

Staff News at CCR

announcements

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L. Michelle Bennett, Ph.D.

Bennett has been named Deputy Director of CCR. She trained at the University of Wisconsin and at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences. Since joining CCR in 2002 as Associate Director for Science, she has administered numerous initiatives, including CCR's strategic plan and the new collaborative Centers of Excellence. As Deputy Director, Bennett will focus on strategic planning, program integration, and scientific communications.

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Kevin Camphausen, M.D.

Camphausen has been appointed Chief of the Radiation Oncology Branch (ROB) where he previously served as Deputy Branch Chief and Acting Chief. Before joining NCI in July 2001, he studied the interaction of angiogenesis inhibitors and radiotherapy at Harvard Medical School. He envisions the ROB at the cutting edge of combined modality therapy with treatment strategies that merge radiation and molecular targeted agents.

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J. Carl Oberholtzer, M.D., Ph.D.

Oberholtzer joins CCR as Chief of the Laboratory of Pathology. Oberholtzer originally came to the NCI in 2006 as Associate Director for Training. Before NCI, he was Associate Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, Director of the Division of Neuropathology, and Vice Chair of the Pathology Department at the University of Pennsylvania. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania and his M.D. from Jefferson Medical College.

Newly Tenured CCR Scientists

Jairaj Acharya, Ph.D.

Laboratory of Cell and Developmental Signaling

Mirit I. Aladjem, Ph.D.

Laboratory of Molecular Pharmacology

Javed Khan, M.D.

Pediatric Oncology Branch

new tenure-track scientists

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Itzhak Avital, M.D.

Avital joins the NIH Clinical Center's Surgery Branch as a Tenure-Track Investigator. He came to CCR in 2006 to launch a solid-organ cancer stem cell research program. Trained in surgery and surgical oncology at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC), Avital received his M.D. from New York University's School of Medicine.

(Photo: Courtesy of P. Kalab)



Petr Kalab, Ph.D.

Kalab returns to NIH as a Tenure-Track Investigator in CCR's Laboratory of Cellular and Molecular Biology. Kalab, from the University of California at Berkeley, developed molecular imaging tools to study the RanGTP gradient in live cells. At CCR, he will investigate Ran-regulated mitotic functions and their overlap with misregulated pathways in cancer.

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Udai S. Kammula, M.D.

Kammula joins the Surgery Branch as a Tenure-Track Investigator. Trained in surgical oncology at MSKCC and the Surgery Branch of the National Cancer Institute, his clinical work focuses on malignancies of the liver, pancreas, and gastrointestinal tract. His research focuses on tumor immunology and immunotherapy development.

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King F. Kwong, M.D., FACS

Kwong recently joined CCR's Thoracic Oncology Section as a Tenure-Track Scientist from the University of Maryland. His CCR research will focus on apoptosis in thoracic malignancies. Kwong received his M.D. from The George Washington University (GWU) in Washington, D.C., and he received training at both GWU and Washington University in St. Louis, Mo.