CALL FOR ABSTRACTS
Submission deadline February 29

2020
INTERNAL MEDICINE
RESEARCH
RETREAT
AND POSTER SESSION

THURSDAY, APRIL 23
3:00 - 5:00 pm
Poster Session

FRIDAY, APRIL 24
9:00 am Breakfast
10:00 am Research Retreat

Dan L. Duncan Building (CPB)
Floor 8 Conference Center
1155 Pressler, Houston, Texas
The mission of the Division of Internal Medicine is to provide cancer patients with the full spectrum of evidence-based cancer and internal medicine care including treatment, supportive care, survivorship care, and prevention.

As a predominantly clinical division, the Division of Internal Medicine takes great pride in its research that has been celebrated at MD Anderson as well as nationally and internationally. The emphasis of the annual research retreat is to

- encourage collaboration
- highlight research accomplishments
- provide opportunities for innovation and discovery

The retreat will open with a poster session on Thursday, April 23, to highlight ongoing research within the division and to provide a networking opportunity to faculty and employees. Students, trainees and postdoctoral fellows will compete for best poster in three categories – Basic Science, Clinical Research, and Quality Improvement. A first, second and third prize will be given in each category.
On Friday, April 24, attendees will hear the oral presentations of six Cyrus Scholar Awards finalists – three basic scientists and three clinical researchers. A panel of Distinguished Judges will select two winners, one in each category.

The Research Retreat Keynote Speaker will be Anil K. Rustgi, MD, Irving Professor of Medicine; Director, Herbert Irving Comprehensive Cancer Center; Associate Dean of Oncology, Columbia University of Irving Medical Center; and Chief of Cancer Services, New York Presbyterian Hospital, New York, New York.

**TARGET AUDIENCE**
- Physicians
- Basic Scientists
- Residents
- Fellows
- Post-Doctoral Fellows
- Nurses
- Advanced Practice Providers
- All DoIM employees
  - Administrators
  - Research and Clinical Staff
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Call for Abstracts

Division of Internal Medicine faculty, fellows and staff may submit abstracts for presentation involving original research. Abstracts not presented at the 2019 DoIM Research Retreat but previously accepted, presented or published will be accepted.

All abstracts submitted by instructors, assistant professors and associate professors automatically qualify for the Cyrus Scholar Awards competition. Winners from 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 are not eligible to compete for the Cyrus Scholar Awards.

The submission deadline is **February 29, 2020**. For complete instructions, visit [www.mdanderson.org/conferences](http://www.mdanderson.org/conferences).

Poster awards will be given to the top basic science, clinical research and quality improvement posters. First, second and third place awards will be given. All members of the division are encouraged to participate in the poster session; however, the competition will be limited to post-doctoral fellows, fellows, residents and non-faculty research employees.

**FREE REGISTRATION**

**Register Online:** [www.mdanderson.org/conferences](http://www.mdanderson.org/conferences), then scroll to **Division of Internal Medicine 2020 Research Retreat**. On-site registration is available on day of event. Online registration is preferred.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Visit [www.mdanderson.org/conferences](http://www.mdanderson.org/conferences), or contact Eric Gagneaux, CME Conference Planner, CME/Conference Management, 713-745-0080; Sarah Fayle, Director, Division Research Planning and Development, 713-563-3830.
2020 RESEARCH RETREAT AGENDA
Dan L. Duncan Building (CPB), Floor 8 Conference Center

THURSDAY, APRIL 23
3:00 - 5:00 pm  Poster Session

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

9:00 am  FREE Registration and Breakfast
On-site registration open – Online registration is recommended

10:00  Opening
David J. Tweardy, MD
Division Head, Internal Medicine
Dallas/Fort Worth Living Legend Chair for Cancer Research III
Professor, Infectious Diseases and Molecular and Cellular Oncology

Cyrus Scholar Award Presentations
Moderators:
Cielito Reyes-Gibby, DrPH, Chair, Research Committee; and
Edwin Ostrin, MD, PhD, Deputy Chair, Research Committee

Distinguished Judges
TBD

10:15  Cyrus Scholar Award Competition for Outstanding Basic/Translational Research

11:00  James S. and Suzanne Cyrus Scholar Award Competition for Outstanding Clinical Research

