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Meet Three of Memorial Sloan-Kettering's Young Investigators in their Nascent Journeys to Discovery



For more than a century, Memorial Sloan-Kettering has improved and extended lives through pioneering cancer research thanks largely to the fuel provided by innovative thinking. Steal a glimpse into the fascinating minds of some of our young faculty members.

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Research News

Young Investigators Named Winners of Paul Marks Prize for Cancer Research

Scott A. Armstrong, Komelia Polyak, and Victor E. Velculescu, will be honored for exceptional bodies of innovative work that have helped to advance the field of cancer research at a public ceremony on December 1. The prestigious biennial prize recognizes promising scientists under the age of 46.

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Ovarian Cancer: Genomic Analysis Provides Clues about Disease's Most Common Form

Researchers have identified genetic mutations and pathways particular to high-grade serous ovarian adenocarcinoma, the most common and aggressive type of ovarian cancer. The discovery could one day enable doctors to select the experimental treatments most likely to help women with the disease. "This unprecedented work provides a much-needed framework upon which future discoveries in the understanding and treatment of ovarian cancer will be built," Douglas A. Levine says.

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Leukemia: Discovery on How Gene Mutation Contributes to Disease Development

A key insight into what initially goes wrong in the blood of many people who develop leukemias has been made. Building on a 2008 report from Europe that people with various leukemias carry a mutation in a gene called *TET2*, the discovery reveals critical information on how these mutations function in healthy cells and contribute to disease development. "After proving *TET2* loss confers a new capacity on the

stem cells, we can start investigating whether existing or novel therapies might block that effect," says study co-leader Ross Levine.

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Counsel to 2011 MSKCC Graduates from Rockefeller University President

At Memorial Sloan-Kettering's 32nd annual Academic Convocation, keynote speaker Marc Tessier-Lavigne advised, "Whether you choose to continue in scientific research or to embrace one of the many other exciting paths open to you as scientists . . . choose one that you're passionate about and focus and dig deep into your subject matter. Mastery of your field provides the necessary substrate for creativity and real advance."

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Pediatric Patients Celebrate High School Graduations

"The students we honor all took a detour on their way to this day," said Memorial Sloan-Kettering Department of Pediatrics Vice Chair Paul Meyers to the 50 young men and women who recently earned their of high school equivalency diplomas at the 2011 Pediatric Convocation. "In the midst of treatment it's easy to lose sight of the goal . . . [which] makes it all the more important to recognize this accomplishment."

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Fertility-Sparing Procedure—Marking Ten Years of Success

Memorial Sloan-Kettering's Gynecology Service has led the way in developing a surgical procedure known as radical trachelectomy, which can enable women with early-stage cervical cancer to preserve their ability to become pregnant and have children. Doctors who were catalysts of this effort, and many of the women and babies who benefited from it, gathered together at this festive reunion.

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Kidney Cancer: The Latest in Research and Personalized Treatment

Register now for this free October 11 *CancerSmart* discussion on kidney cancer with Memorial Sloan-Kettering urologic surgeon Jonathan Coleman, physician-scientist James Hsieh, medical oncologist Robert Motzer, and urologic surgeon Paul Russo. The speakers will also answer questions from the audience.

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Head and Neck Cancers: The Latest in Treatments and Surgical Reconstruction

Register now for this free October 18 *CancerSmart* discussion on head and neck cancers with Memorial Sloan-Kettering Chief of the Head and Neck Surgical Service, Jatin Shah, plastic surgeon Joseph Disa, and radiation oncologist Nancy Lee. The speakers will also answer questions from the audience.

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Sexuality, Intimacy, Aging, and Cancer

Are you 65+? Come talk - or just listen - to strategies for dealing with this important topic. Midday on Tuesday, October 11.

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Breast Cancer Educational Fair

Knowledge is power. Learn about breast cancer during the nation's official Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Nurses will be there to explain prevention, diagnosis, care, and treatment options. From 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Tuesday, October 20, and Friday, October 21, at the Evelyn H. Lauder Breast Cancer and Memorial Sloan-Kettering Imaging Center.

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Donate Blood or Platelets

When you donate blood and platelets to Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, you help ensure that all our cancer patients have safe supplies. Find out where and when you can make your donation.

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Cycle for Survival 2012

Half of all cancers diagnosed in the United States are considered rare. Help raise funds to find better treatments and cures for these cancers by

joining an indoor relay-style cycling team! Your bike is waiting at an Equinox fitness club in New York City, Long Island, Chicago, San Francisco—and for the first time, in Los Angeles and Washington DC.

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