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Jan Grimm, MD, PhD

The Grimm lab in the Molecular Pharmacology Program focuses on the development of novel and innovative approaches for cancer diagnostics and therapy. These approaches evaluate underlying biology and utilize nanotechnology, chemistry and physics interrogated with modern imaging methods. The lab focuses currently several avenues: (i) the utilization of nanoparticles for cancer therapy; (ii) novel imaging approaches such as Cerenkov and optoacoustic imaging and (iii) the biology of PSMA both in prostate cancer and neovasculature using a tumor-on-chip microfluidic chip system.

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Publications Highlights

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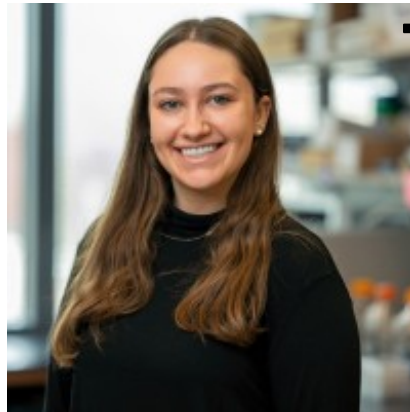
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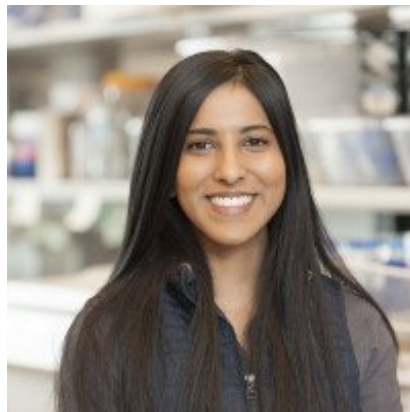
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Achievements

- 2014- NIH Nagy New Investigator Award
- 2018- The American Society for Clinical Investigation (ASCI) Member

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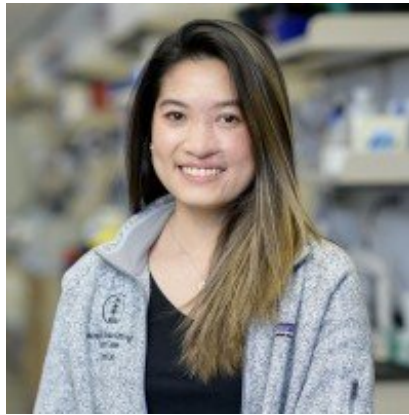
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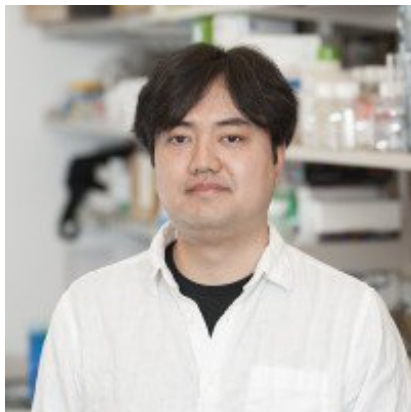
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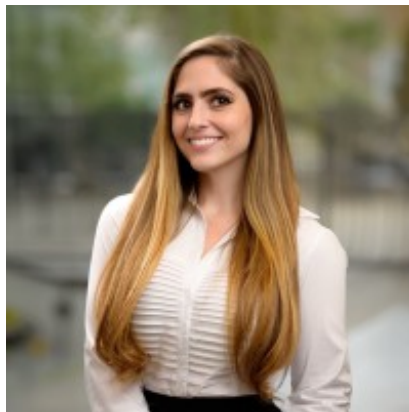
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