

2019 Conquer Cancer Foundation Young Investigator Award Recipients*

**Reflects recipient institutions at the time of award; Listing current as of 5/15/2019*

†Reflects first time that endowed award is presented

Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO/Genentech BioOncology™ Young Investigator Award

Jalal Ahmed, MD, PhD

Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

“Targeting the tumor microenvironment to advance CAR T cell therapy for lung cancer”

Mentored by: Miriam Merad, MD, PhD

Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO/Bristol-Myers Squibb Young Investigator Award

Omar Alhalabi, MD

The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

“Investigation of combination therapy with pemetrexed, A2BR inhibitor, and anti-PD-L1 in MTAP deficient bladder cancer”

Mentored by: Jianjun Gao, MD, PhD, Christopher Logothetis, MD

Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO/Hayden Family Foundation Young Investigator Award

Rajat Bansal, MD

NewYork-Presbyterian and Columbia University Irving Medical Center

“Phase II, single arm, open label study to assess the efficacy of GLP-2 agonist ZP1846 in the prevention of melphalan induced diarrhea among bone marrow transplant patients”

Mentored by: Ran Reshef, MD (2010 YIA, 2013 CDA)

Anna Braglia Endowed Young Investigator Award in Cancer Supportive Care, supported by HELSINN

Allison Barz Leahy, MD

The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

“Symptom monitoring using patient-reported outcomes in newly diagnosed pediatric cancer patients”

Mentored by: Richard Aplenc, MD, PhD, MSCE, Ethan Basch, MD (2007 CDA)

Gregory P. Botta, MD, PhD

Sanford Burnham Prebys Medical Discovery Institute

“Massively Parallel single-cell RNAseq of Pancreatic Cancer T-cells to Determine Metabolic Influence of Immunosuppression”

Mentored by: Erkki Ruoslahti, MD, PhD, Luc Teyton, MD, PhD

Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO/Bristol-Myers Squibb Young Investigator Award

Leonid Cherkassky, MD

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

“Combining cancer-targeted T cells with checkpoint blockade recruits endogenous anti-tumor immunity”

Mentored by: Prasad Adusumilli, MD, FACS, Timothy Chan, MD, PhD (2007 YIA)

Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO/Women Who Conquer Cancer Young Investigator Award

Kelly S. Chien, MD

The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

“Prevention of Therapy-Related Myeloid Neoplasms Associated with Clonal Hematopoiesis of Indeterminate Potential”

Mentored by: Simona Colla, PhD, Guillermo Garcia-Manero, MD (2001 CDA)

Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO/Genentech BioOncology™ Young Investigator Award

Andrew Chow, MD, PhD

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

“Assessment of Tim-4+ Pleural Macrophages as Negative Regulators of Anti-Tumor T Cell Immunity in Lung Cancer”

Mentored by: Charles Rudin, MD, PhD (1997 YIA), Jedd Wolchok, MD, PhD, FASCO

Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO/Gilead Sciences, Inc. Young Investigator Award

Victor A. Chow, MD

University of Washington

“Acalabrutinib in combination with anti-CD19 Chimeric antigen receptor T-cells (CART) in B-cell lymphoma”

Mentored by: Ajay Gopal, MD (2000 YIA)

Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO/Texas Society of Clinical Oncology Women Who Conquer Cancer Young Investigator Award

Lauren E. Colbert, MD, MSCR

The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

“Use of Radiomic Characteristics associated with Decreased T-Cell Response to predict In-Field Failure after Definitive Chemoradiation for Anal Squamous Cell Carcinoma”

Mentored by: Cullen Taniguchi, MD, PhD

Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO/Women Leaders in Oncology Women Who Conquer Cancer Young Investigator Award

Pippa F. Cospers, MD, PhD

University of Wisconsin

“Chromosomal instability as a potential mechanism and marker of radiation sensitivity in head and neck cancer”

