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Emory Winship Welcomes New Faculty

Several new faculty members have joined the Emory Winship Cancer Institute. Brian Leyland Jones, MD, PhD, director of Emory Winship, Fadlo Khuri, MD, chairman of the department of hematology and medical oncology and Walter Curran, MD, chairman of the department of radiation oncology have announced the following appointments:

Johann Brandes, MD, PhD, joins Emory from Johns Hopkins University. His research interests include identification of the relevant epigenetic alteration in lung cancer progenitors and mouse models responsible for the development of invasive cancer. He is also involved in evaluation of new bronchoscopic techniques for the detection of lung cancer and lung cancer precursors.

Joan Cain, MD, joins Emory Winship from the Emory University Hematology and Medical Oncology Fellowship Program. Her clinical and research interests include epidemiologic analysis of high risk HPV infection in HIV positive women as well as identification of apoptosis inhibitors using siRNA in several virally mediated lymphoma cell lines.

Omer Kucuk, MD, who conducted the first clinical trials to show the benefits of soy and lycopene supplements in prostate cancer treatment has joined Emory's Winship Cancer Institute as professor of hematology and medical oncology.

Dr. Kucuk comes to Emory Winship from the Karmanos Cancer Center at Wayne State University in Detroit where he was a professor and co-leader of the population sciences and prevention program and member of genitourinary and head and neck cancer multidisciplinary groups.

Sujatha Murali, MD, joins Emory Winship from Emory's Hematology and Medical Oncology Fellowship Program. Dr. Murali will focus her clinical and research interests within the Winship Leukemia / Bone Marrow Transplant Group.

Taofeek Owonikoko, MD, PhD, joins Emory from the University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute. Clinical and research interests in non small cell lung cancer include studying the effect of p53 gene status and molecular changes induced by the combination of vorinostat with carboplatin and paclitaxel, in non small cell lung cancer cell lines.

Alfredo Voloschin, MD, joins Emory from the Medical College of Georgia. Dr. Voloschin is a medical oncologist specializing in brain tumors. His clinical and research interests include cerebral spinal fluid flow studies and neoplastic meningitis management as well as primary central nervous system lymphoma.

Ya Wang, MD, PhD, has joined Emory as professor of radiation oncology. Dr. Wang came to Emory from Thomas Jefferson University where she was professor of radiation oncology and director of the division of experimental radiation oncology. Dr. Wang's clinical and research interests are in mammalian cells response to DNA damage especially DNA double strand break.

Huichen Wang, PhD, has joined Emory as an assistant professor in Emory's department of radiation oncology. Dr. Wang was an assistant professor at Temple University's School of Medicine, department of neuroscience. Dr. Wang received his PhD in medical genetics from the Institute of Basic Medical Science, Academy of Military Medical Science in Beijing, China.



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NCI Site Visit Sept. 11

Just a reminder that the National Cancer Institute site visit for review of Emory Winship's Cancer Center Support Grant will be this Thursday, September 11. Site visitors may want to tour our facility, so we may see members of the site visit team walking through your areas. Approval and funding of this application would result in Emory achieving its long-time goal of becoming an NCI-designated cancer center, one of an elite group of cancer centers across the United States. Currently, Georgia has no NCI-designated cancer center. Scores and critiques from the NCI site visit should be available sometime in December 2008. A final decision regarding funding will not be official until March 2009. Thank you for your time, interest and involvement.

News from Emory Crawford Long Hospital

Emory Crawford Long Hospital has initiated a second site specific tumor conference. The Thoracic Tumor Conference will be held every Friday morning from 7:00 – 8:00 am in the Medical Office Tower (MOT) 5th floor classroom 1. The weekly agenda will note alternate room change to MOT classroom 4. Please contact Jo Rene Hylton in the Oncology Data Registry at 404-686-2486 to request case (s) presentation by Noon on Wednesdays.

Prostate Screening

Event. Please join ECLH for a **FREE** prostate cancer screening. All screenings are performed by board-certified urologists. The event will be held on Friday, Sept. 26, 2008, from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, located in the Medical Office Tower, 2nd Floor Lobby, 550 Peachtree Street, NE, Atlanta, GA. Please call 404-778-2000 for an appointment.

Calendar of Events

Mark your calendars for these upcoming Emory Winship and community events. Additional information and event listings, including Grand Rounds, Elkin Lectures and Drug Development and Pharmacogenomics Academy, are available online at www.cancer.emory.edu/news. To post an event, please contact the Communications office at 8-5452.

