2017 Conquer Cancer Foundation Career Development Award Recipients*

*Reflects recipient institutions at the time of award; Listing current as of May 23, 2017

Conquer Cancer Foundation/Breast Cancer Research Foundation® Career Development Award

Melissa K. Accordino, MD
NewYork-Presbyterian/Columbia University Medical Center
“SWOG 1703: Randomized Multicenter Trial Comparing Tumor Marker Directed Disease Monitoring Versus Usual Care in the Monitoring of Metastatic Hormone Receptor Positive Breast Cancer Patients”

Mark M. Awad, MD, PhD
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
“Overcoming drug resistance in MET exon 14 mutant non-small cell lung cancer”
Mentored by: Pasi Janne, MD, PhD (2001 YIA)

Scott V. Bratman, MD, PhD
Princess Margaret Cancer Centre
“Minimal residual disease detection in head and neck cancer patients through ultra-sensitive sequence analysis of circulating tumor DNA”
Mentored by: Fei Fei Liu, MD

Conquer Cancer Foundation/Melanoma Research Alliance Career Development Award

Adi Diab, MD
The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center
“Phase I/II Study of Intratumoral CD40 Agonistic Monoclonal Antibody APX005M in Combination with Systemic Pembrolizumab in Patients with Metastatic Melanoma”
Mentored by: Patrick Hwu, MD

Jacqueline S. Garcia, MD
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
“Epigenetic priming prior to checkpoint blockade to induce an anti-leukemia immune response”
Mentored by: Richard Stone, MD
Conquer Cancer Foundation/Genentech BioOncology™ Career Development Award

Jaime Libes, MD, MPH
University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria
“The Impact of Establishing a Pediatric Oncology Twinning Program in Nairobi, Kenya on Patient Outcomes”
Mentored by: Pedro de Alarcon, MD

Conquer Cancer Foundation/Genentech BioOncology™ Career Development Award

Jennifer L. McQuade, MD
The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center
“Molecular, immune, and clinical significance of obesity in advanced melanoma”
Mentored by: Michael Davies, MD, PhD (2005 YIA, 2010 CDA)

Conquer Cancer Foundation/AstraZeneca Career Development Award

Kim A. Reiss Binder, MD
University of Pennsylvania
“Clinical and Immune Impact of Galunisertib plus SBRT as a Novel Therapy for Advanced Hepatocellular Carcinoma”
Mentored by: Robert Vonderheide, MD

Conquer Cancer Foundation/Lilly Career Development Award

Adrian G. Sacher, MD, MMSc
NewYork-Presbyterian/Columbia University Medical Center
“Identification of tumor neoantigens during immune checkpoint blockade in resectable non-small cell lung cancer”
Mentored by: Charles Drake, MD, PhD