11:45  Announcement of Winners

Noon  Lunch

12:30 pm  2020 Research Retreat Keynote Address
A Perspective on Career Pathways in Cancer Research and Care

Anil K. Rustgi, MD
Irving Professor of Medicine
Director, Herbert Irving Comprehensive Cancer Center
Associate Dean of Oncology, Columbia University of Irving Medical Center
Chief, Cancer Services, New York Presbyterian Hospital, New York, New York

1:45  Adjourn
Anil K. Rustgi, MD
Irving Professor of Medicine
Director, Herbert Irving Comprehensive Cancer Center
Associate Dean of Oncology, Columbia University of Irving Medical Center
Chief of Cancer Services, New York Presbyterian Hospital, New York

Anil K. Rustgi, MD, a leading cancer researcher and physician whose career has focused on gastrointestinal tumors, will be the keynote speaker at the 2020 Internal Medicine Research Retreat.

Dr. Rustgi’s research focuses on the intrinsic cellular processes and tumor microenvironment that lead to the development, progression, and metastasis of gastrointestinal cancers, including cancer of the esophagus, pancreas, and colon. Using mouse models and 3D culture models, Dr. Rustgi is investigating the role of cancer-causing genes and tumor suppressor genes in the pathogenesis of GI cancers with a goal to translate discoveries into novel and innovative diagnostics and therapeutics.

Dr. Rustgi graduated summa cum laude from Yale College with a Bachelor’s Degree in Molecular Biophysics and Biochemistry. He earned his Medical Degree at Duke University School of Medicine, where he was elected to Alpha Omega Alpha, the national medical honorary society. Dr. Rustgi completed an internal medicine residency at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and a GI fellowship at Massachusetts General Hospital, both of which are affiliates of Harvard Medical School. He also served as associate professor of medicine before joining the University of Pennsylvania in 1998.

Dr. Rustgi has been elected to the American Society of Clinical Investigation and the Association of American Physicians and is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Previously, he was president of the American Gastroenterological Association, editor-in-chief of Gastroenterology, and president of the International Society of Gastroenterological Carcinogenesis.
Michael and Mariet Cyrus have a long-standing tradition of philanthropy and community service. In 2005, they established the Cyrus Family Endowment to promote the development of basic and clinical research skills in internal medicine. With the support of the Cyrus family, matching gifts, and generous supporters, including faculty of the Division of Internal Medicine, the goal is to build the endowment to $1 million. In addition, the awards are supplemented by unrestricted division funds and chair support.

The first Cyrus Scholar Awards in Outstanding Basic/Translational Research and Outstanding Clinical Research were given during the 2007 Research Retreat. In 2009, the couple decided to name the Outstanding Clinical Research Award in honor of Michael’s parents, James S. and Suzanne Cyrus. During the first presentation of the award, Michael Cyrus remarked, “It was with great respect, love and honor that we established this award in the name of our mother and father.”

The endowment provides support for two competitive awards, each for $15,000 ($5,000 each year for three years) to an outstanding basic/translational researcher and a clinical researcher.
2019 Cyrus Scholar AWARD WINNERS

CYRUS SCHOLAR AWARD IN BASIC/TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH

Scott Evans, MD  
*Professor, Pulmonary Medicine*

“The Cyrus Scholar Award funds received by our lab will be used to investigate how mitochondrial reactive oxygen species are generated by lung epithelial cells. The data derived from these studies will be used to help develop novel treatments to protect vulnerable cancer patients against potentially fatal pneumonia.”

JAMES S. AND SUZANNE CYRUS SCHOLAR AWARD IN CLINICAL RESEARCH

Cezar Iliescu, MD  
*Professor, Cardiology*

Dr. Iliescu’s Cyrus Scholar Award funds will be used to further research into early dual antiplatelet therapy discontinuation in cancer patients receiving drug-eluting stents. He will investigate delayed or abnormal stent healing, inadequate expansion, and malapposition in cancer patients, as well as working to identify a safe pathway to discontinue P2Y12 inhibition in cancer patients after 2-4 weeks.
2018
CYRUS SCHOLAR AWARD IN BASIC/TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH
Samuel Shelburne, MD, PhD
Professor, Infectious Diseases, Infection Control and Employee Health

