



President's Corner

by Doug Carr

Letter from the
President

After serving several years on the Board of Directors and being impressed with all the good work the Foundation does, I was happy to accept a nomination to be President of the Board of Directors. I succeed a person who has done a phenomenal job, Meredith Strang Burgess. But with a strong Board of Directors, seasoned staff and former board members who continue to be active, I feel confident the forward momentum the Foundation is experiencing will continue.

The Annual Meeting in June was well attended and provided a wonderful opportunity to thank people and organizations who have been vital to our success. The accompanying "Year in Review" article provides detail. I was struck by just how many people are responding to the Foundation's mission to fund Maine based research and find hope while serving the needs of cancer patients today. While staff remains small, just 2 full-time and 1 part-time person, the scope of activities reaching throughout the state continues to expand. Research Grants were awarded to five investigators in three different institutions. Thirteen Education and Patient Support programs received funds from Sanford to Houlton! Hundreds of cancer patients received Portraits of Courage books and the annual Symposium for oncology nurses and physicians attracted nearly 40 attendees.

We are pleased to welcome several new board members whose talent and time are welcome: from the Jackson Lab, LuAnn Ballesteros, Kevin Healey from St. Mary's Regional Medical Center and David Mitchell of Smith Barney, Portland. Gordon Smith, Ex. Dir. of



2006-2007 Year in Review

The Foundation continues to have an impact on cancer as the conclusion of another successful year is celebrated. We are excited to report that 2 MCF funded research projects were peer-reviewed and published this spring, signaling continued advances and the possibility of larger funding from a national source. Congratulations to [Lucy Liaw, Ph.D.](#) and [Cal Vary, Ph.D.](#) both of [MMC Research Institute in Scarborough](#). "We would not have made the initial progress we did without Maine Cancer Foundation funding," the scientists said. MCF is one of the only charities in Maine providing resources for start-up and ongoing cancer research. Other research projects are continuing and 13 local programs advancing cancer education and patient support were supported with an MCF grant (see pages 2-3). This year, nearly \$457,000 went to grants and programs: just over \$366,000 in Research grants, \$76,000 to Education and Patient Support grants, and another \$15,000 to support MCF programs including Discovery Weekend, the Annual Symposium for oncology nurses and physicians and the distribution of Portraits of Courage books.

Maine Cancer Foundation is dependant on the generosity of individuals, corporations and community groups who understand the challenge of a cancer diagnosis and are moved to do something about it. We are truly grateful for your confidence in our mission and your support which led to 11% increase in revenue over the previous year. On June 26, nearly 100 attended the Foundation's Annual Meeting



Matt Cooks, [Saco Bay Physical Therapy](#) presents proceeds from the Oct. 5k to Susan Rowan, Executive Director

where a number of people were singled out for their achievements on our behalf. [Saco Bay Physical Therapy](#) was recognized for introducing a new [5k Race and Walk](#) held on a Saturday afternoon in October. It was a great success with nearly 400 participants. [Matt Cook](#) of SBPT accepted the award and was congratulated on a well-organized event. [Shipyard Brewery](#) received an award in appreciation of the inaugural [Hike the River for a Cure](#), a 2-mile hike at Sunday River hosted by Shipyard. Although the late October weather was challenging, damp skies did not diminish hikers' enthusiasm, including [Governor John Baldacci](#), who came to lend his support. Shipyard's [Tami Kennedy](#) accepted the award.

[Unum](#) was recognized for its support of the Foundation and in particular the [Lending Hands](#) program which supports employee participation in charitable events. A large UNUM team has participated in [Mary's Walk](#) the last few years. [Cheryl Greaney](#), MCF board member and UNUM V.P. accepted. [Mayor Larry Gilbert](#) of



City of Lewiston is feted for its embrace of the Pink Tulip Project. L-R [Larry Gilbert](#), Mayor of Lewiston, [Robin Whitten](#), Pink Tulip Founder, [Susan Rowan](#), MCF Executive Director, [Dot Perham-Whittier](#), City of Lewiston Community Relations Coordinator, [Marji Adams](#), Pink Tulip Volunteer, [Meredith Strang Burgess](#), President, MCF Board of Directors

Lewiston and the city's Community Relations Manager [Dottie Perham-Whittier](#) were on hand to be recognized for the city's embrace of the Pink Tulip Project. Multiple gardens were planted throughout the city and a well covered press conference was held. The Lewiston area is also home to the ever popular [Remembering Tom Rowe](#)

2007 Research Grant Recipients

The Foundation is pleased to fund these five research projects. Each rose to the top among thirteen applications reviewed by an independent panel of Ph.D.'s and M.D.'s. A grant-making charity established in 1976, the Foundation seeks to improve the health and well being of Maine people by funding cancer research, education and patient support programs. 100% of funds raised remain in Maine.

Array-based Comparative Genomic Hybridization of Circulating Tumor Cells in Breast Cancer Patients Before and During Treatment, Janet Bayleran, Ph.D., Maine Institute for Human Genetics & Health, Brewer



Janet Bayleran, Ph.D.

One of the hallmark features of solid tumors is an unstable genome whereby tumor cells acquire DNA alterations at an accelerated rate, affecting genes on large segments of chromosomes. Array-based Comparative Genomic Hybridization (CGH microarray) is a fairly recent technology that measures these changes in an unprecedented and objective manner, generating genomic profiles of tumors. In this study circulating tumor cells (CTCs), which are shed by tumors into circulation soon after they become invasive, will be isolated from the blood of breast cancer patients. Blood will be drawn from patients just before they begin treatment and during their course of

treatment. The number of CTCs will be counted and their genomic profiles will be determined by CGH microarray, which will provide 'snapshots' of the breast cancer patient's tumor as it was before treatment and as it is during treatment. Our hypothesis is that microarray profiling of CTCs will discriminate and identify those patients who are failing to respond to therapy. This approach promises to provide an early and accurate assessment of minimal residual disease and the effectiveness of treatment.

