

Population Health and Prevention in the Omics and Big Data Era:

-- A cell-to-society approach --



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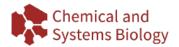
















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October 17, 2018

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the 2018 Symposium on Liver Cancer and ALDH2. We are pleased to host an accomplished group of population scientists, clinicians, basic scientists, bioinformatics scientists, and researchers at this symposium. Over the next two days, we will have the opportunity to hear about the current state of liver cancer epidemiology, etiology, treatment, and prevention as well as solutions to address this fast-growing cancer. On Day 2, we will host the 4th ALDH2 STAR symposium to explore the role ALDH2 enzyme deficiency plays in cancer and other diseases, and to provide insight into ALDH2-related disease prevention at the population level.

We hope that through spontaneous and stimulating interactions, this symposium will provide a platform to spark new ideas, engage in intellectual exchanges, and forge new collaborations.

Enjoy your time at Stanford. We wish you an exciting and productive meeting!

Sincerely,

Ann Hsing, PhD Co-Chair

Che-Hong Chen, PhD

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Co-Chair





CARL AND ELIZABETH NAUMANN DEAN OF THE STANFORD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Professor of Otolaryngology—Head and Neck Surgery Professor of Neurobiology and of Bioengineering, by courtesy

September, 2018

Dear Friends,

I am delighted to welcome you to Stanford Medicine. Here, our researchers, clinicians, and students are ushering in the era of Precision Health, a proactive approach to medicine that not only treats disease but predicts, prevents, and when necessary, cures it — precisely.

Those gathered here will discuss two increasingly important health issues, liver cancer and aldehyde metabolism, and, in so doing, will build upon Stanford Medicine's Precision Health vision.

The first day's focus on liver cancer — specifically its causes and the resulting implications for detection, prevention, and treatment — seeks solutions for addressing a fast-growing and increasingly deadly disease. Locally, the Greater San Francisco Bay Area has one of the highest liver cancer burdens in the country, and globally the incidence of liver cancer has increased 75 percent worldwide from 1990 to 2015.

Conversations on the second day during the 4th international ALDH2 STAR symposium focused around aldehyde metabolism deficiencies has the potential to benefit half a billion people worldwide. This widespread deficiency, which disproportionately affects East Asian populations, is recognized by facial flushing after alcohol consumption. This intolerance for aldehydes is a health risk for upper digestive track cancers and cardiovascular disease. I look forward to seeing how the day's conversations spark efforts that complement the ALDH2 STAR Research Consortium's progress in disease research, therapeutics development, and public health awareness.

I am a firm believer that solving health care's greatest challenges requires convening diverse people with varied perspectives to engage in intense intellectual exchanges. For this reason, it is our great pleasure to host such an accomplished group of clinicians, basic scientists, population scientists, bioinformatics scientists, and researchers at this year's Population Health and Prevention in the Omics and Big Data Era.

Please enjoy your time at Stanford. We wish you an exciting and productive meeting.

Sincerely,

Lloyd B. Minor, MD

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Beverly S. Mitchell, MD
George E. Becker Professor of Medicine
Director Emeritus and Senior Advisor
Stanford Cancer Institute

October, 2018

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Stanford Cancer Institute (SCI), I would like to welcome you to Stanford for the 2018 symposium on Population Health and Prevention in the Omics and Big Data Era: A cell-to-society approach. In this two-day symposium, we have lined up many experts in the fields of epidemiology, population sciences, hepatology, data science, basic science, molecular biology, and clinical medicine to help brainstorm creative solutions that address important health issues affecting our population. For this year's symposium, we will focus on liver cancer and ALDH2. In the future, we hope to expand to other cancer sites.

I hope you will use this symposium to gain new knowledge and perspective, reflect, and network to establish new collaborations to advance science and clinical medicine.

Enjoy the symposium and our beautiful campus.

Sincerely,

Beverly Mitchell, MD

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Director Emeritus and Senior Advisor Stanford Cancer Institute



SCHEDULE: 10.17.2018

CHANGING LANDSCAPE AND ETIOLOGY OF LIVER CANCER: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR PREVENTION

8:00 - 9:00 am: BREAKFAST & REGISTRATION

9:00 - 9:20 am: WELCOME Ann Hsing, PhD; Che-Hong Chen, PhD; Co-Chairs | Lloyd Minor, MD, Dean, Stanford School

of Medicine | Beverly Mitchell, MD, Director Emeritus and Senior Advisor, Stanford Cancer

Institute | Steven Artandi, MD, PhD, Director, Stanford Cancer Institute

SESSION ONE

Hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) Risk Factors and Pathogenesis • Chair: Paul Kwo, MD, Stanford University