JAMES S. AND SUZANNE CYRUS SCHOLAR AWARD IN CLINICAL RESEARCH
Yinghong (Mimi) Wang, MD, PhD
Associate Professor, Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition

2017
CYRUS SCHOLAR AWARD IN BASIC/TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH
Geoffroy Laumet, PhD
Instructor, Symptom Research

JAMES S. AND SUZANNE CYRUS SCHOLAR AWARD IN CLINICAL RESEARCH
Jessica Hwang, MD
Professor, General Internal Medicine

2016
CYRUS SCHOLAR AWARD IN BASIC/TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH
Jichao Chen, PhD
Associate Professor, Pulmonary Medicine Research

JAMES S. AND SUZANNE CYRUS SCHOLAR AWARD IN CLINICAL RESEARCH
Dimpy Shah, MD, PhD
Instructor, Infectious Diseases, Infection Control Research

2015
CYRUS SCHOLAR AWARD IN BASIC/TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH
Seyed Moghaddam, MD
Assistant Professor, Pulmonary Medicine

JAMES S. AND SUZANNE CYRUS SCHOLAR AWARD IN CLINICAL RESEARCH
Anecita Fadol, PhD
Assistant Professor, Nursing Administration with adjunct appointment in Cardiology

2014
CYRUS SCHOLAR AWARD IN BASIC/TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH
Scott Evans, MD
Assistant Professor, Department of Pulmonary Medicine

JAMES S. AND SUZANNE CYRUS SCHOLAR AWARD IN CLINICAL RESEARCH
Ella Ariza Heredia, MD
Assistant Professor, Department of Infectious Diseases, Infection Control and Employee Health

2013
CYRUS SCHOLAR AWARD IN BASIC/TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH
Samuel Shelburne, MD, PhD
Department of Infectious Diseases, Infection Control, and Employee Health and Sui Zhang, MD, PhD, Department of Cardiology

JAMES S. AND SUZANNE CYRUS SCHOLAR AWARD IN CLINICAL RESEARCH
Javier Adachi, MD
Department of Infectious Diseases, Infection Control, and Employee Health
2012
**CYRUS SCHOLAR AWARD IN BASIC/TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH**
Kenneth Tsai, MD, PhD  
*Department of Dermatology*

**JAMES S. AND SUZANNE CYRUS SCHOLAR AWARD IN CLINICAL RESEARCH**
Huifang Lu, MD, PhD  
*Department of General Internal Medicine*

2011
**CYRUS SCHOLAR AWARD IN BASIC/TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH**
Shumei Song, MD, PhD  
*Department of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition Research*

**JAMES S. AND SUZANNE CYRUS SCHOLAR AWARD IN CLINICAL RESEARCH**
Jessica Hwang, MD  
*Department of General Internal Medicine*

2010
**CYRUS SCHOLAR AWARD IN BASIC/TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH**
Scott Evans, MD  
*Department of Pulmonary Medicine*

**JAMES S. AND SUZANNE CYRUS SCHOLAR AWARD IN CLINICAL RESEARCH**
Anne-Marie Chaftari, MD  
*Department of Infectious Diseases, Infection Control and Employee Health*

2009
**CYRUS SCHOLAR AWARD IN BASIC/TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH**
Sushovan Guha, MD, PhD  
*Department of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition*

**JAMES S. AND SUZANNE CYRUS SCHOLAR AWARD IN CLINICAL RESEARCH**
Aariff Khakoo, MD  
*Department of Cardiology*

2008
**CYRUS SCHOLAR AWARD IN BASIC/TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH**
Sushovan Guha, MD, PhD  
*Department of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition*

**CYRUS SCHOLAR AWARD IN CLINICAL RESEARCH**
Aariff Khakoo, MD  
*Department of Cardiology*

2007
**CYRUS SCHOLAR AWARD IN BASIC/TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH**
Ernestina Melikoff-Portillo, MD  
*Department of Pulmonary Medicine*

**CYRUS SCHOLAR AWARD IN CLINICAL RESEARCH**
Pankaj Shah, MD  
*Department of Endocrine Neoplasia and Hormonal Disorders*
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