DEPARTMENT OF EPIDEMIOLOGY AND BIOSTATISTICS

EXPANDS TO THE 14TH FLOOR OF 300 EAST 66TH STREET

On December 19, 2011, the Department will have additional space at 300 East 66th Street on the 14th floor. The floor will be shared with the division of Solid Tumor Head and Neck. Total space allocated to the Department for offices/cubicles is 1955 square feet. Common spaces include a state of the art conference room that holds up to 15 people and a break out room for meetings of up to 4 people. Thirteen employees who are closely associated with The Center for Health Policy and Outcomes will be moving to the new location. They include, Peter Bach, M.D., Elena Elkin, Ph.D., Victoria Blinder, M.D., M.S.C., Allison Lipitz Snyderman, Ph.D., Coral Atoria, Carolyn Eberle, Sang-Hee Min, Paige Nobles, Laura Pinheiro, Rosmina Rodriguez, Geoffrey Schnorr, Yvonne Bombard, and Caitriona O’Neill.

The building was first occupied in 2009 by the Evelyn H. Lauder Breast Center and MSKCC Imaging Center. With Mrs. Lauder’s guidance and support, the building was established to provide state-of-the-art care in a comfortable and welcoming environment. Mrs. Lauder personally made many of the design and material choices. Mrs. Lauder’s personal curator selected the artwork displayed on the 14th floor.

300 East 66th Street is on 2nd Avenue between 65th and 66th Streets. The entrance can be accessed through the driveway from 65th or 66th Street. All of Health Outcomes and the Administrative team have been granted security access on their ID cards. Other visitors will need to be announced at the Security desk. If you anticipate that you will be a frequent visitor, please contact Rosmina Rodriguez to have your ID updated. All are welcome to visit the new space on or after December 21st. Please contact Kara Fraga or Rosmina Rodriguez to arrange.

GRANT AWARD

Kathy Panageas has been awarded a PCOR Goldstein Award to examine the frequency and patterns of off-label use of chemotherapeutic agents in a cohort of elderly breast cancer patients. The population based SEER-Medicare linked dataset will be used to explore this topic. This work will be carried out in collaboration with Cami Sima and Anne Eaton.

In a manuscript recently published in Breast Cancer Research and Treatment, Anne Reiner, Kathy Panageas and colleagues conducted the first population-based study of lymphedema in elderly men following a diagnosis of incident primary breast cancer of any stage. Lymphedema rates in elderly men were similar to analogous rates for elderly women; lymphedema is a common complication affecting both genders.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Staff

Melissa Budnick is the new Biostatistics Fund Coordinator. Prior to MSKCC, she worked in grant management at Weill Cornell, in the Departments of Pediatrics and Public Health. Additionally, Melissa has worked in grant management at New York University and The George Washington University. She completed her Master’s in Public Health from Hunter College in May 2011 and is currently pursuing a Master’s in Public Administration at Baruch College.

Farewell to Staff

Quincy Mo will leave the department in January 2012 to take a tenure-track position as an Assistant Professor at the Baylor College of Medicine. The faculty appointment will be in the Department of Medicine and Dan L. Duncan Cancer Center.