The role of Sprouty (Spry) proteins in breast cancer, Robert Friesel, Ph.D., Maine Medical Center Research Institute, Scarborough



Robert Friesel, Ph.D.

The Spry proteins act as tumor suppressor proteins by negatively regulating receptor tyrosine kinase-activated extra-cellularly regulated kinase (ERK), which mediates cell proliferation. In advanced breast tumors, Spry protein expression is down-regulated resulting in a loss of inhibition of the ERK pathway resulting in increased tumor growth and metastasis. Helix-loop-helix (HLH) transcription factors are important regulators of cell growth and differentiation. There is strong evidence that the HLH inhibitor of DNA binding (Id) proteins are over expressed in tumor cells, correlating with dedifferentiation, and increased proliferation and invasion and thus function as oncogenes. We hypothesize that one

Statement of Activities for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2007

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Public Support and Revenue				
Gifts and Grants	\$117,715.00	\$63,992.00	\$ -	\$ 181,707.00
Investment Income	212,645.00	-	-	212,645.00
Change in Value of Beneficial Interest Trust	-	-	79,620.00	79,620.00
Special Event Revenue	410,808.00	115,416.00	-	526,224.00
Miscellaneous Reimbursements	4,931.00	-	-	4,931.00
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	184,690.00	(184,690.00)	-	-
TOTAL	\$930,789.00	\$5,282.00	\$79,620.00	\$1,005,127.00
Expenses				
Program Services	\$ 520,565.00	-	-	\$ 520,565.00
Management and General	75,509.00	-	-	75,509.00
Fundraising	157,087.00	-	-	157,087.00
TOTAL	\$753,161.00	-	-	\$ 753,161.00
Change in Net Assets				
Net Assets - July 1, 2006	1,439,555.00	14,872.00	705,736.00	2,160,163.00
Net Assets - June 30, 2007	\$1,617,183.00	9,590.00	\$785,356.00	\$2,412,129.00

Maine Cancer Foundation completes a full Financial Audit each year. The 2007 Audit Report, prepared by Smith and Associates, CPA's of Yarmouth, is available to view at the Foundation office. Note: MCF is a beneficiary of a perpetual trust administered by a third party. The Foundation receives quarterly distributions reported as investment income which amounted to \$21,167 in this fiscal year. The pro-rata share of total trust assets is not available for expenditure by the Foundation.

member of the Spry family, Spry4, may uniquely interact with Id proteins to sequester them in the cytoplasm, inhibiting Ids positive effects on proliferation in the nucleus, and thus adding a new function to the feedback inhibitory mechanisms by Spry4 in breast cancer. This interaction may be a target for therapeutic intervention in breast cancer.

An N-Terminal Osteopontin Fragment as a Novel Cancer Biomarker, Ah-Kau Ng, Ph.D., University of Southern Maine

Signature molecules can provide biomarkers for cancer diagnosis, monitoring, treatment efficacy, and prediction of recurrence. Identifying these markers is of high priority and will directly impact patient care. The ideal cancer biomarker is evaluated non-invasively in patient samples such as plasma. A potential indicator of cancer progression in multiple tissues is the secreted protein osteopontin (OPN). There is compelling evidence that OPN may be a useful biomarker for management of various cancer types, including metastatic breast cancer. OPN is broken down into lower molecular weight fragments by digestive enzymes that are abundant during tumor formation. Intriguingly, cleavage of OPN leads to fragments that promote tumor cell binding and migration. We propose that these OPN fragments are biologically relevant molecules that correspond to the metastasis stage of cancer. The proposed project is thus aimed at developing and studying the potential of OPN fragments as biomarkers for breast cancer progression.



Sh-Kau Ng, Ph. D.

there is a critical need for better prognostic indicators of metastasis. The Twist transcription factor is expressed in many different tumor types, with higher expression associated with more advanced tumor phenotypes. We found that Twist can form complexes with itself to form T/T homodimers, or with other proteins forming T/E heterodimers, and these complexes have opposing activities. T/T dimers promote tumor metastasis, while T/E dimers inhibit it. In this project we will generate antibodies that specifically recognize T/T dimers. We will then test their prognostic value by screening human breast tumor samples to determine if the presence of T/T correlates with the tumor grade and metastasis. In the second part of this study, we will identify other proteins that interact with T/T and T/E dimers to give them different activities, and these might also represent markers of metastasis.

The role of RECQL4, Agasanur Prahalad, Ph.D., Maine Institute for Human Genetics & Health, Brewer

RECQL4 is one of five RecQ DNA helicase enzymes identified in humans that 'unzip' the two strands of a DNA helix when a cell starts to divide. Failure of the skeleton to develop properly, bone cancer in children, and several human cancers has been linked to changes in gene expression of RecQL4 helicases. Dr Prahalad and Dr Hock's group at Indiana University School of Medicine showed RECQL4 regulates bone cell proliferation and response to oxidative stress. New leading-edge proteomic technology will be used at the Institute to identify RECQL4 binding partners in bone and osteosarcoma cells. Once we know the proteins interacting with RECQL4, it will be possible to identify molecular mechanisms to explain why this DNA enzyme is so critical for bone cell health.



Agasanur Prahalad Ph.D.

