

CAREERS

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

The Division of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology
Fellowship Training Program



Current Institution:
Memorial Sloan
Kettering Cancer
Center

Dr. Ellen Frait completed fellowship in 2020. She focused her research in Dr. Theresa Bowman's lab on ways to perform hematopoietic cell transplantation in zebrafish. She won 2nd prize at the Einstein Young Investigators Symposium and won the ASH Abstract Achievement Award. She is currently a Pediatric Bone Marrow Transplant fellow at MSKCC.



Current Institution:
Royal Marsden
Hospital, London

Dr. Nora Rahmani completed fellowship in 2020. She worked in Dr. Amit Verma's lab in collaboration with Oxford University in London, focusing on employing genome sequencing and gene editing technologies within the molecular landscape of MDS and AML. She is currently Clinical Research Fellow in Pediatric and Adolescent Oncology Drug Development at the Royal Marsden Hospital in London.



Current Institution:
The Brooklyn
Hospital, NY

Dr. Sheera Minkowitz completed fellowship in 2019. She completed her MBA during her fellowship and focused her research on biological effects of focused ultrasound on osteosarcoma in Dr. Guha's lab. She will be pediatric hematology oncology faculty this year at the Brooklyn Hospital.



Current Institution:
Children's Hospital
at Montefiore, NY

Dr. Adit Tal completed fellowship in 2019. During fellowship she worked in the laboratory of Dr. Loeb on DKK1 inhibitor to prevent metastatic disease in osteosarcoma. She is on the Professional Development Committee at ASPHO. She is currently assistant program director and part of the leukemia team.



Current Institution:
Rutgers University,
NJ

Dr. Scott Moerdler completed fellowship in 2018. He was a member of ASH Trainee Council and 2nd prize winner for Einstein Young Investigator Research Symposium. He is currently faculty at Rutgers University and is continuing to pursue research on immune checkpoint inhibition in malignancies.



Current Institution:
Rockefeller
University, NY

Dr. Rochelle Maxwell completed fellowship in 2018. During fellowship she worked in the laboratory of Dr. Peter Cole on treatment related toxicities in ALL. She was nominated to be on the Program Committee and Early Career Council for ASPHO. She is currently a research fellow at Rockefeller University studying myelodysplastic syndromes.



Current Institution:
Children's Hospital
at Montefiore, NY

Dr. Leanne Ostrodka graduated from fellowship at Montefiore in 2017. She was been in the laboratory of Kira Gritsman during fellowship and is currently faculty at the Children's Hospital at Montefiore. She is on the leukemia team and her translational research focuses on abnormal signaling of hematopoietic stem cell and the subsequent development of leukemia. She also leads the REACT program.



Current Institution:
OU Medical Center
The Children's
Hospital, OK

Dr. Arpan Sinha completed fellowship training at Montefiore in 2017. During fellowship she worked in the laboratory of Dr. Theresa Bowman and was a St. Baldrick Fellow investigating myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS) in a zebrafish model. After fellowship Dr. Sinha was recruited to be a faculty member at the University of Oklahoma Health and Science Center. There she is continuing to do her work on MDS and also is the Director of the Pediatric Sickle Cell Program.



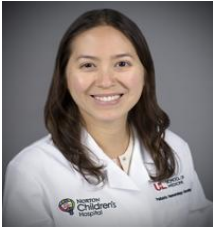
Dr. Adam Sterman graduated from fellowship at Montefiore in 2016. He subsequently trained at Memorial Sloan Kettering in Palliative Care. He was recruited to the University of Minnesota where he is a physician in the Department of Pain Medicine, Palliative Care and Integrative Medicine.

Current Institution:
University of
Minnesota, MN



Dr. Veronika Polishchuk completed fellowship training at Montefiore in 2016 after working in the laboratory of Dr. Amit Verma. She subsequently did additional training in blood and marrow cell transplantation at Duke. She is currently on the faculty as an Assistant Professor at Nationwide Children's Hospital.

