CLINICAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM SESSION II

Emerging Immunotherapies

Saturday, April 29, 2017               10:15 am – 12:00 pm Oregon Ballroom 203

10:15 am Introduction
Heidi Kong, MD

Dr. Kong is an Investigator in the Dermatology Branch at the NIH. She received her undergraduate degree in biological sciences from Stanford University and earned her medical degree from the Baylor College of Medicine. She completed her dermatology residency at Duke University Medical Center and clinical research fellowship training in the Dermatology Branch, NCI and the Duke-NIH Master’s Program in Clinical Research. Dr. Kong’s research on the human microbiome focuses on understanding host-microbial relationships, particularly of human skin.

10:20 am Paul Nghiem, MD/PhD
Merkel cell carcinoma & the immunogenic principles transforming the care of all UV-induced skin cancers

Dr. Paul Nghiem (pronounced NEE-em) is Head, Division of Dermatology, Department of Medicine and the George F. Odland Endowed Professor, Department of Medicine/Dermatology. He is also Adjunct Professor in the Departments of Oral Health Sciences and Pathology and an Affiliate Investigator in the Clinical Research Division at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. He grew up in Olympia, Washington, and attended college at Harvard University. He then pursued MD and PhD degrees at Stanford University where he studied Cancer Biology and Immunology. He then completed a medicine internship at Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston, a Dermatology residency at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston and a Howard Hughes Post-Doctoral Fellowship with Stuart Schreiber in the Harvard Department of Chemistry and Chemical Biology. In 2003, he started his own lab at the Cutaneous Biology Research Center at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. In 2006, he and his wife moved ‘home’ to Seattle. He leads a multi-disciplinary team that follows a cohort of approximately 1200 patients with Merkel cell carcinoma. In April, 2015, he became Head of Dermatology in the Department of Medicine at the University of Washington. He has published over 90 papers that in aggregate have been cited over 3500 times. He currently has 4 grant awards from the NIH, including a K24 grant for mentoring young physicians and scientists.

10:50 am Johann E. Gudjonsson, MD/PhD
Psoriasis – where are we and where are we heading

Dr. Johann E. Gudjonsson is an assistant Professor of Dermatology at the University of Michigan and Director of Inpatient Dermatology and Consultation. He is also the Frances and Kenneth Eisenberg Emerging Scholar of the Taubman Medical Research Institute. Dr. Gudjonsson is a graduate of the University of Iceland Medical School and completed his Internship and Dermatology Residency Training at the University of Michigan. Dr. Gudjonsson’s laboratory is focused on the intersection between genetics and immunology, and he has published over 100 peer-reviewed publications in journals such as Nature Immunology, Nature Genetics, Journal of Clinical Investigation and Journal of Investigative Dermatology. He received the Young Investigator Award from the American Academy of Dermatology in 2007 and his work has earned several research awards, including awards from the American Skin Association, National Psoriasis Foundation, the Dermatology Foundation, Pfizer Aspire Award, Doris Duke Foundation and the NIH.

11:20 am Q & A

11:25 am SRF/MRTF drive basal cell carcinoma growth through hedgehog pathway activation

11:40 am Modulation of eIF4F complex assembly in Merkel cell carcinoma cells: Translational regulation of oncogenes and new therapeutic implications
J. Wu, H. Doan, R. Simonette, Q. He, P. Rady and S. Tyring. Abstract #096

11:55 Q & A