TWIST DIMERS as Markers of Tumor Metastasis, Doug Spicer, Ph D, Maine Medical Center Research Institute, Scarborough

Tumor metastasis is the leading cause of death due to cancer, and

2007 Education and Patient Support Grants

Eastern Maine Health Systems, Bangor to implement a cancer survivor program

Mercy Hospital, Portland to address the needs of cancer survivors

Cancer Community Center, South Portland for patient and family support programs

Maine Breast Cancer Coalition, statewide for the Support Service Fund

Camp Sunshine, Casco to provide one family affected by cancer to attend camp for one week

Southern Maine Community College for Radiation Therapy students to receive advanced training

Cancer Care Center of York County, Sanford for a nutrition program for patients

Maine Center for Cancer Medicine, Scarborough to develop a toolkit for families with the hereditary form of colorectal cancer

Two Roads Maine to assist the scholarship fund for breast cancer survivors to attend an outdoor oriented weekend program

Breast Cancer Diaries to air the documentary film, at no charge, in three Maine communities

Alfond Cancer Treatment Center, Oakland for a nutrition intervention program

Vital Pathways, Houlton for a community wide skin cancer education and awareness program

F. Holland Day Center, Georgetown to provide financial assistance for Maine residents to attend this retreat and renewal program

In addition, the Foundation underwrote the expense of **Discovery Weekend** and provided scholarship for patients in need; offered the **Annual Symposium**, a 2 credit CME dinner lecture attended by 38 oncology nurses, physicians, and students from central and southern Maine; distributed hundreds of **Portraits of Courage** books to patients, especially those newly diagnosed; and, in partnership with the American Cancer Society and the Maine Comprehensive Disease Control program, awarded three **Colon Cancer Mini-Grants** for education and awareness efforts to **Healthy Maine Partnership** programs in greater Waterville, Downeast and Piscataquis.

2006-2007 Year in Review

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concert. State Senator and physician [Lisa Marrache](#) of Waterville was lauded for co-sponsoring [LD 995](#), "An Act to Reduce Expensive Health Care Treatment and Protect the Health of Maine citizens by Providing Early Screening and Detection and Prevention of Cancer." The Act was passed in Health and Human Services but received no funding in what proved to be a very challenging spring legislative season.



The Cure Breast Cancer for ME committee received the 2007 Founders Award. Pictured L-R are [Sheri Short](#), [Linda Sheehy](#), [Erlene LeBorgne](#), [Julie J. Marchese](#), [Meredith S. Burgess](#), [Doug Carr](#), [Joanne Jordan](#) and [Joan Dow](#).

Nonetheless, the conversation about state supported cancer prevention needs was introduced and will continue. Maine Cancer Foundation is a member of the Maine Cancer Consortium, the group who authored the bill.

The Founder's Award for extraordinary volunteerism was awarded to two recipients. First, committee members who lent their drive and enthusiasm to insure the success of the Cure Breast Cancer for ME events since the beginning were lauded for the achievement: [Meredith Strang Burgess](#), [Julie Jordan Marchese](#), [Joanne Jordan](#), [Erlene LeBorgne](#), [Sheri Short](#), [Joan Dow](#), [Bev Doughty](#), [Linda Sheehy](#) and [Judy Katzel](#). A second award went to [Jack Gibson](#), a kind and generous patron who made possible the Gibson Pavilion for oncology at MMC. An unsung hero, he volunteers regularly and often with patients on the floor, gave the first gift to underwrite the new Pink Tulip Project and lends his time and talents in many other ways. A moving video tribute introduced the 2007 [Carroll Award](#) recipient - [Meredith Strang](#)

[Burgess](#). As [Meredith](#) concludes a term as President and Board member, she has led the organization through an unprecedented period of growth over the past five years. Her energy and can-do attitude are hallmarks of this survivor's goal to reduce, if not eliminate, cancer in her lifetime.

Outgoing Board of Directors were lauded for their service: [Mike Currie](#), H.M. Payson, [Bridget Healy](#), Freeport, [Paul Tully](#), ReMax by the Bay, [Bill Kany](#), Saco and [Charlie Stevens](#), Northern Data Systems. New Board members were introduced: [David Mitchell](#), Smith-Barney, [Kevin Healey](#), St. Mary's Regional Medical Center and [LuAnn Ballesteros](#), Jackson Lab. [Gordon Smith](#), Maine Medical Center returned to the Board after two previous three year terms.

Officers for 2007-2008 were announced; they are [Doug Carr](#), President, an attorney with Perkins Thompson, Portland; [Cheryl Greaney](#) and [Julie Jordan Marchese](#), Vice-Presidents, and [Roger Poulin](#), CPA, Baker Newman Noyes, Treasurer.



2006 Grant Recipient Update

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◆ [Regulation of Breast Cancer by the Notch Signaling Pathway](#) A letter from [Dr. Lucy Liaw](#) [Maine Medical Center Research Institute](#), June 12, 2007

Dear Maine Cancer Foundation:

Attached please find my progress report in the form of a manuscript that was recently accepted for publication in the *American Journal of Pathology*. The manuscript represents the culmination of work supported by the Maine Cancer Foundation for the past two years, support which has been acknowledged in our paper.

I am writing to let you know how meaningful this support has been to my research project on Notch regulation of breast cancer. At the time of the initial submission we had a great idea and some compelling data, but no funding to go any further. When MCF support was received, I was able to allow my Ph.D. student to continue this work. She has made several important findings related to suppression of breast cancer growth. In May, Christine defended her Ph.D. thesis and graduated, beginning a postdoctoral fellowship in a

cancer biology lab at Boston University.

Not only has the Foundation's funding allowed for this research to continue, but at the same time it allowed for a graduate student to work in the field of breast cancer. Because of this experience, she is committed to research in this field. The support of the Foundation has trickled down to the training of the next generation of cancer researchers. Thank you very much for your support of local cancer research and your continuing efforts for the cause.

