor Naumenko<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>, Dale R. Balce<sup>6</sup>, Ben W. Ewanchuk<sup>7</sup>, Pankaj Tailor<sup>6</sup>, Robin M. Yates<sup>6,7</sup>, Craig Jenne<sup>3,4</sup>, Chris Gafuik<sup>1,2,3</sup> & Douglas J. Mahoney<sup>1,2,3,7</sup>

DOI: 10.1038/s41467-018-05427-7

OPEN

## Identification of nine new susceptibility loci for endometrial cancer

Tracy A. O'Mara<sup>1</sup> et al.<sup>#</sup> (Christine Friedenreich)

DOI: 10.1038/s41467-018-03014-4

OPEN

## Identification of the fungal ligand triggering cytotoxic PRR-mediated NK cell killing of *Cryptococcus* and *Candida*

Shu Shun Li<sup>1,2</sup>, Henry Ogbomo<sup>1,2</sup>, Michael K. Mansour<sup>3</sup>, Richard F. Xiang<sup>1,2</sup>, Lian Szabo<sup>4</sup>, Fay Munro<sup>5</sup>, Priyanka Mukherjee<sup>5</sup>, Roy A. Mariuzza<sup>6</sup>, Matthias Amrein<sup>5</sup>, Jatin M. Vyas<sup>6,3</sup>, Stephen M. Robbins<sup>7,8</sup> & Christopher H. Mody<sup>1,2,4</sup>

DOI: 10.1038/s41467-018-04743-2

OPEN

## Quantitative in vivo whole genome motility screen reveals novel therapeutic targets to block cancer metastasis

Konstantin Stoleto<sup>1</sup>, Lian Willetts<sup>1</sup>, Robert J. Paproski<sup>1</sup>, David J. Bond<sup>1</sup>, Srijan Raha<sup>1</sup>, Juan Jovel<sup>2,3</sup>, Benjamin Adam<sup>4</sup>, Amy E. Robertson<sup>1</sup>, Francis Wong<sup>1</sup>, Emma Woolner<sup>1</sup>, Deborah L. Sosnowski<sup>1</sup>, Tarek A. Bismar<sup>5</sup>, Gane Ka-Shu Wong<sup>2,3,6</sup>, Andries Zijlstra<sup>6,7</sup> & John D. Lewis<sup>1,2</sup>

DOI: 10.1038/s41467-018-06464-6

OPEN

## TGF- $\beta$ -associated extracellular matrix genes link cancer-associated fibroblasts to immune evasion and immunotherapy failure

Ankur Chakravarthi<sup>1,2</sup>, Lubaba Khan<sup>3,4,5</sup>, Nathan Peter Bensler<sup>3,4,5</sup>, Pinaki Bose<sup>3,4,5,6</sup> & Daniel D. De Carvalho<sup>1,2</sup>

# nature

Nature. 2017 September 14; 549(7671): 227–232. doi:10.1038/nature23666.

## Fate mapping of human glioblastoma reveals an invariant stem cell hierarchy

Xiaoyang Lan<sup>1,2,3</sup>, David J. Jörg<sup>4,5</sup>, Florence M. G. Cavalli<sup>1,2</sup>, Laura M. Richards<sup>12,13</sup>, Long V. Nguyen<sup>7</sup>, Robert J. Vanner<sup>1,2,3</sup>, Paul Guilhamon<sup>12,13,14</sup>, Lillian Lee<sup>1,2</sup>, Michelle Kushida<sup>1,2</sup>, Davide Pellacani<sup>7,8</sup>, Nicole I. Park<sup>1,2,3</sup>, Fiona J. Coutinho<sup>1,2,3</sup>, Heather Whetstone<sup>1,2</sup>, Hayden J. Selvadurai<sup>1,2</sup>, Clare Che<sup>1,2</sup>, Betty Luu<sup>1,2</sup>, Annaick Carles<sup>9</sup>, Michelle Moksa<sup>9</sup>, Naghme Rastegar<sup>1,2</sup>, Renee Head<sup>1,2</sup>, Sonam Dolma<sup>1,2,11</sup>, Panagiotis Prinos<sup>13,20</sup>, Michael D. Cusimano<sup>17,18</sup>, Sunit Das<sup>17,18</sup>, Mark Bernstein<sup>16,18</sup>, Cheryl H. Arrowsmith<sup>13,20</sup>, Andrew J. Mungall<sup>10</sup>, Richard A. Moore<sup>10</sup>, Yussanne Ma<sup>10</sup>, Marco Gallo<sup>19</sup>, Mathieu Lupien<sup>12,13,14</sup>, Trevor J. Pugh<sup>12,13</sup>, Michael D. Taylor<sup>1,2,11,15,18</sup>, Martin Hirst<sup>9,10</sup>, Connie J. Eaves<sup>7,8</sup>, Benjamin D. Simons<sup>4,5,6,\*</sup>, and Peter B. Dirks<sup>1,2,3,15,18,\*</sup>