Current Institution:
Nationwide
Children's Hospital



Dr. Esther Knapp completed fellowship training at Montefiore in 2015. After fellowship she did an additional year of training at St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. She was recruited by the University of Louisville, and is affiliated with the Institute for Bioethics, Health Policy and Law. Dr. Knapp's research focuses on the ethical issues in pediatric precision oncology and pediatric stem cell transplantation

Current Institution:
University of
Louisville, KY



Dr. Kerry Morrone completed fellowship training at Montefiore in 2015. During fellowship she studied thrombocytopenia in myelodysplastic syndrome with Amit Verma. After fellowship she became faculty at the Children's Hospital at Montefiore. She is the Director of the Pediatric Sickle Cell Program and the Director of the Pediatric Hematology Oncology Fellowship program. She is also an ECRIP Scholar.

Current Institution:
Children's Hospital
at Montefiore, NY



Dr. Lisa Gennarini completed fellowship training at Montefiore in 2014. During fellowship she worked in the laboratory of Dr. Ulrich Steidl studying the anti-cancer effect of a novel, thrombopoietin agonist. Dr. Gennarini is the director of the Leukemia/Lymphoma service, site PI for Children's Oncology Group and leads the vascular anomalies program.

Current Institution:
Children's Hospital
at Montefiore, NY



Dr. Lauren Weintraub completed fellowship training at Montefiore in 2014. During fellowship she worked in the laboratory of Dr. Mark Mehler studying the link between neuro-degenerative disease and CNS tumors. In addition, Dr. Weintraub developed a communication skills course focused on the delivery of bad news for pediatric hematology/ oncology fellows. Dr. Weintraub focuses on neuro oncology at Albany Medical Center.

Current Institution:
Albany Medical
Center, NY



Dr. Michael Roth completed fellowship training at Montefiore in 2012. During his fellowship he studied the mechanism through which a novel thrombopoietin agonist inhibits leukemia cell growth. In 2013 Dr. Roth was awarded the Paul Calabresi K12 Career Development Award. He is currently an Associate Professor in the Division of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology at MD Anderson and is the Director of the Childhood Cancer Survivorship Program. He is also the Co- Director of the AYA program.

Current Institution:
MD Anderson, TX



Dr. Jeremy Rosenblum completed fellowship training at Montefiore in 2012. During his fellowship he studied the role of epigenetic modifications in predicting prognosis in patients with sarcomas under the mentorship of Dr. John Greally and Dr. Richard Gorlick. In 2012 Dr. Rosenblum was awarded the Paul Calabresi K12 Career Development Award. He is currently an assistant professor in the Division of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology at Maria Fareri Children's Hospital.

Current Institution:
Westchester Medical
Center, NY



Dr. Caroline Hu completed fellowship training at Montefiore in 2011. She worked in the laboratory of Dr. Amit Verma and immediately following fellowship, Dr. Hu was awarded a St. Baldrick's translational research grant and a Hyundai Hope on Wheels Grant to study the role of epigenetics in the pathogenesis of sarcomas. She is currently faculty in Oakland California.

Current Institution:
Kaiser Permanente-
Oakland, CA



Dr. Rachel Kessel completed fellowship training at Montefiore in 2013. During fellowship she worked in the laboratory of Dr. Amit Verma studying the role of alterations in ribosomal proteins in patients with myelodysplastic syndrome and congenital anemias. After fellowship Dr. Kessel was recruited to be a faculty member at Cohen Children's Medical Center in New York. She leads the vascular anomalies program and is a member of their leukemia team.

Current Institution:
Cohen Children's
Medical Center, NY



Dr. Kris Mahadeo completed fellowship training at Montefiore in 2010. He spent an additional year training in blood and marrow transplantation at Duke University Medical Center. Dr. Mahadeo is currently the Section Chief and Medical Director of Pediatric Stem Cell Transplantation and Cellular Therapy at MD Anderson Children's Cancer Center.

Current Institution:
MD Anderson, TX



Dr. Priti Tewari completed fellowship training at Montefiore in 2009. She spent an additional year training in blood and marrow transplantation at Duke University Medical Center. She has been faculty at Duke and Texas Children's Hospital and currently is the fellowship Director at MD Anderson in Houston, Texas.

Current Institution:
MD Anderson, TX



Dr. Pooja Hingorani completed fellowship training at Montefiore in 2008. She was recruited by Phoenix Children's Hospital where she remains on faculty. Dr. Hingorani's research interests focus on early phase clinical trials in patients with sarcomas.

Current Institution:
Phoenix Children's
Hospital, AZ

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