Best wishes,
[Lucy Liaw](#), Ph.D.
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To request a copy of [Dr. Liaw's](#) 40-page manuscript in the *American Journal of Pathology*, email info@mainecancer.org or call toll free 1-866-627-2411

PUBLISHED!

◆ [Role of Endoglin in Prostate Cancer Metastasis](#) [Calvin Vary](#), Ph.D., [Maine Medical Center Research Institute](#)

To determine the role of endoglin in cell migration and invasion in vivo several

different types of in vitro assays with a variety of PC3 and PC3M clones have been performed. These assays suggest that cell migration and cell invasion is regulated by the endoglin cytosolic domain. An abstract illustrating this was presented at the 2007 MMC Research Forum.

In collaboration with the laboratory of [Dr. Ray Bergan](#) we have clarified the role of endoglin and ALK2 in the metastatic behavior of PC3 cells. This research was recently reported in the journal *Oncogene* ([Schumacher-Craft et al., 2007](#))

An R01 proposal was submitted on this work to the National Cancer Institute. This initial proposal was not funded but is presently undergoing revision for submission later this year.

We are sincerely grateful for MCF's interest in helping us initiate, and in supporting this ongoing research effort into the mechanism underlying PCa metastatic disease.

For a copy of [Dr. Vary's](#) Abstract and the Article in *Oncogene* please e-mail info@mainecancer.org

◆ **The Role of Src Family Kinases in Regulation of Stem Cell Survival in CML** *Shaoguang Li, Ph.D., Jackson Lab, Bar Harbor*

Our overall hypothesis is that self-renewal and survival of these leukemic stem cells are mediated by different molecular pathways than those that stimulate leukemic cell proliferation, and targeting leukemic stem cells is essential to curative therapy of CML. Our long-term goal is to identify molecular mechanisms for self-renewal and survival of leukemic stem cells that may be targets for curative therapy. Determination of signaling differences, if any, between leukemic stem cells and proliferating leukemic cells or normal hematopoietic stem cells (HSCs) is key to developing effective therapies for curing the disease.

To test whether Src kinases regulate survival of leukemia stem cells, we identified leukemic stem cells in CML mice. To test whether the Src kinases *Lyn*, *Hck*, and *Fgr* are involved in regulation of survival of leukemic stem cells, we induced CML in wild type and *Lyn*^{-/-}*Hck*^{-/-}*Fgr*^{-/-} mice. Two weeks after induction of CML, bone marrow cells were isolated and the cells analyzed. We found that the number of leukemic stem cells in SP was largely reduced in CML mice lacking *Lyn*, *Hck*, and *Fgr*, as compared to the wild type CML mice, suggesting that these Src kinases are required for the survival of leukemic stem cells.

To confirm the effect of Src kinases on leukemic stem cells in CML, we isolated bone marrow cells from wild type or *Lyn*^{-/-}*Hck*^{-/-}*Fgr*^{-/-} mice with BCR-ABL-induced CML and cultured the cells in conditions that favor survival and growth of HSC to analyze survival of GFP+*lin*-*c-kit*+*Sca-1*+ cells. Unfortunately, this experiment did not work as we expected due to a technical problem. Instead we decided to focus on our *in vivo* assay to demonstrate whether Src kinases play a role in maintenance of survival of CML stem cells. The result demonstrated that inhibition of Src kinases reduced CML stem cells in leukemia mice. We next studied molecular mechanisms by which Src kinases regulate function of leukemic stem cells.

To test whether Src kinases activate **b**-catenin in leukemic stem cells and have a positive effect on survival of these cells, and to address the role of **b**-catenin in BCR-ABL leukemogenesis, we first tested

how efficiently we could knockdown **b**-catenin following expression of the Cre gene. We found that **b**-catenin can be eliminated by expressing Cre in pro-B leukemic cells. We have identified the leukemia stem cells (Hu Y, Swerdlow S, Duffy TM, Weinmann R, Lee FY, Li S. 2006. *Proc Natl Acad Sci USA* 103(45):16870-16875), and we tested the role of **b**-catenin in CML development. We found that in the absence of **b**-catenin, CML development was severely impaired compared to the wild type group, as shown by significantly fewer leukemic cells in the mice. This experiment is still ongoing and survival data will be collected within the next couple of months.

◆ **Chromatin Reorganization in Pro-B Cell Lymphoma Nuclei** *Lindsay Shopland, Ph.D., Jackson Lab*

The goal of the project is to investigate the role of chromosome DNA sequence rearrangements in the reorganization of nuclei in high-grade lymphoma cells. Understanding nuclear architecture is critical for tumor cell biology because gene positioning in the nucleus is intimately linked with gene expression. This study tested the hypothesis that that rearrangement of chromosome sequences by translocation and amplification results in the mislocalization and misfolding of genes in tumor cell nuclei.

To explore whether lymphoma cells are marked by gene expression changes near chromosomal rearrangements, we collaborated with Dr. Kevin Mills to evaluate an existing set of microarray gene expression data for 15 pro-B cell tumors and generated microarray expression data from normal pro-b cells for comparison. Consistent changes in the expression of two genes in the region revealed a consistent translocation break point. In addition to comparing tumor samples to normal cells, we also evaluated variations in expression within the tumor set. Strikingly, when the correlation scores for all gene pairs were mapped to chromosome sequence, we found a large region of correlated expression on chromosome 12. These findings suggest the presence of distinct chromosomal domains with coordinately regulated genes. They also support the hypothesis of this proposal: that a chromosomal sequence rearrangement can affect large-scale, functional properties of chromatin.