9:20 - 9:45 am	The changing landscape and etiology of liver cancer in the U.S.: opportunities and challenges for prevention	Ann Hsing, PhD Stanford University	
9:45 - 10:10 am	Pathogenesis of HCC: viral and non-viral HCC: are they the same?	Adrian DiBisceglie, MD Saint Louis University	
10:10 - 10:35 am	Hepatitis B virus-related hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC): early detection, treatment and prevention	Brian McMahon, MD Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)	
10:35 - 11:00 am	BREAK		
11:00 - 11:25 am	Hepatitis C virus-related HCC: early detection, treatment, and prevention	Paul Kwo, MD Stanford University	
11:25 – 11:50 am	Metabolic syndrome, non-alcoholic fatty liver (NAFLD)-related HCC: a rising epidemic	Paul Kwo, MD Stanford University	
11:50 - 12:10 pm	Discussion		
12:10 - 1:15 pm	LUNCH & GROUP PHOTO		

SESSION TWO

HCC Early Detection and Precision Medicine • Chair: Samuel So, MD, Stanford University

5:10 - 6:30 pm	POSTER SESSION & RECEPTION	
4:30 - 5:10 pm	Panel Discussion – Next Steps - Panelists: All speakers	Moderator Ann Hsing, PhD Stanford University
4:20 - 4:30 pm	Discussion	
4:10 - 4:20 pm	Liver cancer and the National Cancer Institute: funding initiatives and research opportunities	Tram Kim Lam, PhD, MPH National Cancer institute
3:45 - 4:10 pm	Biomarkers for HCC early detection	Jorge Marrero, MD, MS University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
3:20 - 3:45 pm	Advanced MR Imaging of Liver Tumors	Heike Daldrup-Link, MD, PhD Stanford University
2:55 - 3:20 pm	BREAK	
2:30 - 2:55 pm	EGF in HCC Transformation: Effective Chemoprevention	Kenneth Tanabe, MD Harvard University
2:05 - 2:30 pm	Transcriptome-based precision medicine approach for liver cancer risk prediction and chemoprevention	Yujin Hoshida, MD, PhD University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
1:40 - 2:05 pm	Hepatocyte renewal and the origins of liver cancer	Steven Artandi, MD, PhD Stanford University
1:15 – 1:40 pm	Modeling human HCC in Mice: biological and therapeutic implications	Dean Felsher, MD, PhD Stanford University

SCHEDULE: 10.18.2018



ALDH2 DEFICIENCY AND HUMAN HEALTH: 4^{TH} ANNUAL ALDH2 STAR SYMPOSIUM

8:00-8:30 am: BREAKFAST & REGISTRATION

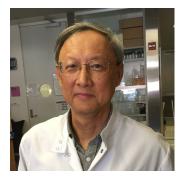
8:30-8:40 am: WELCOME • Daria Mochly-Rosen, PhD; Stanford University, Co-Chair, ALDH2 STAR Research Consortium

	SESSION ONE	
	ALDH2 and Precision Medicine • Chair: Eric Gross, MD, PhD,	Stanford University
8:40 - 9:05 am	Ethanol and precision medicine: new considerations for an old problem	Daria Mochly-Rosen, PhD Stanford University
9:05 - 9:30 am	Quick and highly accurate breath test for ALDH2 genotyping	Shinya Ohashi, MD, PhD Kyoto University, Japan
9:30 - 9:55 am	Targeting ALDH2 in heart failure	Julio Ferreira, PhD University of São Paulo, Braz
9:55 - 10:25 am	BREAK	
10:25 – 10:50 am	ALDH2 and development of acute coronary syndrome	Feng Xu, MD, PhD Shandong University, China
10:50 - 11:15 am	Modulation of aldehyde metabolism in hematopoietic stem cells	Kenneth Weinberg, MD Stanford University
11:15 - 11:40 am	ALDH2 and esophageal cancer stem cells	Hiroshi Nakagawa, MD, PhD University of Pennsylvania
11:40 - 12:05 pm	Reducing chronic disease burden using allosteric activators of ALDH2	Wenjing Yang, PhD Foresee Pharmaceuticals, Taiwan
12:05 - 1:15 pm	LUNCH & GROUP PHOTO	
	SESSION TWO	
	ALDH2, Aldehydic Load, and Public Health • Che-Hong Che	n, PhD; Stanford University
1:15 – 1:40 pm	Monitoring and treatment of reactive aldehydes produced during surgery	Eric Gross, MD, PhD Stanford University
1:40 – 2:05 pm	DNA damage from acetaldehyde in the oral cavity: Investigating alcohol-related mechanisms of carcinogenesis for the upper aero-digestive tract	Silvia Balbo, PhD University of Minnesota
2:05 - 2:30 pm	Molecular probes of cellular aldehydes	Eric Kool, PhD Stanford University
2:30 - 2:45 pm	BREAK	
2:45 - 3:00 pm	Prevention of Liver Cancer after Elimination of Chronic Viral Hepatitis: Implication of Gene-Environment Interaction	Chien-Jen Chen, PhD Academia Sinica, Taiwan
3:00 - 3:25 pm	ALDH2 deficiency and public health education	Che-Hong Chen, PhD Stanford University
3:25 - 4:00 pm	ALDH2 public health education and Taiwan Alcohol Intolerance Education Society (TAIES)	Winners of Taiwan alcohol intolerance education competition
4:00 - 4:50 pm	Discussion and 2019 ALDH2 STAR Symposium	Che-Hong Chen, PhD Daria Mochly-Rosen, PhD Eric Gross, MD, PhD
4:50 pm	Meeting Adjourn	