# nature medicine

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## A mouse model for embryonal tumors with multilayered rosettes uncovers the therapeutic potential of Sonic-hedgehog inhibitors

Julia E. Neumann, Annika K. Wefers, Sander Lambo, Edoardo Bianchi, Marie Bockstaller, Mario M. Dorostkar, Valerie Meister, Pia Schindler, Andrey Korshunov, Katja von Hoff, Johannes Nowak, Monika Warmuth-Metz, Marlon R. Schneider, Ingrid Renner-Müller, Daniel J. Merk, Mehdi Shakarami, Tanvi Sharma, Lukas Chavez, Rainer Glass, Jennifer A. Chan, M. Mark Taketo, Philipp Neumann, Marcel Kool & Ulrich Schüller

# ARTICLES

<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41590-017-0030-x>

# nature immunology

## Aged polymorphonuclear leukocytes cause fibrotic interstitial lung disease in the absence of regulation by B cells

Jung Hwan Kim<sup>1,2</sup>, John Podstawka<sup>1,2</sup>, Yuefei Lou<sup>1,2</sup>, Lu Li<sup>1,2</sup>, Esther K. S. Lee<sup>1,2</sup>, Maziar Divangahi<sup>3</sup>, Björn Petri<sup>4,5</sup>, Frank R. Jirik<sup>6</sup>, Margaret M. Kelly<sup>1,2</sup> and Bryan G. Yipp<sup>1,2,\*</sup>

# nature REVIEWS ENDOCRINOLOGY

Review Article | Published: 31 March 2017

## Molecular profiling of thyroid nodule fine-needle aspiration cytology

Markus Eszlinger, Lorraine Lau, Sana Ghaznavi, Christopher Symonds, Shamir P. Chandarana, Moosa Khalil & Ralf Paschke  
Nature Reviews Endocrinology 13, 415–424 (2017)



## nature structural & molecular biology

*Nat Struct Mol Biol.* 2018 June ; 25(6): 482–487. doi:10.1038/s41594-018-0065-1.

### Dissection of DNA double-strand break repair using novel single-molecule forceps

Jing L. Wang<sup>1,\*</sup>, Camille Duboc<sup>1,\*</sup>, Qian Wu<sup>2,\*</sup>, Takashi Ochi<sup>2,8</sup>, Shikang Liang<sup>2</sup>, Susan E. Tsutakawa<sup>3</sup>, Susan P. Lees-Miller<sup>4</sup>, Marc Nadal<sup>1</sup>, John A. Tainer<sup>3,5</sup>, Tom L. Blundell<sup>2</sup>, and Terence R. Strick<sup>1,6,7,†</sup>

## nature genetics

*Nat Genet.* 2017 May ; 49(5): 680–691. doi:10.1038/ng.3826.

### Identification of twelve new susceptibility loci for different histotypes of epithelial ovarian cancer

A full list of authors and affiliations appears at the end of the article. (Martin Kobel)

## nature nanotechnology

*Nat Nanotechnol.* 2017 Jul;12(7):701–710. doi: 10.1038/nnano.2017.56. Epub 2017 Apr 24.

### Peptide-MHC-based nanomedicines for autoimmunity function as T-cell receptor microclustering devices.

Singha S<sup>1</sup>, Shao K<sup>1</sup>, Yang Y<sup>1,2</sup>, Clemente-Casares X<sup>1</sup>, Solé P<sup>3</sup>, Clemente A<sup>3</sup>, Blanco J<sup>3</sup>, Dai Q<sup>4</sup>, Song E<sup>4</sup>, Liu SW<sup>5</sup>, Yamanouchi J<sup>1</sup>, Umeshappa CS<sup>1</sup>, Naniundappa RH<sup>1</sup>, Detampel P<sup>6</sup>, Amrein M<sup>6</sup>, Fandos C<sup>3</sup>, Tanguay R<sup>7</sup>, Newbigging S<sup>8</sup>, Serra P<sup>3</sup>, Khadra A<sup>5</sup>, Chan WCW<sup>4</sup>, Santamaria P<sup>1,3</sup>.



