

**OHSU Knight Cancer Center/Mike Newton
Esophageal Cancer Foundation
Present the**

**7th Annual WECAN Esophageal Cancer Research
Forum**

WHEN: Saturday, January 24, 2015, 8:00am-12:00pm

WHERE: Kohler Pavilion 13000A

A light continental breakfast will be served starting at 7:45am

Speakers Include:

Kathleen M. Curtius, PhD-C

Charlie Gast, MD

Jeanne Link, MD

Sergio Toledo, MD

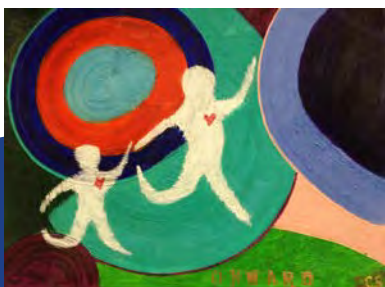
Willy Terrall, MD

Nima Nabavizadeh, MD

Also Included:

Pitch Talks for RFA grant opportunity

**Please RSVP to Michelle Kleyne
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Kohler Pavilion 13000A
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- 7:45 am Continental Breakfast, KPV13000B
- 8:00 am Introduction –**John Hunter, MD and Charles Thomas, MD**
- 8:10 am “How long has that been there? Multi-scale modeling of Barrett’s Esophagus-
Kathleen M. Curtius, PhD-C
- 8:50 am “Macrophage-Cancer Cell Fusion: A Mechanism for Tumor Progression-
Charlie Gast, MD- Department of Cell and Developmental Biology
- 9:05 am “Introduction to the OHSU Radiochemistry Research Center, resources and
possibilities for imaging”- **Jeanne Link, MD- Division of Diagnostic
Radiology-**
- 9:30 am “RNA transcriptome analysis of paraffin-embedded tissue suggests tumor-
specific genetic differences between responders and nonresponders after
neoadjuvant therapy”
Willy Terrall, MD - Division of Diagnostic Radiology-
- 9:45 am “Pre-operative carboplatin and paclitaxel-based chemoradiotherapy for
esophageal carcinoma: Results of a modified CROSS regimen utilizing radiation
doses greater than 41.4 Gy”
Nima Nabavizadeh, MD
- 10:00 am BREAK
- 10:15 am RFA Pitch Slot #1, 5 mins, 3 mins Q/A
- 10:25 am RFA Pitch Slot #2, 5 mins, 3 mins Q/A

10:35 am RFA Pitch Slot #3, 5 mins, 3 mins Q/A

10:45 am RFA Pitch Slot #4, 5 mins, 3 mins Q/A

10:55 am RFA Pitch Slot #5, 5 mins, 3 mins Q/A

11:05 am RFA Pitch Slot #6, 5 mins, 3 mins Q/A

11:15 am RFA Pitch Slot #7, 5 mins, 3 mins Q/A

11:25 am RFA Pitch Slot #8, 5 mins, 3 mins Q/A

11:30 am Closing remarks

The purpose of this Michael J. Newton Esophageal Cancer Foundation Trust Pilot Project funding mechanism is to cultivate collaborative research projects on diagnostic and therapeutic strategies for esophageal cancer. Presentations will take place during the 7th Annual Esophageal Cancer Research Retreat being held on Saturday, January 24, 2015.

<http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/schools/school-of-medicine/departments/clinical-departments/radiation-medicine/esophageal-cancer-retreat.cfm>

The ultimate goal of the pilot funding mechanism is to assist in inter-disciplinary research projects that may lead up to peer-reviewed national funding. This mechanism is intended to support research projects in the domains of clinical, basic, and translational, including health services research. Scientific excellence will be the key review element for all applications. Collaboration across units (i.e. depts, institutes, centers, schools, etc) is preferred, since most advanced in esophageal cancer have involved different disciplines.

Award Opportunities:

- Two \$15,000.00 (direct costs for one year) awards - The project(s) must demonstrate potential advancement in the understanding of esophageal cancer.

Eligibility:

- OHSU, Oregon State University, Portland State University, University of Oregon investigators. Pilot grants are intended to support new and innovative projects. Projects may be an extension of other work, but preferably would not overlap with any funded project. We encourage applications from junior and senior investigators, with the purpose to foster collaborative exploration of new areas and ideas with high potential for impact on basic understanding of esophageal cancer, including incorporation of emerging theranostic technology for this disease.

Allowable Costs:

- Personnel (other than PI salary), supplies, travel, and other expenses such as biostatistics and informatics support. Equipment that is essential for the study, and is not otherwise available, may be requested.

The 2015 pilot grant(s) will be awarded based on the merit of the proposal.

Self-assembled presenters/teams should sign up to present at the retreat **by 5 pm (PST) on Thursday, January 22nd, 2015**. Slots will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis, with **up to 8** slots available for presentation. At the retreat, to take place on **Saturday, January 24th, 2015**, each presenting PI team is asked to present up to 3 slides max. and/or a 5 minute pitch talk conceptualizing a collaborative project between investigators.

Up to five pilot projects will be invited for the submission of a full application by **Friday, January 30th, 2015**.

Key Dates: Application deadline: **February 20, 2015**

Email a single .pdf with all application materials to Michelle Kleyne (kleyne@ohsu.edu), 4-4937

All submitted applications must follow the guidelines below:

- 1) \$15,000/year for one year.
- 2) Collaborative investigators must be PIs.

3) Research should address esophageal cancer. Submit a single .pdf file that contains the following:

- Cover letter (1 page max.), Lay Summary, Research proposal, including i) application title, ii) collaborative investigators, iii) specific aims/hypothesis, iv) significance/impact, v) research plan, 3 pages max.
- Budget & proposed timetable
- Biosketches from key personnel
- Letter from unit leaders (i.e. department chairs, division chiefs, institute or center directors) stating that they acknowledge there will not be indirect recovery associated to funding.