SYMPOSIUM CO-CHAIRS

CHE-HONG CHEN, PhD, Symposium Co-Chair

Senior Research Scientist Department of Chemical and Systems Biology Stanford University, CA, USA



Che-Hong, a molecular biologist and geneticist, has been in Prof. Daria Mochly-Rosen's laboratory since 1992. His current research focuses on the function of ALDH multi-gene family and its association with human diseases. Che-Hong's research is highlighted by the discovery of a class of novel enzyme modulators of aldehyde dehydrogenase. One of the most common mutations in the ALDH gene family is the East Asian-specific ALDH2 point mutation which is present in approximately 560 million people, or 8% of the world population. The ALDH2 mutation leads to an enzyme deficiency and is the cause of the well-known Asian Alcohol Flushing Syndrome (or Alcohol Intolerance). Using an ALDH2 deficient mouse model, Che-Hong is currently identifying molecular and

pathological targets that are susceptible to toxic and reactive aldehydes in human diseases. Since 2015, Che-Hong has organized and served as the CEO of the Stanford-Taiwan ALDH2 Deficiency Research (STAR) consortium (now ALDH2 STAR Research Consortium) which is devoted to the promotion of multidisciplinary collaboration of basic and clinical research on ALDH2 deficiency. In 2017, Che-Hong also founded a non-profit organization of Taiwan Alcohol Intolerance Education Society (TAIES) in Taiwan. The mission of TAIES is to promote public health education and awareness of ALDH2 deficiency and to related health risks in Taiwan and East Asia.

ANN HSING, PhD, Symposium Co-Chair Professor of Medicine Stanford University, CA, USA



Dr. Ann Hsing is a professor of medicine at Stanford University and a co-leader of the Population Sciences Program at Stanford Cancer Institute (SCI). She is a faculty fellow at the Center for Innovation in Global Health and Stanford Center for Population Health Sciences. Dr. Hsing is a molecular epidemiologist with over 30 years of experience. She is an internationally renowned expert on prostate and hepatobiliary cancer epidemiology, and served as a tenured senior investigator at the National Cancer Institute prior to joining Stanford. At SCI, Dr. Hsing leads the Liver Cancer Working Group and the low dose CT Screening for Lung Cancer Working Group. She chairs the Pacific Rim Alliances for Population Health, a

new initiative at Stanford Medicine to focus on solving common and emerging health related issues in the Pacific Rim. Her current research focuses on liver cancer and lung cancer among never smokers - cancers that are particularly common in Asians and Asian Americans. In addition, Dr. Hsing serves as principal investigator of WELL Asia, an ongoing collaboration that has established prospective cohorts and biobanks in China, Taiwan, and Singapore to investigate socio-behavioral, biochemical, and molecular determinants of well-being. Throughout her career, Dr. Hsing has published over 290 peer-reviewed scientific articles and mentored over 60 post-doctoral fellows and junior investigators.

COMMITTEE CHAIR

ERIC GROSS, MD, PhD
Assistant Professor
Department of Anesthesiology, Perioperative and Pain Medicine
Stanford University, CA, USA



Eric Gross is an anesthesiologist whose laboratory is investigating how to implement precision medicine strategies for reactive aldehyde exposure, particularly from environmental sources such as cigarettes and within hospital settings such as during surgery. The Gross lab is developing tools to quantify reactive aldehyde production and metabolism through non-invasive measures in addition to quantification through tissue biopsies. Dr. Gross is a steering committee member of the International ALDH2 STAR consortium. He is also a recipient of an early career MIRA award from NIGMS and has >45 publications related to the field of cellular stress.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

MICHELE BARRY, MD, FACP, FASTMH

Senior Associate Dean, Global Health
Director, Center for Innovation in Global Health
Professor of Medicine, Primary Care & Population Health
Senior Fellow at The Woods Institute For The Environment and at The Freeman SPOGLI Institute
Stanford University, CA, USA



As one of the co-founders of the Yale/Stanford Johnson and Johnson Global Health Scholar Award program, Dr. Barry has sent over 1500 physicians overseas to underserved areas to help strengthen health infrastructure in low resource settings. As a past President of the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene(ASTMH), she led an educational initiative in tropical medicine and travelers health which culminated in diploma courses in tropical medicine both in the U.S. and overseas, as well as a U.S. certification exam. Dr. Barry is an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine (NAM) and National Academy of Sciences since 2002. She has been selected for Best Doctors in America and currently sits on the NAM Board on Global Health. She is the 2019 Chair-elect of

the Board of Directors for the Consortium of Universities for Global Health (CUGH) and is a recipient of the Ben Kean Medal given every three years by the ASTMH to the outstanding tropical disease educator in the U.S. She is also the 2018 recipient of AMWA's highest award –the Elizabeth Blackwell medal for creating pathways for women in medicine.