The position of complicon signal and

the normal *c-myc* allele relative to the edge of the nucleus was evaluated. Findings suggest that amplification of *c-myc* alters its position relative to the edge, causing *c-myc* sequence to become more concentrated in the central region of the nucleus. We also evaluated the position of *c-myc* complicon relative to splicing factor compartments and found that complicon formation may reposition copies of *c-myc* to a new functional nuclear compartment enriched with splicing factors. Also revealed was the fact that SFCs have the potential to enhance the expression of *c-myc* even more than copy number amplification, a possibility that will be further explored.

A tiling path of 38 BACs across the 5Mb region has been devised normally distal to *c-myc* on chromosome 15. All of these BACs have been isolated and probes from them for FISH have been generated. As work continues, these probes will be used to generate a "fluorescent bar-code" along chromosome 15 to probe its 3D structure to tumor nuclei.

◆ **Molecular predictors of Iressa Response in Lung Cancer Patients – extended** *Dr. Ivette Emery and Chiara Battelli, Maine Center of Cancer Medicine, Scarborough*

The goal of this research project is to determine the predictive potential of a combination of molecular tests on the response of Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC) patients to a new class of therapeutics, called anti-EGFR TKIs (Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitors). These agents inhibit the intracellular activation domain of EGFR and as a result inhibit the pathways to survival and growth under the control of this receptor.

Patients treated with gefitinib (Iressa) and the newer but similar agent, erlotinib (Tarceva), can be divided into three groups: 1) those that show a good response (approximately 10%); 2) those that achieve some degree of disease control (approximately 30%); and 3) the remainder of the patients which continue to progress despite treatment. There is a critical need to be able to predict which patients will fall into which category so as to avoid delaying the best treatment option for each patient and to avoid the risk of unnecessary side effects.

We hypothesized that to determine how

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a patient will respond to medications that inhibits EGFR, one must assess how the tumor is utilizing this pathway. The prediction is that if the tumor is heavily dependant on the EGFR pathway for growth, and specifically for survival, that its inhibition will cause tumor cell death, tumor shrinkage and a good clinical response. If, on the other hand, the tumor does not show an activated EGFR pathway, it is surmised that treatment with EGFR inhibitors will have no impact on the clinical course of the disease.

We set out to study a cohort of NSCLC patients that were treated with anti-EGFR agents and to assess the activity of the EGFR pathway in the corresponding tumor samples with the goal of correlating the clinical outcomes with EGFR pathway markers. Specifically, we set out to extract all relevant clinical data, including histology, stage, lines of therapy, side effects, response, time to progression, overall survival as well as sex, age and smoking history for all the patients. And, in the subset of patients with available tumor samples, to measure the levels of key members of the EGFR signaling network, including EGFR itself as well as the three cytosolic endpoints of the branches of the EGFR pathway, AKT, ERK1/2 and STAT3. We also proposed to determine the mutational status of two relevant genes; *egfr* and *ras*. Finally, we set out to conduct correlative statistical analyses of potential predictors of response to therapy.

Our population included patients that were treated with gefitinib and although not in the original proposal, we amended our IRB permission to also include patients that were treated with erlotinib. Our final population includes 160 patients, 35 of which had a sufficiently large archived tumor sample to conduct molecular tests (gene and protein assays).

The research work is divided into 4 phases: Clinical Data, Protein Assays, Gene Tests and 4. Statistical Analyses: To Date: All the clinical data has been extracted and summarized; all protein assays have been performed and all slides have been scored by one microscopist; all materials necessary for the genetic tests have been procured and sent to the testing institution, UNC Diagnostic Laboratory; preliminary materials for the first set of

statistical analyses have been submitted. Statistical analyses will be conducted for the next few months. To allow enough time for the arrival of the last pieces of data and the completion of the last phase of the research work, a 6-month extension is requested.

Other Progress: Preliminary data for this project was presented in two posters at the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Northern New England Clinical Oncology Society; the final results will be presented at the Molecular Targets and Therapeutics Meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research in San Francisco, October 2007; the results will be also used as preliminary and supporting data in grant proposal under preparation to be submitted to the National Institutes of Health

◆ Preventive and Therapeutic Effects of Vitamin D3 and its Membrane Receptor on Neoplastic Cells – extended

Anja Nohe, Ph.D., UMaine Orono

Between January and June 2007, our laboratory focused on two areas of development: coating nanoparticles with the active form of Vitamin D and developing fluorescent versions of the Vitamin D receptor.

Coating Nanoparticles with the Active Form of Vitamin D

Late last year our laboratory was able to coat nanoparticles with Vitamin D but these particles proved to be unstable and not of value. This led to renewed work to optimize the coating nanoparticles (Quantum Dots– red emission) with active Vitamin D. The objective is to visualize the dynamics of the uptake of Vitamin D from the plasma membrane into the cell nucleus. The requirement for coated, fluorescent nanoparticles is that the active Vitamin D remains conjugated while maintaining bioactivity similar to that of Vitamin D alone.

In April colleagues from McGill University in Montreal Canada traveled to the University of Maine to demonstrate their method of coating quantum dots with biomolecules. Unfortunately, the quantum dots formed by their method aggregated and were too large to be useful for imaging within the cells. During May we worked out the chemistry to find other

coupling agents and methodologies. From five alternatives, we selected DCC as the agent that could bind vitamin D to the quantum dot, while leaving the 1,hydroxyl group free for its biological activity. We developed a means for purifying the conjugated quantum dots using Thin Line Chromatography (TLC) plates, thereby selecting only the coated quantum dots and avoiding uncoated dots or reaction by-products.

The Coated Quantum Dots were clearly visualized with Confocal Microscopy

The results from early experiments are exciting. When the C2C12 cells were treated with the coated quantum dots, the solution moved through the plasma membrane into the nucleus and was clearly visible using confocal microscopy. When the cells were treated with the control (un-coated quantum dots) the solution did not enter the cell.

