2017 Internal Medicine Research Retreat and Poster Session

Thursday, May 11
3:00 - 5:00 pm
Poster Session

Friday, May 12
Noon - 4:15 pm
Research Retreat

Dan L. Duncan Building (CPB)
Floor 8 Conference Center
1155 Pressler, Houston, Texas

Call for Abstracts
Submission deadline
February 28, 2017
Mission

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.

Retreat Goal

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, and
- provide opportunities for innovation and discovery

For the eighth year, The Kelsey Research Foundation will support the Kelsey Lecture Series. Andrew Mammen, MD, PhD, an investigator and leader of the Muscle Disease Unit at the National Institutes of Health, is the 2017 Mavis P. Kelsey Lecturer.

In addition, the Cyrus Scholar Awards competition will include oral presentations of six junior faculty members – three basic scientists and three clinical researchers. A panel of distinguished judges will select two winners, one in each category.

The day before the retreat, a poster session will be held to highlight ongoing research efforts and offer faculty and employees the opportunity to network and visit with representatives of the core research services. The following will compete for Best Basic Research and Best Clinical Research Posters:
- Clinical Residents
- Clinical Fellows
- Research Postdoctoral Fellows
- Graduate Students
- Medical Students

A runner-up will be named in each category.

Target Audience

- Physicians
- Basic Scientists
- Residents
- Fellows
- Post-Doctoral Fellows
- Nurses
- Advanced Practice Practitioners

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Call for Abstracts
Division of Internal Medicine faculty, fellows, students and staff may submit abstracts for presentation involving original research. Abstracts not presented at the 2016 DoIM Research Retreat but previously accepted, presented or published will be accepted.

All abstracts submitted by junior faculty (instructors, assistant professors and associate professors) automatically qualify for the Cyrus Scholar Awards competition. Winners from 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 are not eligible to compete for the Cyrus Scholar Awards.

The submission deadline is February 28, 2017.
For complete instructions, visit www.mdanderson.org/conferences

Four poster awards, two first place and two second place, will be given to recognize the top basic science and clinical research efforts. Although all members of the division are encouraged to participate in the poster session, the Poster Awards competition will be limited to clinical residents, clinical fellows, research postdoctoral fellows, graduate students and medical students.

FREE Registration
Register Online: www.mdanderson.org/conferences, then scroll to Division of Internal Medicine 2017 Research Retreat. On-site registration is available on day of event. Online registration is preferred.

Additional information
www.mdanderson.org/conferences, or contact Eric Gagneaux, senior conference coordinator, CME Conference Management, 713-745-0080, Judy Overton, program manager, Internal Medicine, 713-792-8031, or Sofia de Achaval Wied, director, Research Development, 713-563-3830.

Division of Internal Medicine
2017 Research Retreat Agenda
Duncan Building (CPB), Floor 8 Conference Center

Thursday, May 11
3:00-5:00 pm Poster Session

Friday, May 12
11:30 am FREE Registration and Lunch
On-site registration – Advanced online registration is recommended
Noon 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
12:15 pm Mavis P. Kelsey, MD, Lecture Series
Welcome Herbert DuPont, MD
Executive Vice President, The Kelsey Research Foundation
Introduction of 2017 Kelsey Lecturer
David J. Tweardy, MD
Mavis P. Kelsey Lecture
Andrew Mammen, MD, PhD
Investigator and Leader, Muscle Disease Unit, National Institutes of Health

1:30 Spotlight on DoIM Investigators
Introduction Dimitrios Kontoyiannis, MD, ScD
Deputy Division Head Research
Professor, Infectious Diseases, Infection Control and Employee Health
Cobi Heijnen, PhD
Cielito Reyes-Gibby, Dr PH

2:00 Refreshment/Break
2:15 Cyrus Scholar Award Presentations
Moderators: David Ost, MD, Chair, Research Committee; and Marie-Claude Hofmann, PhD, Deputy Chair, Research Committee

2:20 Cyrus Scholar Award Competition for Outstanding Basic/Translational Research

3:05 James S. and Suzanne Cyrus Scholar Award Competition for Outstanding Clinical Research

4:00 Announcement of Winners
Best Poster Awards and Cyrus Scholar Awards

4:15 pm Adjourn
Through the generosity of The Kelsey Research Foundation, the Kelsey Lecture Series, launched in 2009, is named in honor of the late Mavis P. Kelsey, MD, who co-founded the Kelsey-Seybold Clinic.

The medical pioneer, who completed a fellowship and worked at the Mayo Clinic for a few years, envisioned Kelsey-Seybold as the “Mayo Clinic for the Southwest.” Opened in 1949, the clinic now employs more than 400 providers who practice at 19 locations throughout the Houston area.

Early ties to MD Anderson

MD Anderson’s first President R. Lee Clark, MD, befriended Dr. Kelsey while they were stationed at the Aeromedical Laboratory in Dayton, Ohio during World War II. Dr. Clark invited him to join the institution to develop an Endocrine Center with a focus on thyroid cancer. With the support of the chief of Medicine at the time, Dr. Kelsey participated in the construction of a Geiger counter to count thyroid uptake of radioiodine. He is credited with giving the first dose of radioiodine to treat thyroid cancer in Houston.