MARK CULLEN, MD

Director, Center for Population Health Sciences Senior Associate Dean For Research Professor of Biomedical Data Science Professor, Health Research & Policy Senior Fellow at SIEPR Stanford University, CA, USA



Dr. Cullen is an expert in quantitative science and public health. He was recruited to Stanford in 2009 as Chief of General Medical Disciplines where he became increasingly interested in the potential for large observational data, merging EMR, biology, and physiology with available social and environmental data, to identify new pathways for discovery and translation, both at the bedside and through public policy. In April 2015, he was named inaugural Director of the Stanford Center for Population Health Sciences, devotedto discovery of the pathways across the life-course by which social and physical environment and behavior lead to beneficial or harmful expression of genetic endowment. Dr. Cullen has been a pioneer in big data; long before the practice became popular, hewas using large collections of data to study human health. Dr. Cullen's goals

include advancing science culture, building the stature of Stanford's program in quantitative sciences and catalyzing the development of true team science. Over the years, Dr. Cullen has had the privilege of living and doing research in many parts of the world including Zimbabwe, Ecuador, South Africa, and Australia.

HEIKE DALDRUP-LINK, MD, PhD

Professor of Radiology Professor by courtesy, Pediatrics Director, Pediatric Molecular Imaging, Molecular Imaging Co-Director, Cancer Imaging & Early Detection Program Stanford University, CA, USA



their imaging research.

Heike Elisabeth Daldrup-Link, MD, PhD, is a Professor of Radiology, Director of the Pediatric Molecular Imaging Program, Co-Director of the Small Animal Imaging Facility, Co-Director of the Cancer Imaging Program and Associate Chair for Diversity in the Department of Radiology at Stanford University. Dr. Daldrup-Link is a physician-scientist with sub-specialization in cancer imaging and molecular imaging. Dr.Daldrup-Link has both uncovered basic science principles for nanoparticle imaging in an NIH funded-basic science lab and brought the most promising imaging innovations to her patients' bedside. Over the past 15 years, Dr. Daldrup-Link has published more than 160 papers with 8,253 citations and an H-index of 47. Dr. Daldrup-Link and her team members received 97 awards for

DEAN FELSHER, MD, PhD

Professor of Medicine, Director of Translational Research and Applied Medicine (TRAM) Director of Admissions, Medical Scientist Training Program (MSTP)
Co-Director Cancer Translational Nanotechnology Training Center (Cancer-TNT)
Stanford University, CA, USA



Dr. Felsher obtained a B.A. in Chemistry at the University of Chicago, a M.D. Ph.D. from the University of California, Los Angeles School of Medicine. He performed his graduate work in Molecular Biology/Immunology under Dr. Jonathan Braun. He trained in Internal Medicine at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and Oncology at the University of California, San Francisco and his post-doctoral research under Dr. J. Michael Bishop. Dr. Felsher has been faculty at Stanford University for 18 years and performing both basic and translational cancer research. Dr. Felsher has over 20 years of research experience working with experimental mouse models and has pioneered the utilization off the Tetracycline Regulatory System (Tet System) to generate conditional transgenic

models of lymphoma, leukemia, osteosarcoma, hepatocellular carcinoma lung adenocarcinoma and renal cell carcinoma. He has demonstrated "reversibility of cancer," "oncogene addiction," and "tumor maintenance" through programs of cellular senescence and angiogenesis and differentiation and the restoration of the immune system. He has most recently described a critical role for the MYC oncogene in globally regulated the immune response against cancer.

BEVERLY MITCHELL, MD

George E. Becker Professor in Medicine Director Emeritus and Senior Advisor, Stanford Cancer Institute Stanford University, CA, USA



Dr. Mitchell has authored over 150 peer-reviewed articles, is past-President of the American Society of Hematology and a member of the National Academy of Medicine. Her research relates to the development of new therapies for hematologic malignancies and the translation of laboratory-based research into clinical trials. She spent 10 years as the Director of the Stanford Cancer Institute, and in that role she focused on diseases such as liver cancer that are in need of enhanced understanding and new approaches to treatment.