Synthesis of Vitamin D Receptor-Green Fluorescent Protein (GFP) Chimeras

We have worked to synthesize GFP chimeras since February. Once generated, we will be able to visualize the effects Vitamin D on live cells. We have obtained a small sample from colleagues at the University of Vancouver, Faculty of Medicine but as yet have not succeeded in obtaining the DNA. We hope to have the DNA and start these experiments in the early part of July 2007.

Next Steps

In the next set of experiments we expect to have all of the methods worked out and tested on C2C12 cells and will be ready to move on to experiments on the cancer cells. Cell lines to be used are A431, epidermoid carcinoma cells; MCF7 breast adenocarcinoma cell line; and LNCaP prostate carcinoma line.

A grant extension through June 2008 has been requested and approved so that Dr. Nohe may continue this investigation.

We thank Dr. Nohe for being a guest speaker at the annual Mary's Walk Wrap-up Reception in May and again at the Foundation's Annual Meeting in June. Her enthusiasm and passion for science are evident and her delivery of technical information very down to earth.

Sugarloaf Charity Summit

January 19 and 20 was the date for the Sugarloaf/USA Charity Summit. A kick-off event was held Friday night at the Sugarloaf Inn hosted by Shipyard Brew Haus. Participants, sponsors and friends gathered to bid on silent auction items and learn more about the two benefiting charities: the Maine Cancer Foundation and Franklin Memorial Hospital's Martha B. Webber Breast Cancer Awareness Foundation. Bright and early Saturday morning, skiers and snowboarders who had each raised either \$200 (Boardwalk), \$600 (Cruiser) or \$1200 (Snowfields) took their turn navigating the timed gate course. Other skiers challenged one another donating \$5 each time they ran the course. A family scavenger hunt, Hunt for the Cure, was really popular!



From 12:00 – 4:30 p.m. the Base Lodge housed an expansive silent auction. Bidding was vigorous especially towards the end! The weekend's highlight, the Charity Ball, took place in the transformed King

Pine Room Saturday night. A nearly sell-out crowd enjoyed hearty hors d'oeuvres, live music and a live auction. A memorable moment came when cancer survivors stood together on the dance floor to be honored. While cancer continues to strike far too many, events like this show the importance of enjoying life while doing good! The 2008 Charity Summit will be held January 18 and 19, Martin Luther King weekend. It's not too soon to make your plans! If you'd like to receive an event brochure, let us know... info@mainecancer.org



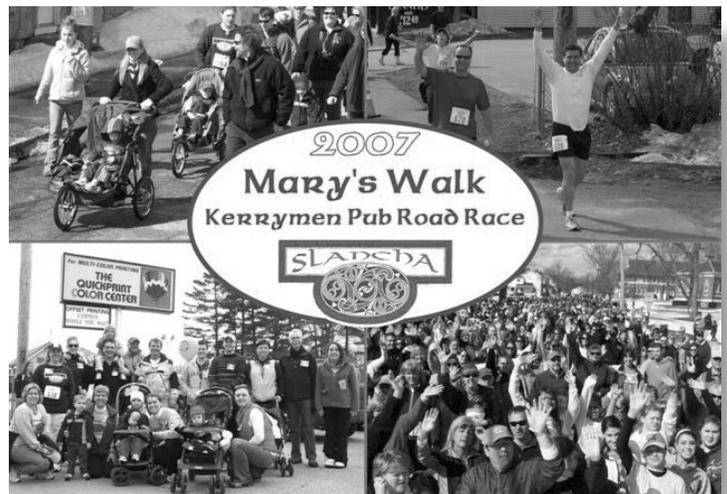
Julie Jordan Marchese and Meredith Strang Burgess (R) take a break from skiing at the Sugarloaf Charity Summit to respond to a media interview.

Mary's Walk & Kerryman Pub Road Race



The 9th Annual event on Sunday, March 11 broke all records with 2300 participants and \$171,000 raised for Maine Cancer Foundation! It was a wonderful day with clear skies and moderate temperatures. Funds raised increased 7% over 2006. Individuals as well as Teams did a terrific job collecting donations from work, home and friends. Top Individual fundraisers were Alisa Kelley, Katie Moskowitz and Derek Webb. Tom Team Fundraisers were Prime Care, Sea Road School and Richard's Team. The 5K road race awarded modest cash prizes to overall top Male (Ethan Hemphill) and Female (Kristin Barry). Medals were awarded to 1st through 3rd, men and women, in 13 age categories. The great tradition of this early season outing was certainly celebrated this year! Many local vendors provided ample refreshments and hundreds of volunteers, many of them students at Thornton Academy, were on hand to help.

On March 16, 2008 Mary's Walk will celebrate its 10th Anniversary. To date the event has raised over \$900,000 for cancer research in Maine. There is every likelihood that the 10th Anniversary will bring the 10 year total to \$1 Million! To insure we get there, we're asking all Mary's Walk participants and supporters to step it up for '08! Think "the Power of 10!" Even if you've never fundraised before just ask 10 friends and family for a \$10 donation each. Before you know it you will have raised \$100. If you're feeling ambitious, try for \$500 (25 x \$20)! Look for a kickoff event in October and an early start to on-line registration. Mary's Walk, at first an expression of grief and loss by her family and friends, has grown into a community celebration supporting cancer research, cancer patients and their families. Your time and effort DO make a difference! Advances in research have achieved unprecedented results. Each dollar raised brings us closer to a cancer-free Maine. Visit www.maryswalk.org for pictures, updates and additional information.



