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# The Division of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Fellowship Training Program

## CAREER TRACKS OF RECENT GRADUATES



Current Institution: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Memphis, TN Dr. Esther Knapp completed fellowship training at Montefiore in 2015. During fellowship she worked in the laboratory of Dr. Hilda Ye studying mechanisms of resistance in diffuse large b-cell lymphoma. In addition, during training Dr. Knapp taught a medical ethics course at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Dr. Knapp is currently doing an additional year of sub-specialty training in bone marrow transplantation and cellular therapy at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.



Current Institution: Children's Hospital at Montefiore, NY Dr. Kerry Morrone completed fellowship training at Montefiore in 2015. During fellowship she worked in the laboratory of Dr. Amit Verma studying the platelet dysfunction in patients with hematologic malignancies. In addition, she did clinical research with Dr. Deepa Manwani and developed a randomized, double blind, placebo controlled clinical trial to improve outcomes for patients with acute chest syndrome. Dr. Morrone is currently an assistant professor in the Division of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology at the Children's Hospital at Montefiore where she is leading the Sickle Cell Disease Program.



Current Institution: Children's Hospital at Montefiore, NY Dr. Lisa Figueiredo 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. In addition, she did clinical research with Dr. Deepa Manwani studying the impact of alpha thalassemia trait on patient response to hyrdoxyurea for the treatment of sickle cell disease. Dr. Figueiredo is currently an assistant professor in the division of pediatric hematology/oncology at the Children's Hospital at Montefiore where she is a member of the leukemia/lymphoma service.



Current Institution: Albany Medical Center, 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. After fellowship Dr. Weintraub was recruited to be a faculty member at Albany Medical Center where her clinical focus is on the management of children and adolescents with CNS tumors.



Current Institution: Children's Hospital Los Angeles, CA Dr. Alicia McFarren completed fellowship training at Montefiore in 2013. During her training she gained expertise in immunology studying novel methods of overcoming the blood brain barrier to target CNS disease in the laboratory of Ekaterina Dadachova. Dr. McFarren spent an additional year completing a fellowship in blood and marrow transplantation at Duke University. In 2014, she was recruited by the Children's Hospital Los Angeles, where she is currently an assistant professor in the Division of Blood and Marrow Transplantation.



Current Institution: Cohen Children's Med Center, NY 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 continues to collaborate with her research mentors at Einstein on her translational research.



Current Institution: Westchester Medical Center, NY 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 where he will lead the personalized medicine program.

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Current Institution: Children's Hospital at Montefiore, 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 Assistant Professor in the Division of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology at the Children's Hospital Montefiore and is the Program Director for the fellowship.



Current Institution: Advocate Children's Hospital, IL Dr. Caroline Hu completed fellowship training at Montefiore in 2011. She was recruited to Joseph Sanzari Children's Hospital at Hackensack Medical Center as an assistant professor of pediatrics at the University of Medicine and Dentistry in New Jersey. Shortly after 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 recently was recruited by Advocate Children's Hospital in Chicago.



Current Institution: Children's Hospital at Montefiore, 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 was subsequently recruited to be a faculty member in the Division of Bone Marrow Transplant and Research Immunology in the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles. In 2014, Dr. Mahadeo returned to the Children's Hospital at Montefiore where he is the director of the Blood and Marrow Transplant Program.



Current Institution: MD Anderson Cancer Center, 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. Dr. Tewari was hired as a faculty member at Duke in 2011. In 2012, Dr. Tewari was recruited by MD Anderson, where she currently is an assistant professor and medical director of the Blood and Marrow Transplantation program.



Current Institution: Phoenix Children's Hospital, AZ 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 clinic trials in patients with sarcomas. She is currently working with the bone tumor disease committee in the COG to develop a phase II trial of immunotherapy in patients with osteosarcoma. In addition, Dr. Hingorani is working with the soft tissue committee on a protocol for children with relapsed rhabdomyosarcoma.

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