MICHAEL SNYDER, PhD

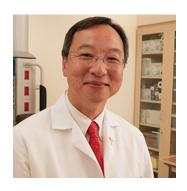
Stanford W. Ascherman Professor and Chair, Department of Genetics Director, Center for Genomics and Personalized Medicine Stanford University, CA, USA



Michael Snyder is the Stanford Ascherman Professor and Chair of Genetics and the Director of the Center of Genomics and Personalized Medicine. Dr. Snyder received his Ph.D. training at the California Institute of Technology and carried out postdoctoral training at Stanford University. He is a leader in the field of functional genomics and proteomics, and one of the major participants of the ENCODE project. His laboratory study was the first to perform a large-scale functional genomics project in any organism, and has developed many technologies in genomics and proteomics. These including the development of proteome chips, high resolution tiling arrays for the entire human genome, methods for global mapping of transcription factor binding sites (ChIP-chip now replaced by ChIP-seq), paired end sequencing for mapping of structural variation

in eukaryotes, de novo genome sequencing of genomes using high throughput technologies and RNA-Seq. These technologies have been used for characterizing genomes, proteomes and regulatory networks. Seminal findings from the Snyder laboratory include the discovery that much more of the human genome is transcribed and contains regulatory information than was previously appreciated, and a high diversity of transcription factor binding occurs both between and within species. He has also combined different state-of-the-art "omics" technologies to perform the first longitudinal detailed integrative personal omics profile (iPOP) of person and used this to assess disease risk and monitor disease states for personalized medicine. He is a cofounder of several biotechnology companies, including Protometrix (now part of Life Tehcnologies), Affomix (now part of Illumina), Excelix, Personalis, and Q Bio.

SAMUEL SO, MD
Lui Hac Minh Professor and Professor of Surgery
Director, Asian Liver Center
Stanford University, CA, USA



Dr. So is the founder of the multidisciplinary liver cancer program at the Stanford Cancer Center, and the founder and executive director of the Asian Liver Center. He is the author of over 200 peer reviewed publications. His research focus is on the discovery of novel approaches in the early detection and treatment of liver cancer and the population health impact and cost-effectiveness of national hepatitis B screening, care and treatment programs. Dr. So is recognized worldwide for his expertise in chronic hepatitis B and liver cancer prevention, research, treatment and health policy. He served as a consultant for the US FDA and served on the committee of the US National Academy of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine that developed the national strategy for

the elimination of hepatitis B and C in the US published in 2017. He also serves as a special adviser on viral hepatitis for the World Health Organization Western Pacific regional office. In 2010, he received the US CDC and ATSDR Honor Award for mobilizing people and resources in ways that have changed global public health policies related to hepatitis B. In 2014, Dr. So was recognized by the White House for global and national leadership in the prevention and control of viral hepatitis.

DARIA MOCHLY-ROSEN, PhD

Professor of Chemical and Systems Biology George D. Smith Professor for Translational Medicine Co-director of SPARK Translational Research Stanford University, CA, USA



Daria Mochly-Rosen, Professor of Chemical and Systems Biology, is the George D. Smith Professor for Translational Medicine and the co-director of SPARK at Stanford. Daria leads a multi-disciplinary research lab that includes chemists, biochemists, biologists and physician scientists and has used her basic research discoveries to develop a number of drug leads for human diseases with a particular interest in mitochondrial biology and pathology. She was the chair of her department (2001-2004) and Senior Associate Dean for Research (2013-2016), has published over 250 papers and ~30 patents and patent applications.

Daria is the founder, president and co-director of SPARK (since 2006) which provides education in drug discovery and development and has helped over

100 inventors (60% of the participants) of biopharmaceuticals and diagnostics bring their invention to clinical studies and/or to licensing. She is the president founder of SPARK Global established (or under development) in many academic institutions around the world, increasing the likelihood that new treatments will be developed from academic research efforts across the globe.

Dr. Mochly-Rosen holds a Ph.D. in Chemical Immunology from the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel, and completed her postdoctoral training at University of California, Berkeley.

MINDIE NGUYEN, MD, MAS, AGAF, FAASLD

Professor of Medicine

Director for the Hepatology Fellowship in the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology and Liver Transplant Stanford University, CA, USA



Dr. Nguyen an active clinician with a large general and transplant liver practice, an active researcher in viral hepatitis, non-alcoholic fatty liver disease and liver cancer research with over 200 publications including over 150 original research articles. She has served as editorial/advisory board member for several leading journals such as Lancet Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Gastroenterology, and Hepatology. She is Chair of the Hepatitis B Special Interest Group Global Outreach Subcommittee for the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases and is currently the lead Principal Investigatorfor several multinational real-world studies involving over 30 centers in Asia Pacific. She is also an active teacher and has mentored over 130 trainees from students to Associate Professor.

