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**BIOSTATISTICS SEMINAR SERIES**

All seminars are held from 4PM – 5PM in the 3rd floor conference room (307 63rd St)

- **November 20, 2013** Sujata Patil MSKCC
- **December 4, 2013** Tyler VanderWeele Harvard University
- **December 11, 2013** Zhigang Zhang MSKCC
- **December 18, 2013** Cami Sima MSKCC

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**HEALTH OUTCOMES RESEARCH GROUP (HORG) SEMINARS**

From 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

- **November 22, 2013** Stuart Gardos MSKCC 307 E. 63rd St., 3rd floor conference room
- **December 13, 2013** Sigurd Carlson MSKCC 307 E. 63rd St., 3rd floor conference room

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**SURVIVORSHIP, OUTCOMES AND RESEARCH (SOAR) SEMINAR SERIES**

- **November 21, 2013** Mark Robson, MD 11am - 12pm MSKCC Zuckerman Bldg, ZRC 105
- **December 3, 2013** Eya Grunfeld, MD, DPhil 4pm – 5pm Cancer Care Ontario and the Ontario Institute for Cancer M-107

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**COLIN NAMED EDITOR-IN-CHIEF**

Dr. Colin Begg, is taking over the role of Editor-in-Chief of *Clinical Trials*, an international scholarly journal devoted to clinical trials methodology, covering data management, trial logistics, design and conduct of trials, statistical methods, impact of trials on practice and policy, ethics, law and regulation, synthesis and evidence evaluation, history, education and training, patient-related issues, decision analysis, and commentaries on current or controversial issues in clinical trials. Dr. Begg’s editorial team consists of five Deputy Editors, one of whom is Mithat Gönen, Katherine Wong has assumed the role of Assistant Editor for the journal. In this role she will function as the nerve center of all activities, tracking submitted manuscripts, preparing material for the production team at the publishers, and communicating with authors. Since September the new team has been handling all submitted manuscripts. Dr. Begg’s official position as Editor-in-Chief begins in January, 2014. *Clinical Trials* is published bi-monthly and is sponsored by the International Society for Clinical Trials.

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**ALLISON LIPITZ-SNYDERMAN AWARDED GRANT FROM UNITED HOSPITAL FUND**

Allison Lipitz-Snyderman was awarded a $70K grant from the United Hospital Fund, which was one of nine grants totaling $475,000 for projects to improve healthcare services in New York. Her study titled “Adverse events in cancer care: Development of a medical record-based screening tool to detect adverse events in cancer care” will hope to improve healthcare services in New York. Her study titled “Adverse events in cancer care: Development of a medical record-based screening tool to detect adverse events in cancer care” will hope to improve healthcare services in New York. Her study titled “Adverse events in cancer care: Development of a medical record-based screening tool to detect adverse events in cancer care” will hope to improve healthcare services in New York. Her study titled “Adverse events in cancer care: Development of a medical record-based screening tool to detect adverse events in cancer care” will hope to improve healthcare services in New York.

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**PUBLICATION**

**Design Considerations for Dose-Expansion Cohorts in Phase I Trials**

Alexia Iasonos recently co-authored an article in the *Journal of Clinical Oncology* evaluating on the design and safety monitoring of Phase I trials. The inclusion of dose expansion cohorts has been increasingly used in Phase I trials with the aim to further assess the experimental agent’s safety profile and obtain preliminary efficacy results. They are also used to identify a more homogenous group of patients and decide which disease indication to take further into the Phase II testing. The design and safety monitoring of such trials should be considered in the context of dose expansion cohorts within Phase I trials and the article discusses the challenges of dose expansion cohorts in Phase I trials.
PRESENTATION AT APHA
Carolyn Eberle presented at a roundtable discussion at the recent 2013 American Public Health Association meeting held in Boston, MA. The discussion was titled "Employer accommodations defined by women undergoing treatment for breast cancer."

STAFF FAREWELLS
Natalie Barragan was promoted to Department Fund Manager in the Human Oncology & Pathogenesis Program (HOPP). She worked as Project Coordinator for Ethan Basch and departmental administration for over 2.5 years.

After 5 years of service, Chelsea Seaberg will be leaving MSKCC and relocating to Philadelphia. She hopes to eventually attend nursing school.

UPCOMING EMPLOYEE WELLNESS EVENTS
Nutrition Lecture Series: Celiac Disease
Employee Wellness Dietitian, Erica Lokshin will discuss management of celiac disease and gluten free diet
November 13th, 12pm – 1pm  RRL 116

Diabetes and You: What you Need to Know and How to Control of Your Health Presentation from Registered Nurse and Certified Diabetes Educator, Ellen Coonerty and Registered Dietitians, Michele Sandone and Erica Lokshin
November 20th, 12pm - 1pm  Zuckerman Auditorium.

Great American Smoke Out Health Fair
Tobacco Cessation experts will be available
November 21st, 12pm – 3pm  West Dining Room cafeteria.

The Truth Behind Electronic E Cigarettes
A talk with Dr. Jack Burkhalter
November 22nd, 12pm - 1pm  Zuckerman Auditorium.

STAFF PROMOTIONS
- Talya Salz promoted to Assistant Attending
- Yasmeen Majoka promoted to Project Coordinator
- Dan Sjoberg promoted to Research Biostatistician II
- Valerie Pocus promoted to Research Study Assistant II

WELCOME NEW STAFF!
Brittany Soto, Project Coordinator
Brittany joins our department from the Medicine department where she was the Administrative Secretary for the Hematology Service. She is currently pursuing an MPH at Columbia University with a focus in Health Policy and Management. She will be working with Ann Zauber.

Anjali Jotwani, Research Study Assistant I
Anjali graduated from Yale University with a BS in Molecular Biophysics and Biochemistry. She recently moved to NYC from Austin, Texas. She will be supporting the research needs of Malcolm Pike and Noah Kauff.

Vincent Madonia, Research Trainee
Vincent received a BA in Economics from the University at Albany, SUNY in May 2013. He joined MSKCC as an intern for the Epidemiology and Biostatistics Department in July 2012, and began working full time as a Research Trainee in the Molecular Epidemiology Laboratory in October 2013.

Brittany Garr, Research Study Assistant II
Brittany will be working with Malcolm Pike and Jen Brooks. She transferred to our department from the Medicine Clinical Trials Office where she was an RSA working on protocols sponsored by the Alliance for Clinical Trials in Oncology. She is currently a student at Hunter College pursuing an MPH in Epidemiology and Biostatistics.

STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS
- Dan Sjoberg is a statistical editor for the European Urology journal.
- Marinela Capanu and Andrew Vickers ran the ING NYC Marathon. (Rick Church also ran!)

DEPARTMENT HOLIDAY PARTY!