- **Race for Research:** September 20, Four Seasons Hotel, Atlanta
- **2009 DDPA Opening Lecture:** October 1, EWCI
- **Light the Night:** October 11, Centennial Olympic Park
- **ASH 2008:** December 6—9, San Francisco
- **Emory Winship Holiday Party:** December 17, Cox Hall Ballroom



Race to benefit GCCE at Grady Health System

Join us on Sept. 20, 2008, to raise money for the Georgia Cancer Center for Excellence at Grady Health System. All races begin and end at the Four Seasons Hotel

Atlanta, 75 Fourteenth Street. The 10k certified and timed race begins at 8 a.m. The 5k race begins at 9:15 a.m.

Become a member of the Grady Team for only \$15. All registered participants will receive a race T-shirt, a Grady T-shirt, and are entered to win the grand prize of a three night stay at the Four Seasons in Nevis, West Indies. The department with the highest percentage of registered staff wins a departmental pizza luncheon!

Choose one of the following ways to register for the Run for Research:

1. Register online with your credit card at www.runforresearchatlanta.com. Be sure to check the "Grady Team" box to register for only \$15.
2. Register in person with cash or check outside the Grady cafeteria on 8/27-8/28, 9/3-9/4, 9/10-9/11 from 11 am - 2 pm.
3. Register and grab an ice cream treat inside the Grady cafeteria on 8/21 from 11 am - 2 pm.

For more information call Jennifer Potter at (404) 489-9033.

New Patient Scheduling Method in Place in the Ambulatory Infusion Center

The Ambulatory Infusion Center (AIC) recently implemented a new method of scheduling patient appointments. With long waits and delays during the summer and autumn months 2007, it was evident that the system needed to be improved. At that time, anyone in the Emory Clinic system with IDX access was able to schedule a patient for an infusion center appointment. Patients were "plugged" into an available time slot, often with appointments out of proper sequence, and without information indicating how long the patient was expected to be in the chair.

The new method allows staff to schedule patients into a specific chair based on the anticipated length of their therapy for that day. With the new method, the patients receive their care in a safe and timely manner with less waiting time. The staff is able to view a list of patients they will be caring for that day, plan accordingly by securing orders ahead of time when applicable, and improve the continuity of care.

Prior to implementing the new method, the planning committee queried other centers, and ran pilot systems in one section of the AIC. After receiving positive results and feedback, the scheduling team fully transitioned to the new method of scheduling in March. By the first week in June, all seven sections within the AIC were scheduling by the new method.

The scheduling team for AIC has gone from making a few hundred infusion center appointments to more than 3000 a month. Patient feedback has been positive and the patient satisfaction scores are improving. There is still work to be done but progress has been made in the Infusion Center during the past 12 months.

New Support Groups at Emory Winship

Cancer Survivorship. A discussion group open to all Cancer Survivors. Wednesday, October 8, November 2 & December 10 (6:30pm-8:00pm). Location: EWCI Building C, Patient Resource Center's conference room C1166B on the 1st floor. Facilitator: Jim Hankins, LCSW & Allison Schaffer, LMSW.

Creativity Workshop for Patients and Caregivers – an art workshop for creative cancer patients and caregivers. No artistic experience necessary- beginners are welcome. Limited to 12 people. Meets: Saturday, November 8 & 15 Location: The American Cancer Society -Winn Dixie Hope Lodge on Clairmont Rd. Facilitators: Marti Hand, RN, Artist, James Hankins, LCSW & Allison Schaffer, LMSW. Please call for directions and register with Allison at 404-778-5559.

Bereavement Support Group. A group for the support of those who have lost someone to Cancer. Facilitator: Chaplain Pamela Butts, MDIV. Starting in October, Date and Times yet to be set. Please call Pam at 404-778-4691 for more information.

Call for Speakers

Interested in speaking on a favorite topic to physicians and medical professionals?



Emory Healthcare's Speakers Bureau is an educational and informational service designed to offer Emory medical experts as speakers for medical facilities and physician practices throughout Atlanta and the state of Georgia.

Our Speakers Bureau provides these organizations an opportunity to learn about Emory's latest treatments and techniques available to their patients, particularly services that may not be available at their facility or in their community.

If you are interested in being a part of the Speaker's Bureau, please contact Amy Comeau at amy.comeau@emoryhealthcare.org or 404-778-7697.

Join the 2009 Light the Night Walk for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society

Our goal is to have 200 walkers and we need your help. There are several ways that you can help with our fundraising efforts:

Sign up to walk. The walk will be at Centennial Olympic Park on October 11, 2008, festivities begin at 5:30. We will supply food and drinks at our tent. Staff members need only raise \$25 to earn a Emory Team t-shirt. However we ask that each team member set a goal to fundraise a minimum of \$100 if possible. It's easy to register, directions are at the bottom of this email. It is a great way to socialize with the staff, families and patients of Winship. It is family friendly and fun.

Participate in a Bake Sale. We have 2 bake sales coming up, one on Tuesday, 9/23 and the other on Friday, 10/10. We need volunteers to help bake, or purchase baked goods, to sell at the bake sales and volunteers to work the bake sale tables. We ask that you give us one hour between 8-2 pm on the dates mentioned to staff our bake sale tables. If you can't volunteer, at least stop by to grab breakfast or a snack.

