ITMAT 15th Annual International Symposium
Monday and Tuesday, October 12-13, 2020
Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania
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Novel Therapeutics and Democratization of Access:
Implementation of Translational Science

Monday, October 12 (Day 1)

8:45  
Introduction
J. Larry Jameson, MD, PhD, Executive Vice President, University of Pennsylvania for the Health System, and Dean, Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania

Session 1:  Models of Drug Development

Chairs: Robert H. Vonderheide, MD, DPhil, Director, Abramson Cancer Center; Vice Dean, Cancer Programs, Perelman School of Medicine; Vice President, Cancer Programs, University of Pennsylvania Health System; University of Pennsylvania, and Frances E. Jensen, MD, FACP, Professor and Chair, Department of Neurology; Co-Director Penn Medicine Translational Neuroscience Center, Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania

9:00  
Leveraging Translational Studies to Meet the Challenges of Neuroscience Drug Discovery
Fiona Marshall, PhD, VP Head of Discovery Research, Merck Research Laboratories

9:30  
Learning from Every Cancer Patient in Developing and Delivering Cancer Medicines
Michael Vasconcelles, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Flatiron Health

Session 2: Democratization of Access to the Benefits of Translational Science

Chairs: Carolyn Cannuscio, ScD, Associate Professor of Family Medicine and Community Health, Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, and Daniel J. Rader, MD, Seymour Gray Professor of Molecular Medicine; Chair, Department of Genetics; Chief, Division of Translational Medicine and Human Genetics, Department of Medicine, Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania
10:30  Legal and Ethical Issues Relevant to Genetic Self-Exploration Tools
Christi Guerrini, JD, MPH, Assistant Professor, Center for Medical Ethics and Health Policy, Baylor College of Medicine

11:00  Bringing Research from Bedside to Population: ASCVD Risk Reduction Efforts in Philadelphia
Kevin G. Volpp, MD, PhD, Founders Presidential Distinguished Professor, Perelman School of Medicine and the Wharton School; Director, Penn Center for Health Incentives and Behavioral Economics (CHIBE), University of Pennsylvania

11:30  Balancing Innovation and Affordable Drug Prices: A Patient Perspective
David Mitchell, Cancer Patient and Founder, Patients for Affordable Drugs

Session 3a:  The Human as a Model Organism

Chairs: Mark L. Kahn, MD, Cooper-McLure Professor of Medicine, Division of Cardiovascular Medicine, Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, and George Cotsarelis, MD, Milton B. Hartzell Professor and Chairman, Department of Dermatology; Director, Program on Epithelial Regeneration and Stem Cells, University of Pennsylvania Institute for Regenerative Medicine; Director, University of Pennsylvania Hair and Scalp Clinic, Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania

1:00  Growing Organs In Vivo: iPS Cell-Derived, Xeno-Created Organs for Transplantation
Hiromitsu Nakauchi, MD, PhD, Professor, Institute of Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine, Department of Genetics, Stanford University School of Medicine

1:30  Human Skin Biology
Fiona M. Watt, MA, DPhil, Professor, King’s College London

2:00  Utilization of Single-Cell Genomics to Guide Therapeutic Decisions in Severe Drug Hypersensitivity
Keisuke (Chris) Nagao, MD, PhD, Earl Stadtman Investigator & Head, Cutaneous Leukocyte Biology Section, Dermatology Branch, National Institutes of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS), National Institutes of Health

Session 3b:  The Human as a Model Organism

Chairs: Marylyn Ritchie, PhD, Professor of Genetics, Associate Director for Bioinformatics, Institute for Biomedical Informatics, Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, and Mitchell Schnall MD, PhD, Eugene P. Pendergrass Professor and Chairman of Radiology, Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania
3:00  Whole-body Imaging in Health and Disease  
Madeleine Cule, PhD, Principal Data Scientist, Calico Life Sciences

3:30  Precision Medicine is Enhanced with Metabolomics and MRI Whole-body Imaging  
C. Thomas Caskey, MD, FACP, FACMG, FRSC, Professor of Molecular and Human Genetics, Baylor College of Medicine

4:00  Precision Healthcare through Multi-Scale Biomedical Data Integration  
Jessilyn Dunn, PhD, Assistant Professor, Biomedical Engineering and Biostatistics & Bioinformatics, Duke University