Mentored by: Randall Kimple, MD, PhD, Beth Weaver, PhD

Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO/Choose Chicago Young Investigator Award

Matthew C. Dallos, MD

NewYork-Presbyterian and Columbia University Irving Medical Center

“Maximizing androgen deprivation immunogenicity through PD-1 and IL-8 blockade in castration-sensitive prostate cancer”

Mentored by: Charles Drake, MD, PhD



Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO/*Journal of Clinical Oncology* Young Investigator Award

Deborah Blythe Doroshov, MD, PhD

Yale University

“Targeting DNA Damage Repair Mechanisms in IDH1/2 Mutated Intrahepatic Cholangiocarcinomas and Other Solid Tumors”

Mentored by: Patricia LoRusso, DO

Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO/Swim Across America Young Investigator Award

Adam J. Gadzinski, MD, MS

University of Washington

“Telehealth to improve access to urological cancer care among rural patients”

Mentored by: John Gore, MD, MS

Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO/Bristol-Myers Squibb Young Investigator Award

Sara Gandolfi, MD

Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

“Enhancing the response of multidrug-resistant myeloma cells to natural killer (NK) cells”

Mentored by: Constantine Mitsiades, MD, PhD (2009 YIA, 2011 CDA)

Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO/Tomasello Family Women Who Conquer Cancer Young Investigator Award

Angela Green, MD, MSc

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

“Utility of a Population-Based Data Source to Examine National Cancer Clinical Trial Participation”

Mentored by: Peter Bach, MD, MAPP, Roisin O’Cearbhaill, MD (2013 CDA)

Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO/Hayden Family Foundation Young Investigator Award

Katie L. Greenwood, MD, FAAP

Baylor College of Medicine

“Targeting MYCN-Driven Glutamine Metabolism to Restore Neuroblastoma Sensitivity to MTORC1 Inhibition”

Mentored by: Eveline Barbieri, MD, PhD

Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO/Bristol-Myers Squibb Endowed Women Who Conquer Cancer Young Investigator Award

Jessica E. Hawley, MD

NewYork-Presbyterian and Columbia University Irving Medical Center

“Augmenting the ADT-induced immune infiltrate in metastatic hormone-sensitive prostate cancer with PD-1 blockade and docetaxel”

Mentored by: Charles Drake, MD, PhD, Mark Stein, MD

Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO/Genentech BioOncology™ Young Investigator Award

Joseph B. Hiatt, MD, PhD

Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center

“Role of the transcriptional repressor REST in shaping the immunologic tumor microenvironment in small cell lung cancer”

Mentored by: David MacPherson, PhD

Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO/The John and Elizabeth Leonard Family Foundation Young Investigator Award

Won Jin Ho, MD

Johns Hopkins University

“Role of PTPN22 in Antitumor Immune Response”

Mentored by: Elizabeth Jaffee, MD (1992 YIA)

Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO/Ewa Maria Kukrika Young Investigator Award

Antony Hsieh, MD

University of Pennsylvania

“Function and therapeutic targeting of MYBBP1A in pancreatic cancer”

Mentored by: Kenneth Zaret, PhD

Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO/AstraZeneca Young Investigator Award

Dennis J. Hsu, MD

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

“Characterization and Exploitation of preferred tRNAs in Lung Adenocarcinoma”

Mentored by: Sohail Tavazoie, MD, PhD (2009 YIA)

Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO Endowed Young Investigator Award in Geriatric Oncology in honor of Dr. Arti Hurria†

Li-Wen Huang, MD

University of California, San Francisco

“Understanding the Relationship Between Frailty and Cognitive Decline After Allogeneic Stem Cell Transplantation in Older Adults”

Mentored by: Rebecca Olin, MD, MS, Michael Steinman, MD

Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO/Sherwin Family Young Investigator Award

William L. Hwang, MD, PhD

Massachusetts General Hospital

“Radiotherapy-Mediated Reprogramming of the Immune Ecosystem in Pancreatic Ductal Adenocarcinoma at Single-Cell Resolution”

