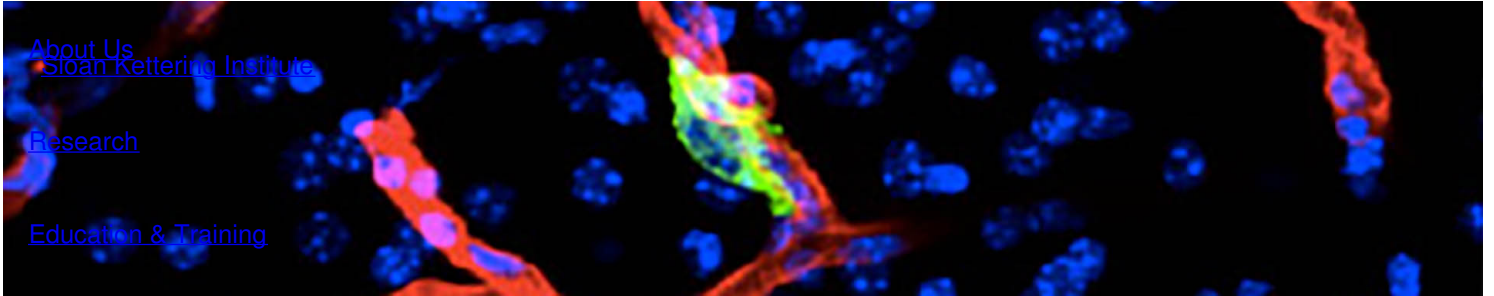


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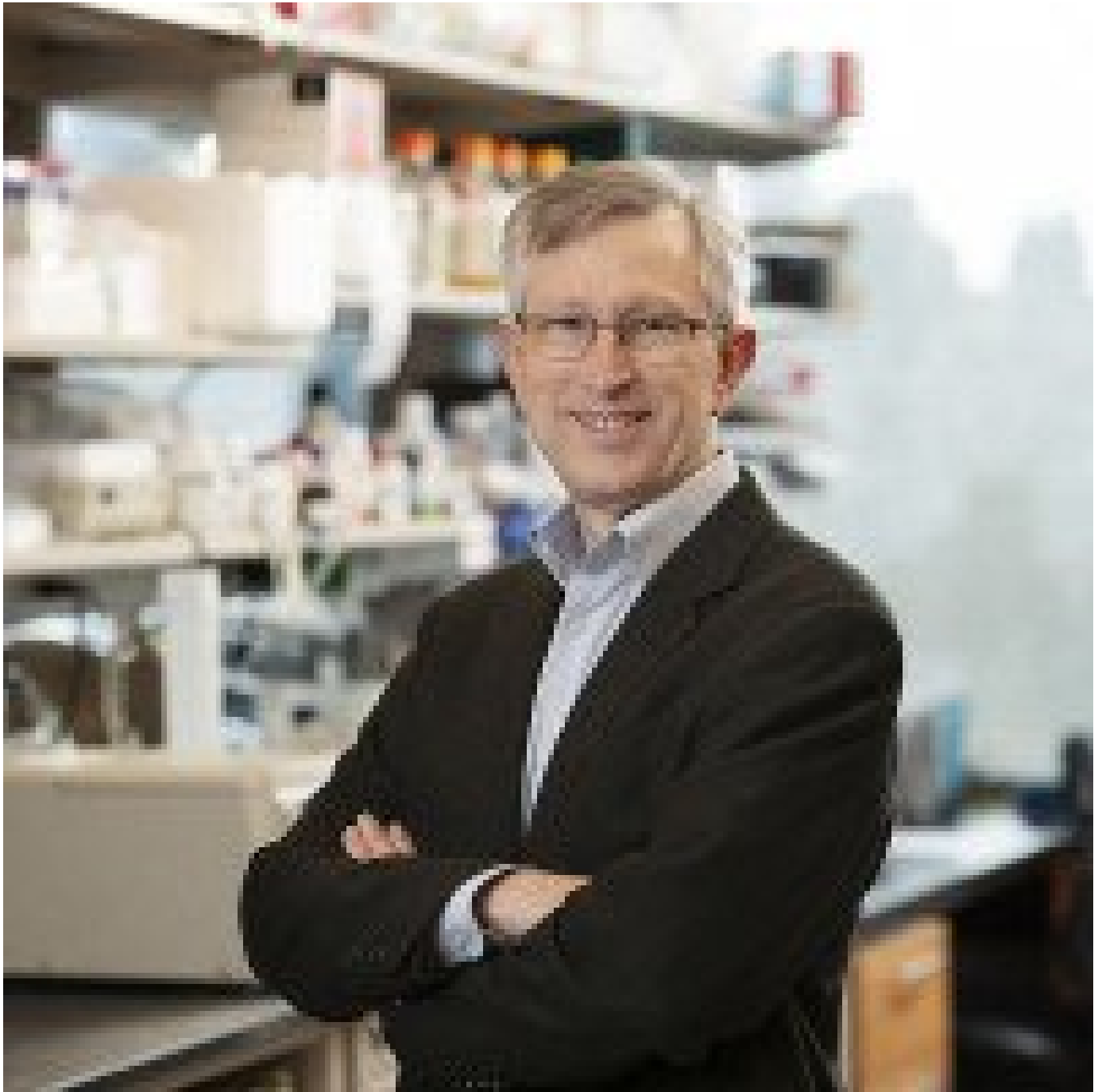
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## Research