Kelsey’s legacy includes research collaborations

Under Dr. Kelsey’s leadership, The Kelsey Research Foundation was established in 1956 to support medical research and education in the Houston area. The Foundation collaborates with numerous institutions throughout the Texas Medical Center, including MD Anderson. Current collaborations involve Cancer Prevention and Population Sciences, Health Services Research and our own General Internal Medicine investigators, such as Maria Suarez-Almazor, MD, PhD.

Herbert L. DuPont, MD, a long-time member of the Kelsey Research Foundation Board, was named Chief Executive Officer in August 2015. Dr. DuPont is also chief of internal medicine and the medical director of travel medicine at St. Luke’s Episcopal Hospital, as well as the director of the Center for Infectious Diseases at the University of Texas - Houston School of Public Health. He will graciously represent the Foundation at the retreat as he has in the past.

Andrew Mammen, MD, PhD
Investigator, National Institutes of Health (NIH), Muscle Disease Unit

Andrew (Andy) Mammen is a native of Seattle and attended Reed College in Portland, Oregon. After obtaining his MD and PhD at Johns Hopkins, he completed his neurology residency and neuromuscular fellowship at the same institution.

Dr. Mammen co-founded the Johns Hopkins Myositis Center in 2007. He and his Hopkins colleagues discovered a novel form of autoimmune myopathy associated with statin use and autoantibodies recognizing HMG-CoA reductase, the pharmacologic target of statins.

In 2014, Dr. Mammen moved to the NIH, where he is an investigator and leader of the Muscle Disease Unit. He maintains an appointment as Adjunct Professor of Neurology and Medicine at Johns Hopkins, where he continues to see patients in the Myositis Center.
Michael and Mariet Cyrus have a long 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 and the Division of Internal Medicine Start Up Funds, the goal is to build the endowment to $1 million. 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. Upon learning of the official name change to the James S. and Suzanne Cyrus Scholar Award for Outstanding Clinical Research, the late James Cyrus said, “To have an award named in our honor is certainly not something we would have ever expected, but it’s a unique and wonderful gift. Suzanne and I are proud of our family and very humbled to be a part of the unbelievable work being done at MD Anderson.”

During the first presentation of the award, Michael Cyrus spoke on behalf of 17 members of his family who were also present, saying, “It was with great respect, love and honor that we established this award in the name of our mother and father.”

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

Cyrus Scholar Awards Competition

2016

2016 Cyrus Scholar Awards Winners

“This award reinforces and promotes the importance of the developmental biology work that my lab is pursuing.”

Jichao Chen, PhD
Assistant Professor, Pulmonary Medicine

“This was my first award as a faculty, so it is very special to me. It provided me with the recognition among my peers and with the financial support needed to launch my research project on application of metabolomics to improve diagnosis, therapy, and prevention of respiratory viral infections in cancer patients.”

Dimpy Shah, MD, PhD
Instructor, Infectious Diseases, Infection Control Research
Cyrus Scholar Awards
Wall of Fame

2015
Cyrus Scholar Award in Basic/Translational Research
Seyed Moghaddam, MD
Pulmonary Medicine

James S. and Suzanne Cyrus Scholar Award in Clinical Research
Anecita Fadol, PhD
Nursing Administration with adjunct appointment in Cardiology

2014
Cyrus Scholar Award in Basic/Translational Research
Scott Evans, MD
Pulmonary Medicine

James S. and Suzanne Cyrus Scholar Award in Clinical Research
Ella Ariza Heredia, MD
Infectious Diseases, Infection Control and Employee Health

2013
Cyrus Scholar Award in Basic/Translational Research
Samuel Shelburne, MD, PhD
Infectious Diseases, Infection Control, and Employee Health
Sui Zhang, MD, PhD
Cardiology

James S. and Suzanne Cyrus Scholar Award in Clinical Research
Javier Adachi, MD
Infectious Diseases, Infection Control, and Employee Health

2012
Cyrus Scholar Award in Basic/Translational Research
Kenneth Tsai, MD, PhD
Dermatology

James S. and Suzanne Cyrus Scholar Award in Clinical Research
Huifang Lu, MD, PhD
General Internal Medicine

2011
Cyrus Scholar Award in Basic/Translational Research
Shumei Song, MD, PhD
Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition Research

James S. and Suzanne Cyrus Scholar Award in Clinical Research
Jessica Hwang, MD
General Internal Medicine

2010
Cyrus Scholar Award in Basic/Translational Research
Scott Evans, MD
Pulmonary Medicine

James S. and Suzanne Cyrus Scholar Award in Clinical Research
Anne-Marie Chaftari, MD
Infectious Diseases, Infection Control and Employee Health

2009
Cyrus Scholar Award in Basic/Translational Research
Sushovan Guha, MD, PhD
Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition

James S. and Suzanne Cyrus Scholar Award in Clinical Research
Aariff Khakoo, MD
Cardiology

2008
Cyrus Scholar Award in Basic/Translational Research
Sushovan Guha, MD, PhD
Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition

Cyrus Scholar Award in Clinical Research
Aariff Khakoo, MD
Cardiology

2007
Cyrus Scholar Award in Basic/Translational Research
Ernestina Melikoff-Portillo, MD
Pulmonary Medicine

Cyrus Scholar Award in Clinical Research
Pankaj Shah, MD
Endocrine Neoplasia and Hormonal Disorders
# DoIM 2017 Research Retreat

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