Mentored by: Theodore Hong, MD, Tyler Jacks, PhD

Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO/Lilly Young Investigator Award

Maya Ilowite, MD

Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

“Experiences with Home Symptom Management Among Parents of Children with Cancer”

Mentored by: Jennifer Mack, MD (2005 YIA, 2007 CDA)

Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO/Genentech BioOncology™ Young Investigator Award

Shekeab Jauhari, MD

Duke University Medical Center

“A Phase I Study of Microtransplantation in Combination with Nivolumab for Relapsed or Refractory B Cell Non-Hodgkin Lymphomas”

Mentored by: Nelson Chao, MD, David Rizzieri, MD

Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO Endowed Young Investigator Award in memory of Sally Gordon

Daniel H. Johnson, MD

The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

“Uncoupling Tumor Immunity from Autoimmunity: The role of Interleukin-6 and Th17 cells in checkpoint inhibitor mediated enterocolitis”

Mentored by: Adi Diab, MD (2017 CDA), Cassian Yee, MD

Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO/QuadW Young Investigator Award in Sarcoma in memory of Willie Tichenor

Michael D. Kinnaman, MD

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

“Tracking the Origins and Drivers of Metastatic Expansion in Osteosarcoma”

Mentored by: Christine Iacobuzio-Donahue, MD, PhD

Fred J. Ansfield, MD, Endowed Young Investigator Award

Isaac A. Klein, MD, PhD

Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

“Targeting The Transcriptional Regulatory Landscape of High Grade Serous Ovarian Cancer”

Mentored by: Ursula Matulonis, MD, Richard Young, PhD

Åke Bertil Eriksson Endowed Young Investigator Award

David J. Konieczkowski, MD, PhD

Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

“Defining genomic determinants of response to chemoradiation in anal squamous cell carcinoma”

Mentored by: Kent Mouw, MD, PhD (2014 YIA), Eliezer Van Allen, MD (2013 YIA)

Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO/Kidney Cancer Association Young Investigator Award

Ritesh R. Kotecha, MD

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

“Characterizing Tumor-Associated Macrophage Dynamics in Renal Cell Carcinoma”

Mentored by: Timothy Chan, MD, PhD (2007 YIA), Robert Motzer, MD

Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO/Merck & Co., Inc. Young Investigator Award

Bahar Laderian, MD

NewYork-Presbyterian and Columbia University Irving Medical Center

“Toward a better understanding of a rare cancer: studies to explore the etiology and biology of SDHx-associated pheochromocytomas and paragangliomas.”

Mentored by: Susan Bates, MD, Tito Fojo, MD, PhD

Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO/Frist Family Endowed Young Investigator Award in honor of Howard A. Burris, III, MD†

Christina Y. Lee, MD

Weill Cornell Medicine

“Longitudinal genomics of tumor-immune cell interaction in targeting CDK4 in mantle cell lymphoma”

Mentored by: Peter Martin, MD, MSc (2009 YIA), Selina Chen-Kiang, PhD

Fundable Young Investigator Award

Vid Leko, MD

National Institutes of Health

“Overcoming Mutational Tumor Heterogeneity to Improve the Efficacy of Adoptive Cell Therapy for Patients with Metastatic Epithelial Cancers”

Mentored by: Steven Rosenberg, MD, PhD

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Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO/Texas Society of Clinical Oncology Young Investigator Award

Paul Lin, MD, PhD

The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

“Treatment of Multiple Myeloma with CAR-NK Cells and TIGIT blockade”

Mentored by: Robert Orlowski, MD, PhD (1997 YIA), Katy Rezvani, MD, PhD

Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO Endowed Young Investigator Award in memory of Sally Gordon

Ying Liu, MD, MPH

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

“Synergy of checkpoint blockade and radiation as adjuvant treatment for locally advanced, high microsatellite instability (MSI-H) endometrial cancers”

Mentored by: Carol Aghajanian, MD (1995 YIA, 1996 CDA)

Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO/Nebraska Oncology Society Young Investigator Award

"John" Yi-Tsung Lu, MD

University of Southern California

“Developing a cell-free DNA based methylation marker to predict the benefit of neoadjuvant chemotherapy in muscle-invasive bladder cancer patients”

Mentored by: Amir Goldkorn, MD (2006 YIA)

Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO/Judith Salmon Kaur, MD, Young Investigator Award

Luis E. Malpica Castillo, MD

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

“Antigenic and Immunogenic Evaluation of Afro-Caribbean Adult T-Cell Leukemia/Lymphoma for the Optimization of Interferon-Based Therapy”

Mentored by: Juan Carlos Ramos, MD, Benjamin Vincent, MD

Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO/Loxo Oncology, Inc. Young Investigator Award

David L. Mayhew, MD, PhD

Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

“Dissecting the Oncogenic Function of YAP1 in Colorectal Cancer”

Mentored by: William Hahn, MD, PhD

Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO/AbbVie, Inc. Young Investigator Award

Christine M. McMahon, MD

University of Pennsylvania

“Overcoming acquired resistance to selective FLT3 inhibition in FLT3-mutant acute myeloid leukemia”

Mentored by: Martin Carroll, MD

Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO/Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Young Investigator Award

Amir Mehrvarz Sarshekeh, MD

The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

“Characterizing and targeting immune exclusion in TGF- β -activated CMS4 colorectal cancer”

Mentored by: Scott Kopetz, MD, PhD (2008 CDA), Ignacio Wistuba, MD

Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO Endowed Women Who Conquer Cancer Young Investigator Award

Aimee Marie Merino, MD, PhD

University of Minnesota

“Enhancing the ability of natural killer cells to kill renal cell carcinoma”

Mentored by: Jeffrey Miller, MD (1991 YIA)

Jane C. Wright, MD, Endowed Young Investigator Award

Judith Michels, MD, PhD

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

“Characterizing the p53 activation in modulating antitumor immunity”

Mentored by: Taha Merghoub, PhD, Jedd Wolchok, MD, PhD, FASCO

Fundable Young Investigator Award

Lekha Mikkilineni, MD

National Cancer Institute (NIH/NCI)

“A Phase I study evaluating the safety and tolerability of SLAMF7-targeting CAR T cells incorporating a suicide gene to treat relapsed multiple myeloma”

Mentored by: James Kochenderfer, MD

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Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO/Sarcoma Foundation of America Young Investigator Award

Benjamin A. Nacev, MD, PhD

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

“Differentiation therapy for ‘oncohistone’-driven sarcomas”

Mentored by: C. David Allis, PhD

Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO/Genentech BioOncology™ Young Investigator Award

Kevin T. Nead, MD, MPhil

University of Pennsylvania

“Clonal hematopoiesis among individuals with non-hematologic cancer: association with comorbid disease and treatment toxicity”

Mentored by: Martin Carroll, MD, Katherine Nathanson, MD

Scot A. Niglio, MD, MS

Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

“Evaluating the Immunologic Response of PGV001 a Multi-Peptide Personalized Neoantigen Vaccine with the Addition of Atezolizumab in Patients with Metastatic Urothelial Cancer”

Mentored by: Nina Bhardwaj, MD, PhD, Matthew Galsky, MD

Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO/Merck & Co., Inc. Young Investigator Award

Marc Oliva Bernal, MD

Princess Margaret Cancer Centre

“Role Of the Microbiome as a biomarker in locoregionally-advanced oropharyngeal carcinoma (ROMA)”

Mentored by: Bryan Coburn, MD, PhD, Anna Spreafico, MD, PhD (2014 YIA)

Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO/Ruth Rales Young Investigator Award

Arsen Osipov, MD

Johns Hopkins University

“Dissecting the Tumor Microenvironment of Pancreatic Cancer: Mechanisms of Potentiation of Anti-PD1 Therapy by Targeting Focal Adhesion Kinase Through a Neoadjuvant Approach”

Mentored by: Lei Zheng, MD, PhD (2008 YIA)

Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO/Norman Rales Young Investigator Award

Alexander A. Parent, MD, PhD

Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

“Small Molecule-induced KRAS Degradation for the Treatment of KRAS-mutant Cancer”

Mentored by: Nathanael Gray, PhD

Harry F. Bisel, MD, Endowed Young Investigator Award

Ravi B. Parikh, MD, MPP

University of Pennsylvania

“Checkpoint Inhibitor Therapy in Patients with Poor Performance Status: Real-World Uptake and Effectiveness”

Mentored by: Ronac Mamtani, MD (2012 YIA)

Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO/Puma Biotechnology, Inc. Women Who Conquer Cancer Young Investigator Award

Soo Jin Park, MD

University of California San Diego

“DNA Methylation Patterns in Response to Hypomethylating Agents in Myelodysplastic Syndromes”

Mentored by: Rafael Bejar, MD, PhD

Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO/Association of Northern California Oncologists Young Investigator Award

Cheryl Andrea Cohler Peretz, MD

UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland

“The role of tumor heterogeneity in relapsed and refractory pediatric FLT3-activated AML”

Mentored by: Catherine Smith, MD

Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO/GO₂ Foundation for Lung Cancer Young Investigator Award

Neil Pfister, MD, PhD

Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University

“Understanding and Exploiting EZH2 in Small Cell Lung Cancer”

Mentored by: David Yu, MD, PhD

Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO/AstraZeneca Young Investigator Award

Vikram J. Premkumar, MD, MS

NewYork-Presbyterian and Columbia University Irving Medical Center

“Identifying the role of Programmed Death-1 Homolog (PD-1H) on osteoclast signaling and activation within the bony microenvironment in multiple myeloma bone disease”

Mentored by: Suzanne Lentzsch, MD, PhD

Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO/AstraZeneca Young Investigator Award

Camille E. Puronen, MD, MPH

Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center

“A Pharmacodynamic Guided Phase I/II Trial of rhIL-7hyFc (NT-17) for the Treatment of Kaposi Sarcoma in HIV Infected and Uninfected Patients”

Mentored by: Thomas Uldrick, MD, MS

Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO/Bristol-Myers Squibb Young Investigator Award

Alexander Grenander Raufi, MD

NewYork-Presbyterian and Columbia University Irving Medical Center

“A phase II study of chemotherapy and immune checkpoint blockade with pembrolizumab in the perioperative and maintenance treatment of locoregional gastric and gastroesophageal junction adenocarcinoma”

Mentored by: Gulam Manji, MD, PhD (2015 YIA)

Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO/Sarah Cannon Research Institute Young Investigator Award

Arvind Ravi, MD, PhD

Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

“Mapping the Landscape of FGFR Inhibitor Resistance in Urothelial Carcinoma via Deep Evolutionary Profiling”

Mentored by: Gad Getz, PhD, Eric Lander, PhD

Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO/AstraZeneca Young Investigator Award

Joshua E. Reuss, MD

Johns Hopkins University

“Neoadjuvant nivolumab & ipilimumab in patients with early stage non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC): assessment of feasibility and characterization of dynamic immune response”

Mentored by: Patrick Forde, MD

Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO/AstraZeneca Young Investigator Award

Joanna M. Rhodes, MD

University of Pennsylvania

“Incidence and Risk Factors of Hepatitis B Reactivation in Patients with Acute or Chronic Leukemia Treated with Non-Cytotoxic Therapy”

Mentored by: Vincent Lo Re, MD, Alison Loren, MD (2003 YIA)

Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO/Wilky Family Young Investigator Award

Evan J. Rosenbaum, MD

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

“Utilizing CSF1R Inhibition to Deplete Tumor-associated Myeloid Cells and Increase Responses to Checkpoint Blockade in Advanced Sarcomas”