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PAUL KWO, MD
Professor of Medicine
Director of Hepatology
Stanford University, CA, USA



Dr. Kwo joined the Stanford University faculty in November 2016. Prior to joining the faculty at Stanford, Dr. Kwo was at Indiana University for 21 years where he served as the Medical Director of Liver Transplantation. He has distinguished himself in the field of Hepatitis C therapeutics and has been the principal investigator on multiple international trials. He recently authored the ACG Clinical Guideline: Evaluation of Abnormal Liver Chemistries.

ADRIAN DI BISCEGLIE, MD Professor of Internal Medicine Chief of Hepatology Bander Endowed Chair in Internal Medicine Saint Louis University, MO, USA



Dr. Di Bisceglie is a Professor of Internal Medicine at the Saint Louis University School of Medicine and has been on the faculty there since 1994. Dr. Di Bisceglie is an internationally recognized expert in the field of viral hepatitis and liver disease and has published over 300 peer reviewed publications and has served on the editorial boards of many journals including Hepatology, Liver Transplantation and as Section Editor, Hepatitis C for UpToDate. He has served on many international and national committees including the Scientific Planning Committee for the Global Hepatitis Summit to be held in Toronto in 2018 and has chaired the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD) Public Policy and Clinical Research Committees. Dr. Di Bisceglie served on the governing

board of AASLD from 2009 to 2015 and was president of that organization.

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BRIAN MCMAHON, MD, MACP, FASSLD

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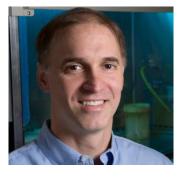


Dr. McMahon is a clinical Hepatologist and the Scientific Program and Clinical Director of the Liver Disease and Hepatitis Program at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage, Alaska, and guest researcher at the Arctic Investigations Program of the CDC in Anchorage. Dr. McMahon is a fellow in the AASLD and a Master in the American College of Physicians. His program follows over 1200 Alaska Natives with chronic hepatitis B and 2400 with chronic hepatitis C. He conducts research on long-term outcome and management of chronic hepatitis B and C. He is the co author of the American Association for the Study of Liver Disease (AASLD) US Practice Guideline on Chronic Hepatitis B with 4 updates from 2001 to 2009, the 2018 AASLD HBV Guidance and was co-chair of the WHO

hepatitis B Guidelines Committee in 2015. He has 150 peer-reviewed original scientific articles and 60 book chapters/review articles/editorials.

STEVEN ARTANDI, MD, PhD

Laurie Kraus Lacob Director of the Stanford Cancer Institute Professor of Medicine and Biochemistry Stanford University, CA, USA



Dr. Artandi is the Laurie Kraus Lacob Director of the Stanford Cancer Institute and Professor of Medicine and Biochemistry at Stanford University School of Medicine. He earned an A.B in chemistry at Princeton University, and M.D. and Ph.D. degrees from Columbia University. Dr. Artandi trained in internal medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital and in medical oncology at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute at Harvard Medical School. During his postdoctoral training at Dana-Farber, Dr. Artandi found that telomere shortening is a major factor in destabilizing the genome and driving cancer development in many common cancer types. Dr. Artandi investigates fundamental questions in cancer biology

and stem cell biology and how these processes are altered in human disease. His laboratory has made many discoveries revealing mechanisms of action of human telomerase, the enzyme that elongates telomeres and endows cancers with unlimited growth potential, including new proteins required for telomerase function in human cells. In human liver cancer, non-coding mutations in the promoter of the telomerase reverse transcriptase (TERT) gene represent the most common somatic mutations. Dr. Artandi has developed genetic means of identifying telomerase-expressing cells in tissues in vivo. In the liver, a rare subpopulation of hepatocytes express high levels of telomerase. These cells are distributed throughout the anatomy of the liver lobule and serve as hepatocyte stem cells, regenerating the liver during homeostasis and injury. These hepatocyte stem cells are likely a cell-of-origin for hepatocellular carcinoma – the cells that sustain the first mutations initiating liver tumors.

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YUJIN HOSHIDA, MD, PhD
Associate Professor
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Dr. Yujin Hoshida is a physician scientist trained for clinical gastroenterology and hepatology, diagnostic pathology, diagnostic and interventional radiology, biostatistics, genomics, and systems biology. Dr. Hoshida directs a laboratory studying molecular classification, prognostic prediction, and chemoprevention in liver cirrhosis and cancer. He has been leading several international translational liver cirrhosis/cancer genomics projects, including Precision Liver Cancer Prevention Consortium, utilizing high-throughput omics technologies and integrative clinical and cross-species genomic analysis over the past decade. The current focuses of his team include identification and validation of liver cancer

risk-predictive molecular biomarkers for each specific regional, etiological, and racial/ethnic liver cirrhosis/cancer patient population by analyzing clinical specimens from Europe, Asia, and the US, development of risk-stratified personalized cancer screening strategy based on cost-effectiveness analysis, identification of therapeutic and chemopreventive targets in liver cirrhosis and cancer, and development of nanotechnology-based chemoprevention therapies.