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### Overall Survival with Palbociclib and Fulvestrant in Advanced Breast Cancer

N.C. Turner, D.J. Slamon, J. Ro, I. Bondarenko, S.-A. Im, N. Masuda, M. Colleoni, A. DeMichele, S. Loi, S. Verma, H. Iwata, N. Harbeck, S. Loibl, F. André, K. Puyana Theall, X. Huang, C. Giorgetti, C. Huang Bartlett, and M. Cristofanilli

### Venetoclax–Rituximab in Relapsed or Refractory Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia

J.F. Seymour, T.J. Kipps, B. Eichhorst, P. Hillmen, J. D'Rozario, S. Assouline, C. Owen, J. Gerecitano, T. Robak, J. De la Serna, U. Jaeger, G. Cartron, M. Montillo, R. Humerickhouse, E.A. Punnoose, Y. Li, M. Boyer, K. Humphrey, M. Mobasher, and A.P. Kater

### Obinutuzumab for the First-Line Treatment of Follicular Lymphoma

R. Marcus, A. Davies, K. Ando, W. Klapper, S. Opat, C. Owen, E. Phillips, R. Sangha, R. Schlag, J.F. Seymour, W. Townsend, M. Trněný, M. Wenger, G. Fingerle-Rowson, K. Rufibach, T. Moore, M. Herold, and W. Hiddemann

## Cell

### A Hematogenous Route for Medulloblastoma Leptomeningeal Metastases

Livia Garzia, Noriyuki Kijima, A. Sorana Morrissey, Pasqualino De Antonellis, Ana Guerreiro-Stucklin, Borja L. Holgado, Xiaochong Wu, Xin Wang, Michael Parsons, Kory Zayne, Alex Manno, Claudia Kuzan-Fischer, Carolina Nor, Laura K. Donovan, Jessica Liu, Lei Qin, Alexandra Garancher, Kun-Wei Liu, Sheila Mansouri, Betty Luu, Yuan Yao Thompson, Vijay Ramaswamy, John Peacock, Hamza Farooq, Patryk Skowron, David J.H. Shih, Angela Li, Sherine Ensan, Clinton S. Robbins, Myron Cybulsky, Siddhartha Mitra, Yussanne Ma, Richard Moore, Andy Mungall, Yoon-Jae Cho, William A. Weiss, Jennifer A. Chan, Cynthia E. Hawkins, Maura Massimino, Nada Jabado, Michal Zapotocky, David Sumerauer, Eric Bouffet, Peter Dirks, Uri Tabori, Poul H.B. Sorensen, Priscilla K. Brastianos, Kenneth Aldape, Steven J.M. Jones, Marco A. Marra, James R. Woodgett, Robert J. Wechsler-Reya, Daniel W. Fults, and Michael D. Taylor

## Cancer Cell

### Comparative Molecular Analysis of Gastrointestinal Adenocarcinomas

Yang Liu,<sup>1,2,22</sup> Nilay S. Sethi,<sup>1,2,22</sup> Toshinori Hinoue,<sup>3,22</sup> Barbara G. Schneider,<sup>4,22</sup> Andrew D. Cherniack,<sup>1,2</sup> Francisco Sanchez-Vega,<sup>5</sup> Jose A. Seoane,<sup>6</sup> Farshad Farshidfar,<sup>7</sup> Reanne Bowlby,<sup>8</sup> Mirazul Islam,<sup>1,2</sup> Jaegil Kim,<sup>1</sup> Walid Chatila,<sup>9</sup> Rehan Akbani,<sup>10</sup> Rupa S. Kanchi,<sup>10</sup> Charles S. Rabkin,<sup>11</sup> Joseph E. Willis,<sup>12</sup> Kenneth K. Wang,<sup>13</sup> Shannon J. McCall,<sup>1,4</sup> Lopa Mishra,<sup>1,5</sup> Akinyemi I. Ojesina,<sup>10,21</sup> Susan Bullman,<sup>2</sup> Chandra Sekhar Pedamallu,<sup>2</sup> Alexander J. Lazar,<sup>17</sup> Ryo Sakai,<sup>10</sup> The Cancer Genome Atlas Research Network, Vesteinn Thorsson,<sup>10,25,\*</sup> Adam J. Bass,<sup>1,2,20,25,\*</sup> and Peter W. Laird<sup>3,23,24,\*</sup>