Mary's Walk will celebrate its 10th Anniversary this March! Don't miss what is sure to be another wonderful day...and a grand celebration of a spectacular 10 year fundraising total! www.maryswalk.org

Pink Tulip Project

This October 30,000 pink tulips will be planted in public, private and commercial gardens throughout Maine. Each garden has been sponsored by individuals, businesses and groups. Bulbs, whose original cost is covered by grants and individual donations, are shipped to each location in the fall for planting. Funds raised through the project will benefit the Maine Cancer Foundation's Women's Cancer Fund. In 2006, the inaugural year of the project, \$18,000 was raised. In 2007 we are well on our way to exceed that total!



Each garden has established a fund raising goal and set out to reach that goal by soliciting friends and community members. Lincoln Park near the courthouse in Portland has been adopted by "The Ladies in the Law" who wish to plant 400 bulbs and raise \$10,000. They have reached out to women in every aspect of the law from lawyers to crossing guards to join in their efforts. Several medical sites joined the campaign, dedicating gardens to promote awareness and inspire hope while honoring all who have battled breast cancer. Memorial gardens, as well as gardens named in honor of women and men currently in treatment, have been planted throughout Maine. The park departments of Bangor, Cumberland, Lewiston, Portland, and York have offered public garden space to the project.



The Pink Tulip Project provides an opportunity for people in any area of the state to get involved. Log on to www.pinktulipproject.com and make your contribution. It's a great way to honor or remember a friend.



The Pink Tulip Project was founded by Robin Whitten of Portland after her 2004 breast cancer diagnosis. An avid gardener, throughout her winter long treatment, Robin anticipated seeing her pink tulips bloom in the spring, marking the end of her regimen. That vision kept her going and inspired her to share the optimism of spring's renewal by creating the Pink Tulip Project. Robin invites Maine to cure breast cancer one pink tulip at a time!



Laurie Ellis and her sons enjoy the Pink Tulip bed in bloom at Middle School of the Kennebunks where she teaches.



Malone Commercial Brokers foursome at 10th Annual Golf Classic



Showers don't dampen these hikers enthusiasm at Hike the River for a cure



Saco Bay PT 5k draws a great crowd for its first event



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To improve the health and well-being of
Maine people by funding cancer research,
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100% of funds raised remain in Maine.

President's Corner CONT'D FROM COVER

Maine Medical Association returns to the Board after previous service. At an Executive Committee Board Retreat in early August, the 2005 Strategic Plan goals were revisited. It was impressive to see how far we've come and a good reminder to attend to 'next steps.' As a result of that meeting more attention will be paid to growing the Annual Fund and developing Planned Giving. We have a tremendously busy and successful slate of Special Events, a component we are always examining. We need to spend an equal amount of attention to growing non-event giving.

Inroads to increase public awareness throughout the state have been made. We have several events, grant recipients and key board members in both Lewiston/Auburn and Saco/Biddeford. The Foundation is more well known in Bangor now that Pink Tulips have been planted and a researcher at Univ. of Maine Orono funded. The two largest ski areas in Maine are hosting events for Maine Cancer Foundation, the Sugarloaf Charity

Summit and Shipyard's Hike the River for a Cure at Sunday River, increasing our presence in Western Maine. You may be certain that our efforts will continue to help assure that everyone in the state recognizes Maine Cancer Foundation for the compelling role it plays in service to the people of Maine.

As you read this Report, we invite your feedback. Just e-mail info@mainecancer.org or phone the Director, Susan Rowan, at 773-2533 with your comment, suggestion or question. If you would like to get involved on a committee or serve in another capacity, we welcome you. Thank you to each of you who have helped the Foundation. We depend on gifts from individuals, companies and community groups for our success. Because of you the path to a cancer free future continues to move forward. Each day holds the hope that the challenge of a cancer diagnosis will be experienced by far fewer people and early detection and advances in treatment will render even more patients long term survivors!

Discovery Weekend

September 28-30

After 27 years of providing support and education to cancer patients and their loved ones, this will be the last Discovery Weekend. The Foundation is grateful to Jake and Jude Hannemann for their extraordinary commitment to Discovery Weekend dedicating 3 weekends a month for the past two decades. We also wish to thank several others who volunteered their time and talent to make the weekends so memorable: most notably Rev. Dick Sheesley, Paul Morin, Mark Morin, Deborah Corriveau and also the core group of survivors willing to share their stories, offering insight and hope, thank you! Thanks also to Bay View Villa in Saco for providing a comfortable place in a beautiful location.



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The Maine Cancer Foundation has a busy, wide reaching schedule of fundraising events. There's something for everyone! Visit www.mainecancer.org, updated regularly. Also at the website is a list of grant recipients, information on applying for a grant, and links to reliable cancer information websites.

Questions or
Comments? Dial toll free
in Maine 1-866-627-
2411 or in the Portland
area, 773-2533.



Gift Recognition Program

The recognition program is designed to provide much deserved recognition for those who support the Foundation and to foster a loyal pattern of charitable giving

\$1 - \$99 Friends Club To honor the power of friendship to a person living with cancer

\$100 - \$249 Courage Circle To acknowledge extraordinary determination exhibited by cancer patients

\$250 - \$499 Promise Club To celebrate the promise of a cancer free future

\$500 - \$999 Carroll Society To honor the steadfast leadership of Dr. Ron Carroll, long time board member and past president

\$1,000 - \$2,499 2nd Century Club To encourage life saving advances in the second millennium

\$2,500 - \$4,999 Society of Hope To celebrate the hopefulness that all donors embrace

\$5,000 plus 1976 Club To honor the determination of the founders who, in 1976, after experiencing heartbreaking losses to cancer, established the Foundation in order to make a difference for the people of Maine.