Joan Massagué, PhD

Chief Scientific Officer, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center; Director, Sloan Kettering Institute; Marie-Josée and Henry R. Kravis Chair; Member, Cancer Biology & Genetics Program

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We are interested in metastasis, the cause of 90% of cancer deaths. The lab investigates metastatic stem cells and their stromal niches. The role of immune regulatory and regenerative signals, particularly TGF- $\beta$ , is of interest. General as well as organ-specific mediators of metastasis are under investigation. We are defining the phenotypic plasticity and evolution of metastatic cell populations from dormancy to outbreak, identifying drug targets, and enabling clinical trials to treat metastasis.

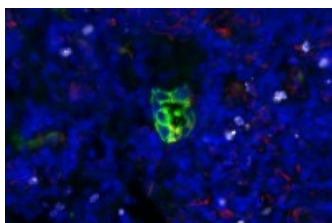
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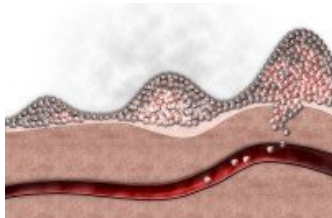
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### [MSK Scientists Identify Potential New Strategy Against Metastasis](#)

A team of scientists at the Sloan Kettering Institute has identified the STING cellular signaling pathway as a key player in keeping dormant cancer cells from progressing into aggressive tumors months, or even years, after they've escaped from a primary tumor.

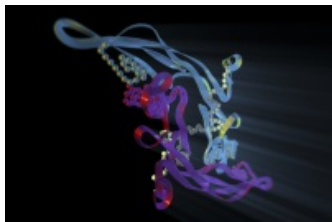
IN THE LAB



### [What Does Cancer Metastasis Have to Do with Wound Healing? More than You Might Think](#)

Scientists are learning that — in a literal sense — metastasis is wound healing gone wrong.

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### [An Old Protein Gets a New Look: Researchers Target TGF-β to Make Immunotherapy More Effective](#)

Drugs that block the action of TGF-β may make checkpoint inhibitors more effective.

