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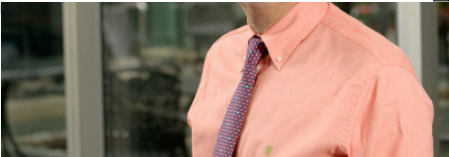
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"We're very pleased to have Dr. Giralt, a recognized leader in the field of bone marrow transplantation, join the Memorial Sloan Kettering community," said Robert E. Wittes, MD, Physician-in-Chief at Memorial Sloan Kettering. "In addition to his impressive leadership experience, Dr. Giralt brings valuable expertise in innovative clinical research and high-quality patient care."



Sergio Giralt

Dr. Giralt's research has primarily focused in the area of stem cell transplantation. He is renowned for his work in the development of nonmyeloablative bone marrow transplantation, which led to an increase in bone marrow transplants for a broader group of patients. This work established that older patients, who had previously been excluded from the procedures, could benefit from transplantation. Dr. Giralt also specializes in myeloma and is currently the leader on several clinical trials combining both allo- and autotransplant in myeloma.

"This is a significant time in the field of stem cell transplantation as we continue to develop and evaluate techniques and procedures to treat cancer," said Dr. Giralt. "I look forward to working with the exceptional physicians and researchers at Memorial Sloan Kettering to further clinical research, improve the transplant process for patients, and continue to expand the use of alternative donor sources."

Internationally recognized, Dr. Giralt has served as Chair of the Center for International Blood and Marrow Transplant Research and chaired the Center for International Blood and Marrow Research. Currently he serves on the steering committee of the Bone Marrow Transplant Clinical Trial Network and the Board of Directors of the National Marrow Donor Program.

Prior to his appointment at Memorial Sloan Kettering, Dr. Giralt served as the Blood and Marrow Center Medical Director and Deputy Chair of the Department of Stem Cell Transplantation at MD Anderson Cancer Center. Dr. Giralt received his MD degree from the Universidad Central de Venezuela. He completed his residency in internal medicine at Good Samaritan Hospital in Cincinnati and held a fellowship in medical oncology and hematology at MD Anderson Cancer Center.