Planned Giving...the Arthur Piippo Society

The Arthur Piippo Society was established a few years after the Foundation received a bequest from Mr. Piippo of Herman who died at 88 in 2001. Since then a number of Maine Cancer Foundation donors have let us know they have named Maine Cancer Foundation in their will or other planned giving vehicle. We are deeply appreciative of these gifts and know that they hold great significance and deep meaning to each of you.

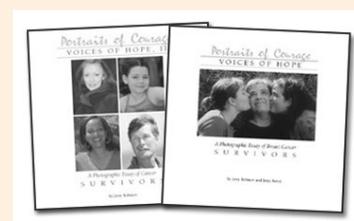
The needs of charities are greater than ever before. In the case of Maine Cancer Foundation, we receive many more research grant proposals than we are able to fund each year. Likewise, the number of education and patient support grant requests increases.

There is no better time than now to consider the Maine Cancer Foundation in your estate planning. There are a myriad of options available, from naming the Foundation in your will or entering into a charitable gift annuity, to a more complex trust arrangement such as a charitable remainder trust. Developing your giving strategies with your financial planner and your family may help to enhance your family's future wellbeing while also providing for a meaningful charitable benefit.

Portraits of Courage, Voices of Hope

Volumes 1 and II of the Portraits of Courage, Voices of Hope is available to cancer patients, their loved ones, cancer support groups and health care providers at no cost.

Contact the Foundation for information, toll free in Maine 1-866-627-2411 or mainecancer@gwi.net



Pins on sale

Join the battle against breast & ovarian cancer with these beautiful pins. Make a difference by raising awareness and much needed funding for the Maine Cancer Foundation dedicated to research, education and patient support for Mainer's touched by cancer.



We have 3 different pins available, pink ribbon for breast cancer, turquoise ribbon for ovarian cancer, and women pins to support all women's cancers. Although pins are in 3 categories, please keep in mind that no two pins are exactly the same, each person depicted is wearing different clothes, some are standing, some are sitting. As women we are each unique, so why should our accessories be any different?!

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Rotary Car Cruise for Cancer

Sunday, Sept. 30, 2:00 p.m.

Greater Portland area

A fun and exciting scavenger hunt on wheels.

www.maineccancer.org



6th Annual Cure Breast Cancer for ME Luncheon

Mon., Oct. 1, 11:30-2:00 p.m.

Portland Marriott at Sable Oaks, South Portland

This wonderful event returns to a Luncheon and moves to the Marriott.

www.curebreastcancerforme.org



Cure Breast Cancer for ME On-Line Auction

October 1 - 31

A wide array of generously donated merchandise from Maine's finest! Bid early, bid often!

www.curebreastcancerforme.org



2nd Annual Saco Bay Physical Therapy 5k Run and Walk

Saturday, Oct. 6, 4:00 p.m.
Saco

Bring a friend to Walk or Run in this well-organized event; great fall weather; nice route, plentiful refreshments & prizes.

www.sacobaypt.com



Hike the River for a Cure at Sunday River

Sat., October 27, 11:00 a.m.
Bethel

Sponsored by Shipyard; 2-mile hike, lunch and fun!

www.maineccancer.org



Pink Tulip Project

Sponsor bulbs in an existing garden or buy bulbs to start your own community, corporate or home garden! Cure breast cancer one pink tulip at a time.

www.pinktulipproject.com



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McDonald's Breast Cancer Awareness Project

Oct. 5, 6 and 7

At all McDonald's Restaurants in Maine

www.maineccancer.org



Breast Cancer License Plate

We're half way toward the goal of collecting 2,000 reservation forms (and \$20) by December 31.

Download your form NOW and mail it in! Thanks!

www.maineccancer.org



Dance for a Cure

Sat., October 20
John Ford Theatre

A benefit performance
www.portlandballet.com



Listen in for news on the Q's fall breast cancer event!

www.wjfq.com

TRIBUTE GIFTS

IN MEMORY OF ~ Memorial Gifts commemorate a loved one, neighbor or colleague who has passed away. Families often choose to support cancer research in lieu of flowers when faced with the loss of a loved one. We appreciate this kindness and extend our sincere sympathy. Annual Donors too, will often remember their loved one when making a gift each year. Memorial Gifts were received in the name of these individuals between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007:

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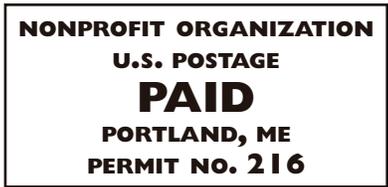
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Calendar of Events *See pg. 11 for details*



September 30 Rotary Car Cruise for Cancer

A fun scavenger hunt by car exploring the towns of Portland, Cape Elizabeth and South Portland. Solve clues leading to checkpoints, perform wacky and fun challenges. This is not a race or speed event but a fun afternoon with friends and family to raise money for cancer research in Maine. \$200 per team, please pre-register, space is limited. Call 773-2533 or info@mainecancer.org

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October 1 6th Annual Cure Breast Cancer for ME Luncheon

We return to a luncheon format and move to the Marriott, South Portland for this sell-out event. Celebrate the stories of survivors, hear updates on advances, honor volunteers who work tirelessly to make a difference. Get your tickets today! www.curebreastcancerforme.org



Breast Cancer License Plate

The drive to have Maine issue a breast cancer license plate continues. If you'd like a pink plate to encourage early detection, please ACT NOW! Simply fill out the reservation form, available at www.mainecancer.org, and mail along with check for \$20. The deadline is extended to December 31! We're half way there! Thank you to everyone who's registered so far!



NEW! On-line Auction to benefit Cure Breast Cancer for ME

150 or so great items donated by merchants far and wide. Something for everyone! Do your holiday shopping early and support breast cancer research right here in Maine. www.curebreastcancerforme.org



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