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Winship Names New Chief Medical and Quality Officers



Effective February 2015, Charles Staley (left) assumes the role of Chief Quality Officer and Sagar Lonial assumes the role of Chief Medical Officer as part of Winship Cancer Institute's senior leadership team.

Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University has named **Sagar Lonial, MD** as chief medical officer (CMO) and **Charles A. Staley, MD** as chief quality officer (CQO) effective February 2015. Both physicians join Winship's senior leadership team and will advance Winship's clinical programs and services within all of its clinical facilities.

Lonial, professor and executive vice chair of Emory's Department of Hematology and Medical Oncology, is an internationally recognized authority in the management and research related to B cell malignancies, including multiple myeloma. As Winship CMO, he will oversee all clinical care initiatives impacting both clinicians and patients.

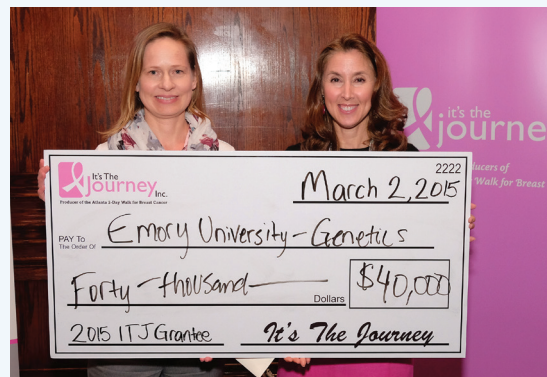
Staley, a professor and director of Emory's Division of Surgical Oncology, specializes in the management of patients with gastrointestinal cancers. He previously served as Winship's chief medical officer and now assumes responsibility for the institute's quality improvement processes across all disciplines and campuses.

"I can't think of two physicians who are better suited to take on the critical leadership roles of Winship's chief medical officer and chief quality officer," says **Walter J. Curran, Jr., MD**, Winship's executive director. "I am looking forward to working with Sagar and Charlie to help advance Winship's role as the first and only National Cancer Institute designated center in the state of Georgia."

Lonial and Staley will collaborate on tracking and improving patient services and satisfaction as well as focusing on cancer outcomes at Winship.

Award Will Fund High Risk Breast Program

Winship's Director of Genetic Counseling **Christine Stanislaw, MS, CGC** accepted a \$40,000 grant from It's The Journey to help fund the high risk breast program at the Avon Comprehensive Breast Center at Grady Memorial Hospital. The award was given to the Emory University Department of Human Genetics and will help fund genetic counseling and genetic testing services for individuals with a family history of breast cancer and who are uninsured or under insured.



Christine Stanislaw (left) accepts a check from It's The Journey Executive Director Kimberly Goff.

Call for Proposals

Winship's American Cancer Society Institutional Research Grant (ACS IRG) seeks to fund innovative projects in clinical, basic, or translational cancer-related research, as well as projects that focus on cancer prevention and control and eliminating cancer disparities. Up to 4 one-year projects may be selected, with \$30,000 (direct costs) available for each project.

One-page letters of intent are due Friday, March 13, 2015. Full proposals are due April 24. For details and eligibility visit winshipcancer.emory.edu/research/funding-opportunities or contact Dana Ray (dmray@emory.edu).

Congratulations



The cover of the Feb. 15 issue of *Stem Cells and Development* was designed by postdoctoral fellow **Subhas Mukherjee**, PhD in support of a review on cancer stem cell division described by senior author **Daniel J. Brat**, MD, PhD. The image depicts asymmetric stem cell division emerging from the symbol of high order asymmetry, the Fibonacci spiral. In the background is the universe, which according to Louis Pasteur, has asymmetry as a unifying principle.



Cancer Biology Graduate Program students **Jamie King** and **MaKendra Umstead** from Emory's Laney Graduate School were selected to attend the Minority Trainee Research Forum Mar. 8-13 in San Diego. They will give oral presentations on their research at this national conference hosted by the Distance Learning Center.

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Leadership Changes and Appointments



Diane Cassels

After nearly 23 years, **Diane Cassels** has decided to step down as clinical administrator in the Department of Radiation Oncology. She will continue to serve as executive administrator of Winship Cancer Institute and interim vice president for the Winship Cancer Service Line. **Kelli Gress** assumed the role of the new department clinical administrator in February.

Other appointments in the radiation oncology department: **Natia Esiashvili**, MD will serve as the inaugural chief quality control officer for clinics aligned with Emory Healthcare. **Kristin Higgins**, MD was named medical director of the department's clinical program on the Clifton Road campus. She follows **Ian Crocker**, MD who continues to serve as vice chair of the department.



Kelli Gress

Winship Deputy Director **Fadlo R. Khuri**, MD, who was recently named executive associate dean of research for the Emory University School of Medicine, has appointed several Winship members to his new leadership team. **Jeremy Boss**, PhD will serve as associate dean for basic research. **Haian Fu**, PhD will serve as associate dean for innovation and international strategies. **Michael Zwick**, PhD will serve as assistant dean for research, assistant vice president in the WHSC, and core director of the research technologies program of the Atlanta Clinical and Translational Science Institute (ACTSI).



Michael Zwick

Improving Winship Email Communications

According to *Business Insider*, U.S. employees spend about a quarter of their time every day sorting through emails. Our performance in how we communicate via email is both a reflection of our own professionalism and the work culture of Winship Cancer Institute and Emory University. Here are some tips to help us all improve our email communications.

- Include your call to action in the subject line. People decide the order in which they open emails based on how a concern or issue is addressed in the subject line.
- Keep your email messages short and to the point.
- Double check that you've selected the correct recipient.
- Think twice before hitting "reply all" unless everyone needs to know your response.
- Be careful forwarding emails that might contain sensitive information. Be aware of HIPAA-related rules and regulations.
- Proofread your emails before hitting send. Mistakes won't go unnoticed.
- Reply to your emails in a timely manner.