Staff Update

We are pleased to introduce our newest staff members Aparna Balakrishnan, MPH, Community Outreach Specialist; Rosario Costas-Muñiz, Ph.D., Assistant Attending Psychologist; Dipika Gaur, Community Outreach Assistant; and Imran Mujawar, MBBS, Assistant Research Biostatistician.

We would like to extend a big thank-you to our Summer 2014 interns: Amisha Ahuja; Vanessa Dorismond; Nardin El-Shamma; Rachel Chazin-Gray; Assile Koubeissy; Nathan Kheysin; Jonah Kreniske; Shu Lei; Lei Lei; Nancy Mo; Darshan Patel; Salitah Qureshi; Manrose Singh; Brian Sou; Mariella Tejada; Deanna White; Amy Zheng; Zhiying Zhi; and Elena Zinski.

Awards and Funding Update

Congratulations to Francesca Gany, MD, MS, Service Chief for receiving the Junior Faculty Council 2014 MSKCC Excellence in Mentoring Award for her work on junior faculty professional development. An amazing 16 faculty members were nominated! Congratulations to all nominees and finalists.

Jennifer Leng, MD, MPH received funding from the National Institutes of Health through the R03 mechanism, to support her project “Adapting Individual Meaning-Centered Psychotherapy in Advanced Cancer for the Chinese Immigrant Population”. The goal of this project is to adapt the Individual Meaning-Centered Psychotherapy intervention to be culturally and linguistically tailored for Chinese immigrant cancer patients through formative research, including a community needs assessment and in-depth interviews.

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Integrated Cancer Care Access Network (ICCAN)
ICCAN addresses the social and economic barriers to cancer treatment experienced by underserved cancer patients and aims to improve health outcomes. We have increased capacity building to support community-based services for immigrant cancer patients through ongoing training. We continue to recruit for a randomized control trial to assess the impact of ICCAN on Cancer Treatment Completion and Quality of Life. ICCAN has expanded to include Elmhurst Hospital, our newest site. We will begin to offer our services there in the Fall of 2014. PEDS ICCAN bridges the divide between children who need cancer care and support services, the providers who serve them, and the resources that are available. To date PEDS ICCAN has assisted 75 families at partner sites throughout NYC. For more information, contact Julia Ramirez at ramirej1@mskcc.org.

Food to Overcome Outcomes Disparities (FOOD)
The FOOD Program continues to serve cancer patients with hospital-based pantries in Queens, the Bronx, Manhattan, and Brooklyn. Due to overwhelming food insecurity needs, FOOD has been rapidly growing; we now typically see 100 patients per week and distribute over 3,700 meals per month. We are participating in the Health Bucks program for the 2014 farmers’ market season to offer patients access to fresh fruits and vegetables. As of August 2014, Queens Cancer Center is the first of the six sites to become a full-fledged Food Bank for New York City member, which will provide the pantry with access to a greater range of healthy food inventory. Recruitment of patients for the FOOD randomized control trial has reached its target at Queens Cancer Center, but continues to recruit at Ralph Lauren Center and Lincoln Hospital Center. For more information, contact Julia Ramirez at ramirej1@mskcc.org.

Language and Cultural Responsiveness Initiatives
Language Initiatives remains committed to empowering researchers, community hospitals and other programs in their efforts to best serve diverse populations in a linguistically and culturally competent manner. We achieve this through research support and the provision of linguistically and culturally appropriate services. We completed our the Program for Medical Interpreting Services and Education (PROMISE) Cycle 15 training and held our Second Annual PROMISE Alumni Networking Event, which was a great success and provided a lively forum for exchanging information about the interpreting field and job market. We are pleased to report that we completed our patient navigation and medical interpreting trainings at Jamaica Hospital Medical Center and Flushing Hospital Medical Center, and conducted workshops for the benefit of boosting performance of certain individuals’ medical interpreting skills. We conducted a first round of NYC Health and Hospitals Corporation medical interpreting trainings and staff interpreter assessments, which took place at Elmhurst Hospital Center and Bellevue Hospital Center. The Bellevue Hospital Dual Role Interpreters were assessed in Spanish, French, Haitian Creole, Polish, Mandarin, and Cantonese. For more information, please contact Javier González at gonzalc3@mskcc.org.

Arab Health Initiative (AHI)
AHI focuses on education and services to reduce health disparities experienced by local and international Arab communities. As part of our Arab American Breast Cancer Education and Referral Program (AMBER), we facilitated 3 breast health workshops in community-based organizations, mosques and churches across the City this past quarter. We took part in an Arab community health fair in Brooklyn, where we disseminated breast cancer awareness and introduced AMBER services. We navigated over 50 women to receive breast cancer screening, assisted 10 women with medical interpretation at their appointments, and linked 1 newly diagnosed woman with resources and supportive services to help her complete her treatment. AMBER breast cancer survivors and staff participated in the Komen 2014 Race and Survivors Parade in Central Park. We received IRB approval for our study, “Colorectal Cancer Screening among Arab Americans: Community Members’ Perspectivest”, which we are conducting in collaboration with Wayne State University in Detroit. Recruitment will start in the Fall. For more information, please contact Perla Chebli at cheblip@mskcc.org.

NYS Health Benefit Exchange
Immigrant Health and Cancer Disparities Service has been designated as a New York State facilitated enroller, which allows us to directly assist patients and their family members with enrollment into the New York State Health Benefit Exchange. The new open enrollment period is from November 15, 2014 to February 15, 2015. We currently have 6 Navigators who speak Bengali, Hindi, Punjabi, Spanish, Mandarin, and Portuguese in addition to English. For more information or to speak with a Navigator, please call 646-388-3483.

Ventanillas de Salud (Health Windows)
Ventanilla de Salud (VDS) is a partnership between the Mexican Consulate and IHCD to provide disease prevention services, increase access to preventive care, raise awareness around health related issues, and promote healthy lifestyle choices for Latino communities in New York City. Through this collaborative effort the VDS program addresses its key objective: to decrease health disparities in the Mexican community. In July, VDS and IHCD staff attended the annual JORNADA meeting in Orlando, Florida. This annual meeting brings together all VDS representatives from across the United States and Mexico to share their experiences and plan for future projects. This summer the VDS, along with its partners, provided health information and free screenings to over 5,000 people. For more information, please contact Julia Ramirez at ramirej1@mskcc.org.

Taxi Network
Summer 2014 was very productive for the Taxi Network. We worked with collaborators to develop interventions to improve the health of Chinese livery drivers. We initiated a pedometer pilot with the Taxi Network Community Advisory Board, which will be disseminated to NYC drivers by the end of the year. Three medical students, who interned with us in the summer, will be presenting their work at the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities Grantee’s Conference in December, 2014. Additionally, the Taxi Network team has been conducting free health screenings for drivers around the City and facilitating enrollment into the Health Benefit Exchange, for those who were uninsured. For more information, please contact Margaux Genoff at genoffm@mskcc.org.

South Asian Health Initiative (SAHI)
SAHI is a multidisciplinary community-academic partnership that focuses on community-engaged research, education, and service to reduce health disparities in the South Asian community. This summer, we worked with community partners in Chicago and NYC to host community meetings to continue disseminating the findings from the South Asian Health: From Research to Practice to Policy initiative. For additional information, please email Rijul Kochar at kocharr@mskcc.org.

IIHCID Internship Program
If you are interested in learning more about the internship opportunities available at IIHCID, please contact Rijul Kochar at 646-888-4483 or visit our Website at www.mskcc/iihcid.