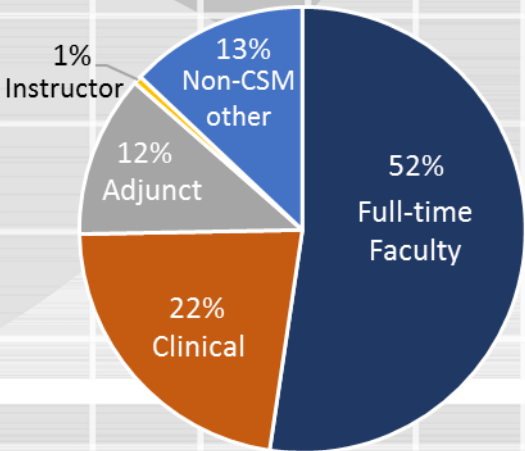
*Cancer Cell.* 2017 August 14; 32(2): 185–203.e13. doi:10.1016/j.ccell.2017.07.007.

### Integrated Genomic Characterization of Pancreatic Ductal Adenocarcinoma

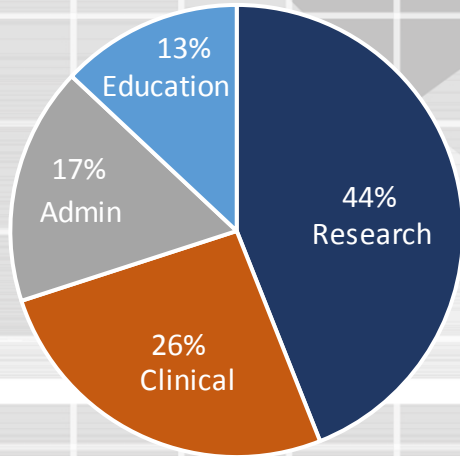
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# Institute Metrics

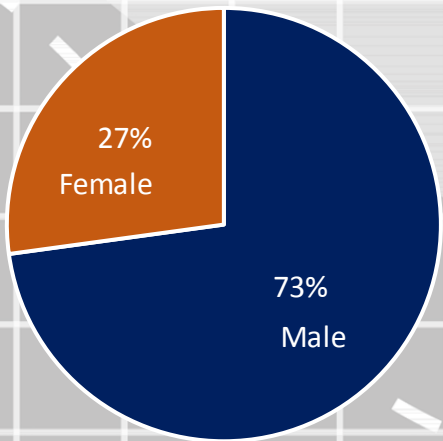
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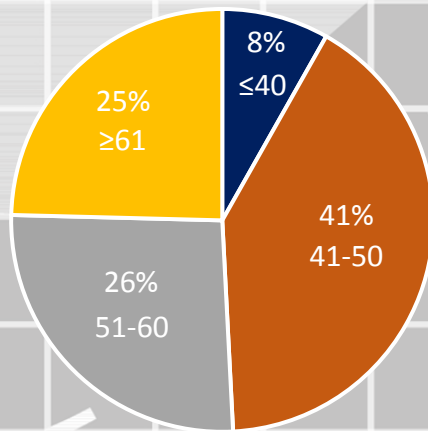
Activity Profile of Full Members (Full-Time Faculty)