Purchase merchandise. This year we have bears, bookmarks, bracelets and pins. You can buy a bear for yourself or a loved one, or you can buy one that we will share with a child receiving radiation therapy. The cost for the bears are only \$7 each, bookmarks are \$2 each, bracelets are \$3 each, and pins are \$5 each.

Donate to the walker of your choice. If you cannot join us personally in the fundraising effort, please donate to someone who is fundraising. You can go to the Emory team website, <http://teams.lightthenight.org/EmoryWinshipCancerInstitute>, to choose the walker to whom you would like to donate. Many of your co-workers have already signed up for the walk, feel free to donate using cash or checks or go online to their fundraising website and donate with a credit or debit card.

Important dates for Light the Night:

9/19 – Rally Day— We use this day to show our appreciation to our walkers and to get everyone excited for the walk. You can turn in any cash or check donations at this time at our Plaza Level table.

9/23 - Bake Sale— Join us on the plaza level for a snack, to purchase merchandise or to bid on a specialty cake.

Light the Night Bake Sale

**September 23 • 8am -2pm •
Plaza Level of Emory Winship
Cancer Institute**

Our last bake sale was a success. We raised more than \$1000 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

If anyone is interested in volunteering and or donating for the second bake sale, contact Tanissa Blankenship at 8-5645 or Barbara Copeland at 8-3842.

10/6 – T-shirt pick up — Pick up your t-shirts and turn in donations at our Plaza Level table. For those team members who have raised a minimum of \$25, either through fundraising or making a donation themselves you will get a Team Emory t-shirt.

10/10 – Bake Sale — Join us on the plaza level for a snack, to purchase merchandise or to bid on a specialty cake.

10/11 – LTN Walk — Festivities begin at 5:30 and the walk starts at 7:30.

How to register for the walk:

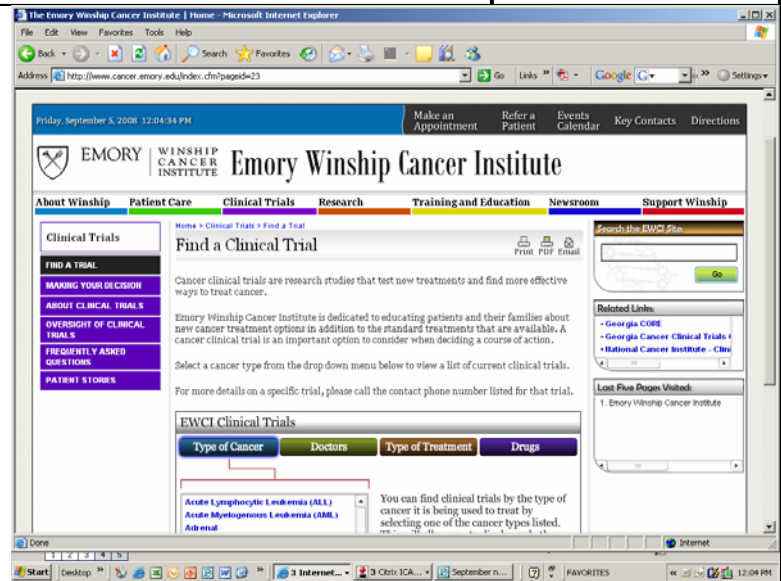
You can sign up online at lightthenight.org, at the top of the page click on “register”, on the next page click “join team”, it is easiest to search by team captain and put my name (Marcie Burnham) in the search field then click on search, there is a yellow join button to the right of the line with my name – click that, complete the fields and click register. It's that easy! The LLS will email you your information and mail you a packet to start collecting your donations.

Clinical Trials search now available at www.cancer.emory.edu

Looking for a clinical trial at EWCI? Now the answer is only a few clicks away.

On the new EWCI website users may now search for ongoing clinical trials by four different criteria: cancer, doctor, drug and treatment type. The search page is in the Clinical Trials section of the site. Choosing one of the four available search options will display a list of available trials. Information on individual trials can be obtained with one more click.

If you have questions about how to conduct a specific search or would like more information about the site, contact Theresa Huffman (thuffma@emory.edu). Note that the website is best viewed in the newest version of Internet Explorer (version 7) or other browsers.



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Walter Curran, chair of radiation oncology, has been selected to present the keynote address at the annual GASCO meeting on Saturday, October 4.

What Can You Do To Serve?

Emory Winship Volunteer Program is in need of volunteers to serve and assist patients, families, and staff within several departments throughout the week, 8am until 6 pm. Volunteers are asked to make a six month commitment for at least eight hours a month.

To receive a volunteer application or for more information, please contact DaVida Lee-Williams at 404-778-2405 or email DLeewil@emory.edu.

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