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## Publications Highlights

[Lee JH, Sánchez-Rivera FJ, He L, Basnet H, Chen F, Spina E, Li L, Torner C, Chan JE, Yarlagadda DVK, Park JS, Sussman C, Rudin CM, Lowe SW, Tammela T, Macias MJ, Koche RP, Massagué J. TGF- \$\beta\$  and RAS jointly unmask primed enhancers to drive metastasis. \*Cell\* \(2024\) Aug 29:S0092-8674\(24\)00905-X. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cell.2024.08.014>](#)

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[Hu, J., Sánchez-Rivera, F.J., Johnson, G., Wang, Z., Ho, YJ., Ganesh, K., Gan, S., Hampton, J., Zhao, H., Kottapalli, S., De Stanchina, E., Iacobuzio-Donahue, C.A., Pe'er, D., Lowe, S.W., Sun, J., and Massagué, J. STING suppresses the reactivation of dormant metastasis in lung adenocarcinoma. \*Nature\* 616\(7958\):806-813 \(2023\) \[PMC10569211\]\(https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/36811111/\)](#)

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## People



## Joan Massagué, PhD

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Joan Massagué studies the control of stem cell growth and phenotype in tumor progression, metastasis, and response to therapy.

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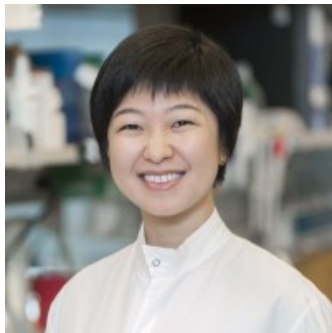
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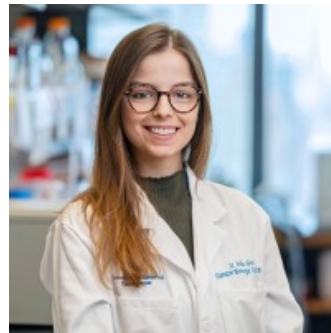
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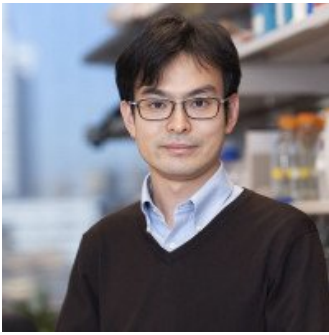
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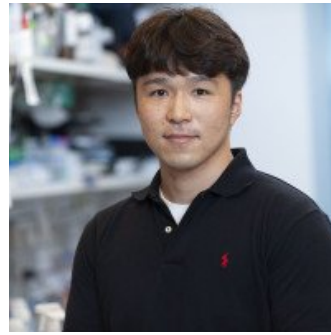
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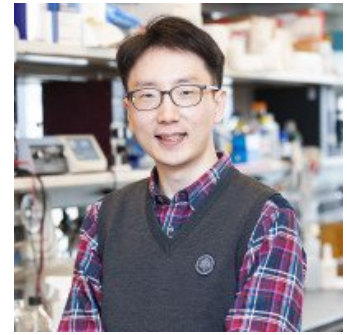
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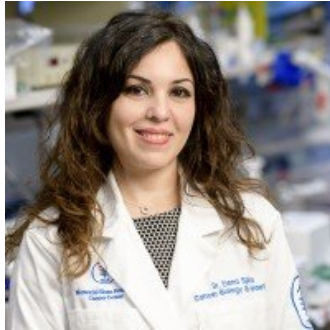
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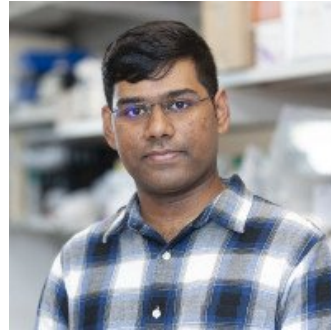
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Elena Spina  
Research Associate



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Student

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## Achievements

- Chief Scientific Officer, MSKCC (2023–)
- Director, Sloan Kettering Institute (2014–)
- HHMI Scientific Review Board (2014–)
- HHMI Investigator (1990-2013)
- Fellow, American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) Academy (2016)

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## Team Recognitions

Welcome to the Massague Lab: Sarah Singer joined in Feb as a Research Assistant

The Massague Lab held a Baby shower in Honor of Alhaji Janneh and his family. We are so excited in the arrival of your little one !

Farewell Hamed : Hamed Shahoei departed the Massague Lab in November

Congratulations Dr. Massague : A Symposium was held to celebrate Dr. Massague's 70th Birthday in September!