Gender



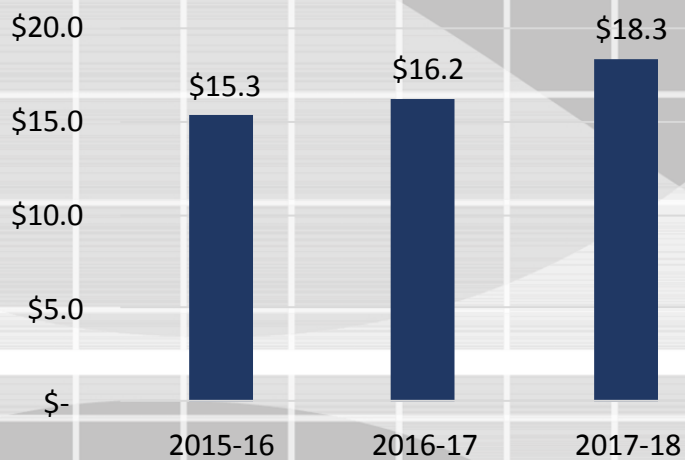
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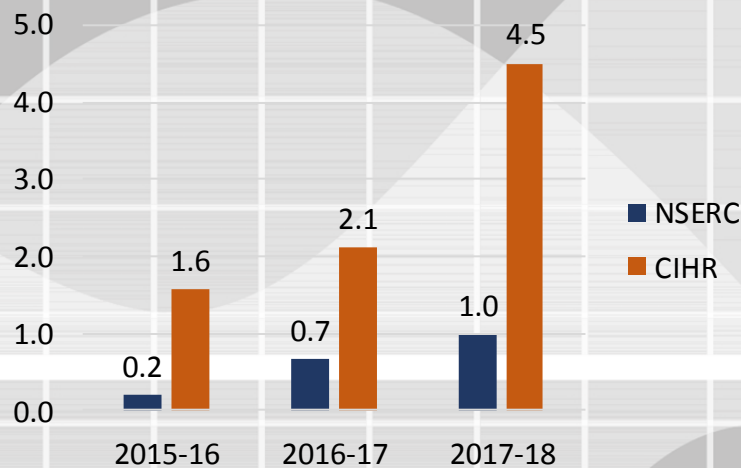
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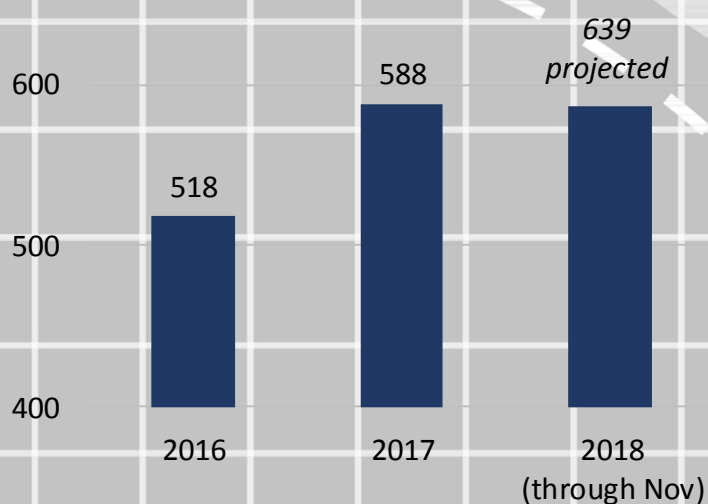
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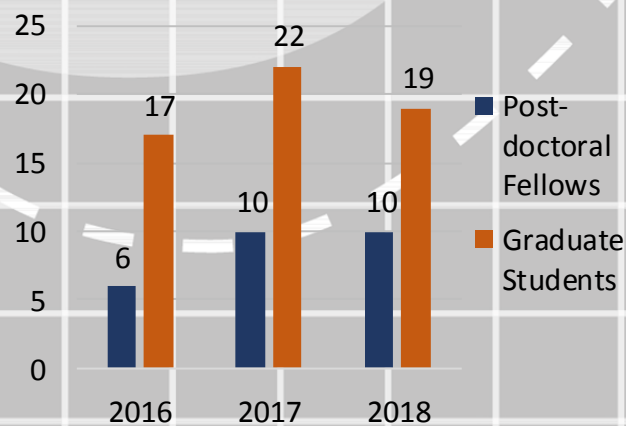
**Tri-Council (Federal) Revenue (\$ millions)**



**Number of Publications (All Members)**



**Annual Enrolment of New Trainees**



**Notes:** Total research revenue includes grants, gifts, and donations received by Institute members; Tri-Council (Federal) revenue, as a portion of the total research revenue, includes grants from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) and the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC).

# Institute Gifts and Financials



Gifts since 2014  
from private donors,  
foundations, and other  
charitable organizations:

**\$30 million**

Fundraising efforts over the past year (2017-2018) have generated several new gifts, including:

- ◆ \$2,087,000 for childhood cancer research;
- ◆ \$500,000 for health services research;
- ◆ \$500,000 for radon science (Evict Radon campaign);
- ◆ \$200,000 for precision oncology focused on oropharyngeal cancers;
- ◆ \$70,000 for cancer prevention research; and
- ◆ several smaller gifts for Institute programs and researchers.

Over \$50 million of the \$150 million cancer target has been raised for the University’s Energize Campaign.

Statement of Operations	2017-18 Actuals	2018-19 Budget	2019-20 Forecast
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Lim, Gerald  
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