4:30  GDF15, From Biomarker to Hormone  
Stephen O'Rahilly, MD, Professor, Institute of Metabolic Science, University of Cambridge

6:00  Cocktail Hour: A Conversation with Edward Luce, Chief US Commentator, Financial Times, "An Election Like No Other"

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Tuesday, October 13 (Day 2)

Session 4: The Science of Novel Therapies

Chairs: Keith Peters, FRS, Emeritus Regius Professor of Physic, University of Cambridge, and Sara Cherry, PhD, Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine and Microbiology, Department of Microbiology; Scientific Director, High-throughput Screening Core Director, Program for Chemogenomic Discovery, Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania

9:00  How Poliovirus Became a Treatment for Brain Cancer  
Annick Desjardins, MD, FRCPC, Associate Professor of Neurosurgery and Neurology; Director of Clinical Research, The Preston Robert Tisch Brain Tumor Center at Duke, Duke University Medical Center

9:30  Targeted Delivery of Lipid Nanoparticles Containing Nucleoside-Modified mRNA Therapeutics  
Drew Weissman, MD, PhD, Professor of Medicine, Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania.

10:00  New Directions with New CAR T Cells  
Marcela V. Maus, MD, PhD, Director, Cellular Immunotherapy Program; Attending Physician, Heme/Onc, Massachusetts General Hospital; Assistant Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School; Associate Member, Broad Institute of Harvard and MIT, Harvard Medical School
10:30  
**The Role of Oxidized Phospholipids in Inflammation: From Bench to the Clinic**  
**Joseph L. Witztum, MD**, Professor of Medicine, University of California, San Diego

Session 5:  
Translational Challenges in Zoonoses

**Chairs**: **Susan R Weiss, PhD**, Professor and Vice Chair, Department of Microbiology; Co-Director, Center for Research on Coronaviruses and Other Emerging Pathogens, Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, and **John H. Wolfe, VMD, PhD**, Professor, Departments of Pathobiology and Pediatrics, School of Veterinary Medicine and Perelman School of Medicine; Director, Walter Flato Goodman Center for Comparative Medical Genetics, University of Pennsylvania; Stokes Investigator, Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia

11:30  
**Dissecting the Heterogeneity of COVID-19 in Multi-ethnic UK Populations**  
**Ajay M Shah, MD, FMedSci**, Director, King’s College London British Heart Foundation Centre of Excellence; BHF Professor of Cardiology & James Black Professor of Medicine, King’s College London and King’s College Hospital, London, UK

12:00 PM  
**Be Prepared for the Worst – A Lesson From Italy**  
**Giuseppe Remuzzi, MD**, Director, Mario Negri Institute for Pharmacological Research, Milan

12:30  
**Research in the Context of Epidemics: WHO’s Perspective**  
**Ana Maria Henao Restrepo, MD, MSc**, Unit Lead, R&D Blueprint, WHO Health Emergencies Preparedness & Response, World Health Organization

1:00  
**Lunch Hour**: A Conversation with **Edward Luce**, Chief US Commentator, Financial Times, "An Election Like No Other"

Session 6:  
Biomarkers of Disease and Drug Response

**Chairs**: **Jason H. Moore, PhD, FACMI**, Edward Rose Professor of Informatics; Director, Institute for Biomedical Informatics; Director, Division of Informatics, Department of Biostatistics, Epidemiology, & Informatics; Senior Associate Dean for Informatics, The Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, and **Zoltan Arany, PhD**, Professor of Medicine, Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania

2:00  
**The Role of FGF21 in the Exocrine Pancreas Reveals a Potential Treatment for Pancreatitis**  
**David Mangelsdorf, PhD**, Professor, Department of Pharmacology; Investigator, Howard Hughes Medical Institute, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
2:30 Beyond Protein-coding Genes – Role of Long Non-coding RNAs in Cancer Precision Medicine
Stephanie Huang, PhD, Associate Professor and Associate Director for the Institute of Personalized Medicine, University of Minnesota

3:00 Moving the Throttle for Retinal Gene Therapy to Pandemic Speed
Jean Bennett, MD, PhD, F.M. Kirby Professor of Ophthalmology, Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania

3:30 Big Data and Health
Michael Snyder, PhD, Professor and Chair of Genetics, Stanford School of Medicine

4:00 Concluding Remarks
Garret A. FitzGerald, MD, FRS, Director, ITMAT, Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania