Dr. Molly Gabel was named co-PI of a $20 million initiative co-funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Cancer Institute of New Jersey Foundation entitled “Cancer Prevention, Control and Population Science”. This project seeks to expand upon the strengths of the Cancer Institute of New Jersey, namely its designation as an NCI comprehensive cancer center, its strong collaborative network of affiliated hospital cancer programs, its “critical mass” of research and research funding, and its relationships with and within UMDNJ, RWJMS, SPH and the NJDOH to reduce the incidence of and suffering from cancer.

By developing existing core resources, such as Informatics and Disparities Support Services, and creating new programs, such as Prevention and Control and Survivorship Programs, to greatly expand services, this new enterprise seeks to diagnose cancer earlier, improve survivorship and ultimately prevent cancer for all New Jerseyans.

Dr. Joseph Bertino is the Principal Investigator of this project. Ms. Paula Hunchar is the Philanthropic Executor. Program leaders are Dr. Regina Cunningham, Survivorship Program; Ms. Kiameesha Evans, Disparities Core Resource; Dr. Benjamin Crabtree, Prevention and Control Program; Dr. Guna Rajagopal, Cancer Informatics Resource; and Dr. Molly Gabel, Statewide Network Resource.
Residents have their yearly in-service training exam administered by the ACR on Thursday, March 6, 2008.

The deadline for abstract submission to ASTRO is March 17, 2008.

The current resident rotations are from January 7 – March 28, 2008. The team format is as follows:

Team A - Drs. Haffty & Gabel, Dorothy Pierce, Sharad Goyal
Team B - Drs. Khan & Cohler, Jayne Camporeale, Matt Poppe
Team C - Dr. Jabbour & Parima Daroui, Dr. Kim & Sabin Motwani
Newark - Brett Lewis

Matt Poppe will be representing the Association for Residents in Radiation Oncology at the ACGME this February in Chicago, IL.

Brett Lewis’ abstract entitled “Dosimetric Comparison of Electronic Compensation (EC) and Inversely-Planned IMRT (IPIMRT) for the Intact Breast after Breast Converging Surgery” was accepted for poster presentation at the Radium Society being held in Laguna Niguel, CA between May 3 - 7, 2008.

Sharad Goyal will be discussing the historical evolution of radiation therapy with Eli Glatstein, MD at the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL between May 30 – June 2, 2008.

**New Recruits**

The Department of Radiation Oncology welcomes Jianglei Ma, Post Doctoral Fellow, to Dr. Bing Xia’s lab. Dr. Ma earned his PhD in molecular biology and biochemistry from Rutgers. He will be conducting research in the area of DNA repair and molecular cancer genetics.

Ms. Charmi Patel joins the department as a part-time Student Assistant. Ms. Patel is a Rutgers student majoring in Genetics and Public Health. Ms. Patel is assigned to the Radiation Oncology clinic, under the direction of Dr. Jeff Yue. She provides administrative support to the faculty and staff.

**In the Clinic**

**Gearing up for the Proton Unit**

Dr. Jeff Yue and Mr. Rich Ragovin attended the first user group meeting for Still River Systems on January 17 and 18 2008 in Littleton, MA. This meeting was the first step in the process for the upcoming installation of the Monarch 250 Proton Unit. Stay tuned for more developments!!!!!!

**Scheduling Simplified**

Patients calling into the CINJ Intake Office for an appointment for a Radiation Oncology consult will now be provided with the option of seeing the Radiation Oncologist in either CINJ or RWJUH. A Modified version of the monthly blocked schedule will be provided to the CINJ Intake office to assist with this process.

**New patients on treatment remains constant in last quarter 2007**

**Publications, Awards, Applications**

**Publications:**

B. Haffty:


**Awards:**

Cancer Prevention, Control and Population Science, CINJ and RWJF

PI: Dr. Beritno, co-PI: Dr. Molly Gabel

January 2008—December 2012

Total Award: $20 Million

**Applications:**

Y. Huang, (PI), Z. Shen (Mentor). Regulation of BRCA2 by BCCIP, DOD, Total $97,200

**Gung Hay Fat Choy!**

**YEAR OF THE RAT**

Legend has it that in ancient times, Buddha asked all the animals to meet him on Chinese New Year. Twelve came, and Buddha named a year after each one. He announced that the people born in each animal’s year would have some of that animal’s personality. Those born in rat years tend to be leaders, pioneers, and conquerors. They are charming, passionate, charismatic, practical and hardworking. Gwyneth Paltrow, Ben Affleck, Samuel L. Jackson, William Shakespeare, and Mozart were all born in the year of the rat.

Happy Chinese New Year to all our faculty and staff that celebrate!
Sharad Goyal, MD
Chief Resident
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In his own words:

Beam: So let’s get right down to it. How did you choose the field of Radiation Oncology? What appealed to you?

Dr. Goyal: Radiation Oncology is unique because it combines the practice of medicine with cutting edge technology. The combination of hands on patient care and technology appealed to me. There is no other field in medicine where a doctor gets to see their patient 5-6 weeks straight as they undergo therapy. Patients have a lot to offer us as physicians; you see a person in a most vulnerable state (fighting cancer) and it is amazing to see them go through treatment and deal with their situation. This is one of the few fields in medicine where patients really appreciate the time and effort that their doctor spends with them and it’s nice. It’s gratifying.

Beam: Tell us a little about how you decided on the medical field? What inspired you to become a doctor?

Dr. Goyal: I have an older sister who was in medical school while I was in high school. Her experiences in medical school and then in practice as an internist at first interested and then inspired me to pursue medicine. My younger brother, who is a practicing orthopedic surgeon in Philadelphia, and I both chose to follow in my sister’s footsteps.

Beam: Where did you grow up? Where did you go to school?

Dr. Goyal: I grew up in the Washington DC suburbs of Fairfax County Virginia. I went to college and medical school at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Virginia. I spent two years in Cleveland Ohio at Case Western Reserve University where I completed a residency in Internal Medicine. Then I came back to the DC area and began my residency in Radiation Oncology at Howard University Hospital in Washington DC.

Beam: How did you come to RWJMS?

Dr. Goyal: The Radiation Oncology residency program at Howard lost its accreditation in 2004. I was two years into the residency program and explored many other programs before selecting the program here at RWJMS.

Beam: Do you have any funny stories from residency?

Dr. Goyal: Yes….Actually, a patient’s sister had asked me to marry her, which I respectfully declined. This happened in front of Dr. Sung Kim (attending) who has brought it up on multiple occasions as an excuse to rib me. It was slightly embarrassing to me and obviously funny to others.

Beam: Are you looking forward to graduation? What are your plans for after graduation?

Dr. Goyal: Yes. The hardest part about being a resident is the waiting to complete your training. I’ve been in training now for six years and I am looking forward to completing my clinical training and moving on...to more training! I am going to be spending the next two years learning about clinical research as part of the CINJ T32 training grant. I will have a chance to explore and develop my research interests under the direction of Drs. Haffty and Gabel. So even though it’s more training, it’s in a completely different aspect of academics. I will still be able to see patients, but independently.

Beam: What type of research are you interested in pursuing?

Dr. Goyal: I want to explore some of the options available to me before narrowing down to a particular tumor or part of the body. What initially attracted me to this field was the confluence of technology and hands on patient care. I am excited about learning about new technology, new imaging modalities and radiation planning and then applying these new technologies to patient care. I hope to have the opportunity to incorporate the new technologies into some aspect of my research training.

Beam: So what are your long term plans? Where do you see yourself 10 years from now?

Dr. Goyal: I think that I would like to be working in an academic medical center. I like the mission of academic medical centers: teaching, research and patient care. It’s never boring, constantly stimulating and you get to help others. And preferably an academic medical center in the northeast.

End of Interview
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