Mentored by: William Tap, MD

Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO/Gateway for Cancer Research Young Investigator Award

Maria M. Rubinstein, MD

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

“Pilot Phase Ib Study of the PI3K Inhibitor Copanlisib in Combination with Ketogenic Diet in Patients with Recurrent PI3K Pathway -mutated Endometrial Cancer”

Mentored by: Vicky Makker, MD

Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO-AACR Young Investigator Translational Cancer Research Award

Adam J. Schoenfeld, MD

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

“Combination Dacomitinib and Osimertinib in Patients with Metastatic EGFR-Mutant Lung Cancer”

Mentored by: Gregory Riely, MD, PhD (2007 YIA)

Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO Endowed Young Investigator Award in memory of Evelyn H. Lauder

Jennifer Y. Sheng, MD

Johns Hopkins University

“A personalized weight loss intervention in overweight or obese breast cancer survivors”

Mentored by: Vered Stearns, MD (2004 ACRA)

Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO/The Hearst Foundation Young Investigator Award

Siddharth Sheth, DO, MPH

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

“Circulating Tumor DNA (ctDNA) in Locally Advanced Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma”

Mentored by: Gaorav Gupta, MD, PhD

Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO/Strike 3 Foundation Young Investigator Award

Bryan A. Sisk, MD

Washington University in Saint Louis

“Quality of Communication in Pediatric Oncology (QCOM): Advancing Understanding and Measurement of Communication Functions and Quality in Pediatric Oncology”

Mentored by: James DuBois, PhD

Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO/Strike 3 Foundation Young Investigator Award

Angela Steineck, MD

Seattle Children's Hospital dba Seattle Children's Research Institute

"Using patient-reported outcomes to improve the experience of pediatric patients with advanced cancer receiving investigational therapies"

Mentored by: Kevin Baker, MD, Abby Rosenberg, MD, MS (2012 YIA)

Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO/Greg Parekh Young Investigator Award

Vatché Tchekmedyian, MD, MEd

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

"A Phase 1b Trial Evaluating Vemurafenib plus Copanlisib to Enhance RAI Avidity in Radioiodine Refractory Thyroid Cancers"

Mentored by: Alan Ho, MD, PhD (2012 CDA)

Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO Endowed Young Investigator Award in honor of Grant R. and Victoria A. Merryman

Lucas K. Vitzthum, MD, MAS

University of California San Diego

"Persistent Opioid Use, Abuse and Toxicity Among Cancer Survivors"

Mentored by: James Murphy, MD, MS (2012 YIA), Mark Wallace, MD

Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO/Boehringer Ingelheim Endowed Young Investigator Award in Gastrointestinal Cancer

Hao Xie, MD, PhD

Mayo Clinic, Minnesota

"Evaluation of novel methylated DNA markers in tissue and in plasma for detection of colorectal cancer recurrence and metastases: A phase I study"

Mentored by: David Ahlquist, MD, Joleen Hubbard, MD

Siddhartha Yadav, MD

Mayo Clinic, Minnesota

"Biological Characteristics and Clinical Outcomes of Pancreatic Ductal Adenocarcinoma in Germline ATM Mutation Carriers"

Mentored by: Fergus Couch, PhD, Robert McWilliams, MD

Fundable Young Investigator Award

Chen Zhao, MD

National Institutes of Health

"Investigating microbiota-immune interaction in Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer"

Mentored by: Ronald Germain, MD, PhD, Arun Rajan, MD

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Conquer Cancer Foundation of ASCO Endowed Young Investigator Award in memory of John R. Durant, MD

Tao Zou, MD, PhD

Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

“Elucidating the mechanisms of XRN1 genetic dependency in a subset of lung cancer cells”

Mentored by: Mark Awad, MD, PhD (2015 YIA, 2017 CDA), Matthew Meyerson, MD, PhD