KENNETH TANABE, MD Professor of Surgery Harvard Medical School Chief of the Division of Surgical Oncology and Deputy Clinical Director of the Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Center MA, USA



Dr. Tanabe received an M.D. degree from the University of California, San Diego, completed a residency in general surgery at the New York Hospital Cornell Medical Center, and completed a fellowship in surgical oncology at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. Dr. Tanabe's research laboratory focuses on molecular signals in cirrhosis and NASH that lead to hepatocellular transformation. He is the PI of an NIH-funded multi-institutional clinical trial evaluating erlotinib for treatment of cirrhosis and prevention of liver cancer. His research team has also developed several oncolytic viruses that effectively destroy liver tumors, and one of these engineered virus is presently under evaluation in an NIH-sponsored clinical trial. Dr. Tanabe is the author of more than 150 peer-reviewed original research

articles, as well as dozens of review articles and book chapters. Dr. Tanabe serves as the Deputy Editor of Annals of Surgical Oncology and serves on the editorial board of several other oncology journals.

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JORGE MARRERO, MD, MS

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Dr. Marrero is a Professor of Medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center, and is an Associate Vice-President and Medical Director of Liver Transplantation. He is world renowned for his work in hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) and liver transplantation. His research focus covers early diagnosis, staging and novel therapies in the field of HCC. In terms of early diagnosis, he has performed several studies that validated novel biomarkers. He currently is the principal investigator of an NCI-funded study to prospectively validate these serum markers in those with cirrhosis. He has worked on diagnosis of HCC, specifically with imaging criteria for this tumor. He has published several manuscripts on treatment, specifically on liver transplantation for early stage HCC and on novel therapies for

advanced HCC. He is a founding member of the International Liver Cancer Association, a member of The American Association for the Study of Liver Disease and the American Gastroenterological Association, and a member of the National Comprehensive Cancer.

SHINYA OHASHI, MD, PhD
Assistant Professor
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Graduate School of Medicine
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Dr. Ohashi started his research career as a postdoctoral fellow at the Gastroenterology Division in University of Pennsylvania (Dr. Nakagawa lab: 2008-2011), and he studied about tumor biology regarding esophageal squamous cell carcinoma (ESCC) cancer invasion. At Kyoto University since 2013, his research has expanded to elucidate the molecular mechanisms of esophageal carcinogenesis and to develop effective preventive methods against ESCC. Acetaldehyde is considered to be a key carcinogens for the esophagus, and gene polymorphisms of aldehyde dehydrogenase 2 (ALDH2) is deeply involved in

the increased risk of ESCC, especially in heavy alcohol drinkers. He is proceeding his research focusing on acetaldehyde-mediated esophageal carcinogenesis using primary esophageal epithelial cells and Aldh2 knockout mice. Recently, he is currently involved in the development of a simple and accurate screening tool for identifying mutant ALDH2 gene carriers using exhaled breath. Breath samples were collected after drinking 100ml of 0.5% ethanol using specially designed gas bags, and breath ethanol and acetaldehyde levels were measured by semiconductor gas chromatography. He showed that this device identified the carriers of mutant ALDH2 very quickly (about 8 min) and accurately (whole accuracy; 96.4%) (Clin Transl Gastroenterol. 2017, 8(6): e96). His group is aiming for clinical application of this device and is currently conducting physician-initiated clinical trials."

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Dr. Ferreira received his PhD in Cardiovascular Physiology from the University of Sao Paulo. He first characterized the role of a calcium-sensitive PKC (PKCβII) in mitochondrial dynamics through mitofusin 1 and developed a selective peptide that blocks this interaction and improves heart failure outcome. Dr. Ferreira also helped to elucidate the role of mitochondrial dynamics in cardiac ischemia-reperfusion injury where excessive mitochondrial fission contributes to long-term cardiac dysfunction. At University of Sao Paulo since 2012, his lab set out to study the mitochondrial aldehyde dehydrogenase 2 and its association with human diseases. This enzyme plays a critical role in detoxifying aldehydes that accumulate through oxidative stress and to which we are exposed from the environment. They provided evidence that activating ALDH2, using a small compound discovered by Mochly-Rosen lab (Alda-1), is sufficient in protect

against aldehyde-induced mitochondrial dysfunction and improve heart failure outcome. They also demonstrated that ALDH2 activator counteracts the deleterious effects of an ALDH2 inactivating mutation (termed ALDH2*2) during ischemia-reperfusion injury. More recently, Ferreira's lab has been studying the impact of exercise on muscle fitness in health and disease. His lab has shown that exercise promotes a cardiac and skeletal muscle anti-remodeling effect followed by improved outcome in different physiological and pathological conditions. They provided evidence that the positive impact of exercise on cardiac muscle occurs thorough a better clearance of damaged and dysfunctional mitochondria; therefore recovering the synergy between cardiac mitochondrial quality control and bioenergetic efficiency in heart failure.