Welcome to the Massague Lab: Alhaji Janneh who arrived in September from Medical University of South Carolina

Congratulations: Jing Hu departed in July to an faculty position at Peking University

Congratulations : Congratulations to Gabi Johnson who accepted a position with Pfizer as a Scientist in May .

Welcome to the Massague Lab: Ines Godet joined in January from Johns Hopkins University, Maryland

Welcome to the Massague Lab: Carson Kenum arrived in September from the University of Michigan- Ann Arbor

Welcome to the Massague Lab: Catherine Bibby July arrived from Binghamton University

Welcome to the Massague Lab: Kenta Kawasaki arrived in October from Keio University School of Medicine.

Welcome to the Massague Lab : Elena Spina arrived in August from University of Calabria.

Welcome to the Massague Lab: Dylan Manuele arrived in June from the University of Rochester.

Congratulations: Our first in person lab meeting for 2021!

The Massague Lab celebrates the arrival of

Zhenghan Wang's daughter Everly!

Farewell: Weiping Shu has retired from the Massague lab after many years of fantastic service as a senior research technician.

Thank you Weiping for all your contributions!

Congratulations: Harihar Basnet who departed in February as Assistant professor in the Department of Basic Medical Sciences at Tsinghua University

Welcome: Sayyed Hamed Shahoei who joined in November from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Congratulations : Lin Tian who departed in November as research investigator at the division of Biomarker Discovery, Shanghai China

Welcome to the Massague Lab: Lila Peters arrived in July from the University of Michigan

Congratulations: George Lampe departed in July to Graduate School at Columbia University.

Welcome to the Massague Lab: Jun Ho Lee joined in May from UNIST, Ulsan, Republic of Korea

Welcome to the Massague Lab: Jin Suk Park joined in March from University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas

Congratulations to Dina and Lan: The Lab Celebrated the new additions in there family by making them both Grandmothers !





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Congratulations to Dr. Yasemin Kaygusuz : Yasemin defended her thesis on 12/2 , Congratulations Yasemin !



2022 Massague Holiday Party



Congratulations : The Massague Lab celebrates the arrival of Jun Ho Lee's daughter Noa!!



The Massague Lab had the pleasure to attend a summer happy hour cruise! It was a wonderful time!



Dr. Massague invited the postdocs to his home for an annual gathering.



The Massague Lab celebrates the arrival of Zhenghan Wang's daughter Everly!



In October 2021, A small birthday celebration was held for Gabi.



Happy Birthday Joan !



The Massagu Lab attending their Friday Lab Meetings!



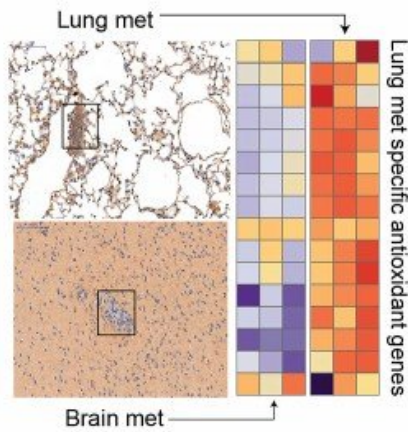
Happy Birthday Joan: Post Doc Jin Suk Park playing the clarinet for Joan's Birthday!



In June 2019, we bid a farewell to one of our Research Techs, Jessica Hampton. Jessica will be leaving to attend Med school at Stanford University. The Massagu Lab wishes her well in all of her future endeavors



Farewell: Weiping Shu has retired from the Massague lab after many years of fantastic service as a senior research technician. Thank you Weiping for all your contributions!



March 2019 - Paper Published. During metastasis, cancer cells spread to distant organs where they divide to form microscopic clusters, or micrometastases, that can grow into new tumors. Identification of genes activated in micrometastases can reveal therapeutic targets that can kill cancer cells before they grow into larger tumors that are harder to treat.



The Massague Lab came together to wish Dr. Massague a Happy Birthday!





The Massague Lab came together to celebrate Dr. Massague's Birthday



The Massague Lab at Holiday Party

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