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Dr. Weinberg trained as a pediatric hematologist-oncologist and continues to practice clinical hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT). He leads a laboratory that studies the development of hematopoietic stem cells into lymphocytes in order to understand both normal immunity and mechanisms of immune deficiencies, and to discover strategies to promote immune regeneration after injuries such as HSCT or in aging individuals. The goal of these studies is to improve the treatment of children and adults with cancer and genetic or immune diseases. The approach taken by the Weinberg laboratory is to study patients with rare genetic defects in lymphohematopoiesis that point to essential biological

processes that can be further studied in in vitro or in vivo laboratory models. Examples of this approach are advances in the understanding of the cytokine signals required for normal lymphocyte development from the study of patients with severe combined immune deficiency syndrome (SCIDS), and the interactions between lymphoid progenitors and the thymic microenvironment from studies of patients with the Chromosome 22q11 Deletion (DiGeorge) syndrome. In collaboration with Drs. Daria Mochly-Rosen and Eric Kool at Stanford, new studies have been initiated to prevent DNA damage to HSC, using the disease model of Fanconi anemia (FA), a rare genetic syndrome marked by defective repair of aldehyde-induced DNA lesions. Besides science and medicine, Dr. Weinberg is passionate about besbol, hoops, fishing, railroads, and music.

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Dr. Yang has over 25 years of industry experience in drug discovery, preclinical and early phase clinical development of small molecules in virology, inflammation, neurology, oncology and metabolic-cardiovascular diseases, with several compounds advancing into clinical developments. His current research interests focus on developing ALDH2 agonists and highly selective MMP-12 inhibitors for unmet needs in the treatment of chronic and rare diseases. He previously served as Vice President of Chemistry at Eiger BioPharmaceuticals (NASDAQ: EIGR), where he oversaw research and development on HCV NS4B inhibitor and prenylation inhibitor for HDV. He also served as Director and Head of Medicinal Chemistry at Sunesis Pharmaceuticals (NASDAQ: SNSS),

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resulting from the direct reaction with DNA of acetaldehyde, the main metabolite of ethanol.

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Dr. Kool first became interested in aldehyde reactivity as a graduate student, and more recently his lab has developed two technologies (catalysts and quenched probes) that have facilitated analysis of biogenic aldehydes in cells and tissues. Kool's research interests lie in the interdisciplinary fields of organic chemistry, chemical biology, and biophysics. His work is aimed at the design of new functionally useful molecular tools, and applying them to gain basic understanding of biological interactions and mechanisms. His laboratory has focused recently both on the development of fluorescent probes for biomolecules and enzyme activities, as well as the chemistry and biology of nucleic acids. Kool received his PhD in organic chemistry at Columbia University, and was

trained in chemical biology as a postdoctoral fellow at Caltech. He has published over 280 papers during his career. He is an inventor on 30 patents granted or pending, and his inventions have been used as founding technologies for three biotechnology companies. He has trained more than 120 graduate students and postdoctoral researchers in his laboratory; over thirty of them have taken academic positions worldwide. A popular teacher at Stanford, he has twice been awarded the Humanities & Sciences Dean's Award for Distinguished Teaching.

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carcinoma in humans. He was elected as a member of Academia Sinica and World Academy of Sciences and a foreign associate of National Academy of Sciences, USA. He is now the Vice President of the Republic of China (Taiwan).

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Dr. Nakagawa has a broad background in gastrointestinal epithelial biology, tumor biology, and molecular and cellular biology. As a postdoctoral fellow at the Massachusetts General Hospital (1993-1996), he investigated cyclin D1 and the transcriptional regulation of genes in the esophageal squamous epithelium, and developed the first transgenic mouse model of esophageal squamous cell carcinoma (ESCC), the deadliest of all human cancers with alcohol as a major risk factor. At Penn GI Division since 1998, he expanded his research to study EGFR and other genes essential in ESCC. He has developed the novel single cell-derived three-dimensional (3D) organoid system (Cell Mol Gastroenterol Hepatol. 2018;5:333-352), recapitulating esophageal squamous epithelial structure and

ESCC pathology. Alcohol in ESCC pathogenesis represents his recent research focus. The pathogenic role of alcohol (EtOH) in the esophageal epithelium remains unknown. EtOH metabolism produces acetaldehyde, a major human carcinogen. EtOH detoxification involves clearance of acetaldehyde via aldehyde dehydrogenase (ALDH2), the mitochondrial-specific isoform.

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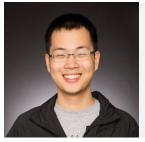
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