

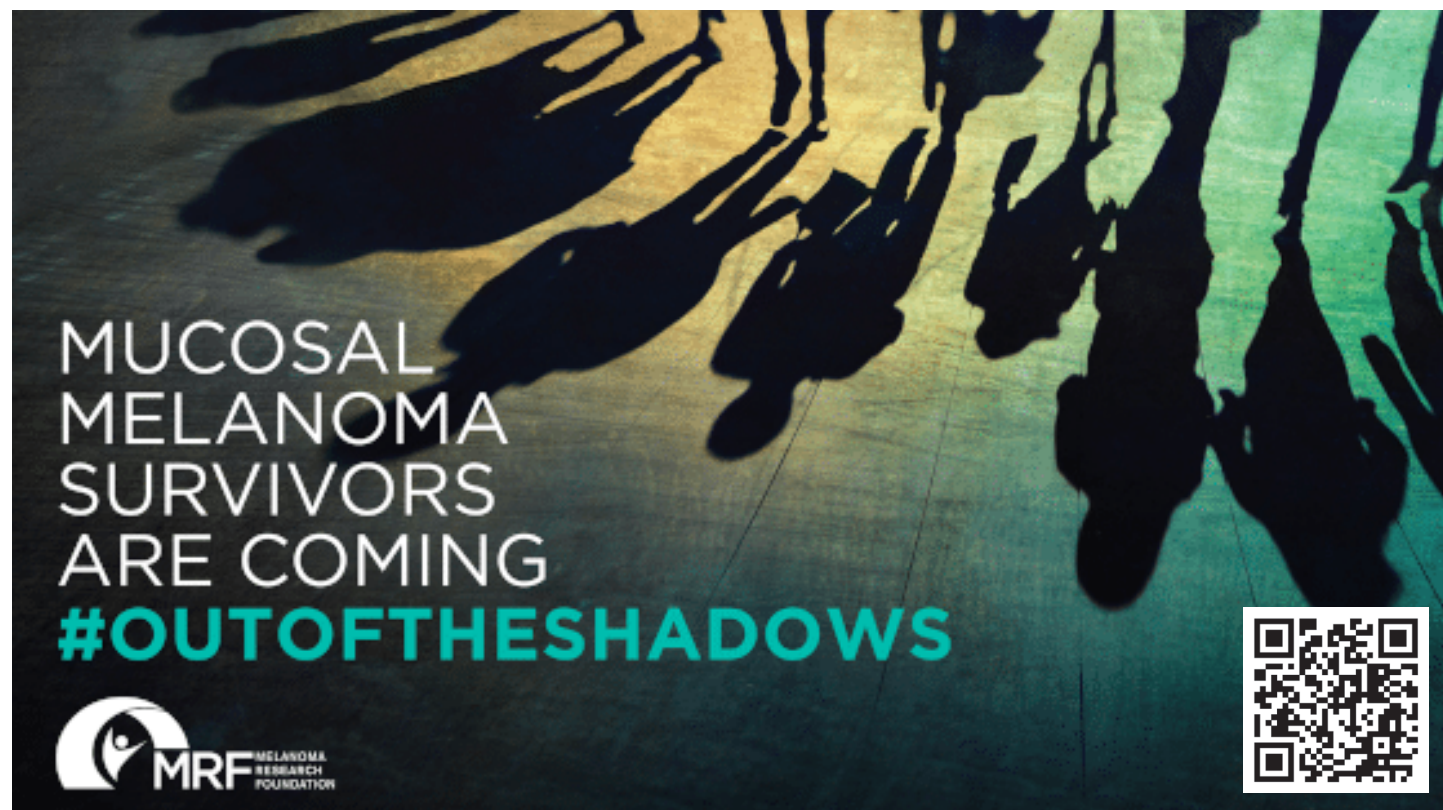


A HYBRID WORKSHOP:

Increasing Collaboration Amongst the Mucosal Melanoma Community

December 16, 2022

Columbia University
Herbert Irving Comprehensive
Cancer Center



The MRF's mission is to eradicate melanoma by accelerating medical RESEARCH while EDUCATING to and ADVOCATING for the melanoma community.



Welcome to the MRF Mucosal Melanoma Meeting

Aimed at Increasing Collaboration Amongst the Community!

On behalf of the Melanoma Research Foundation (MRF) and the Meeting Planning Committee, we want to welcome everyone — both those in-person and virtual — to “Increasing Collaboration Amongst the Mucosal Melanoma Community.” This meeting is held in partnership with the Columbia University Irving Medical Center, and we are so thankful for their strong support. We are also grateful to each of you for your dedication in fostering a supportive and engaged community and look forward to a meaningful and impactful meeting ahead.

This meeting is a first of its kind for the mucosal melanoma (MM) community, as it brings together dedicated clinicians and researchers with patients and caregivers. We applaud all of you for your tireless efforts to ensure that MM patients and families have the best care and support along their journeys. Whether it be research, clinical trials, or personal experiences, we will touch upon all during this meeting.

We recognize many of the challenges of this disease and support research towards a cure. We have awarded MM-specific research grants, assisted in drafting a white paper focused on guidelines for MM, and developed awareness through MM materials. However, more can clearly be done; the most pressing items to be identified during this meeting. Only together can we make progress. We know we must continuously adapt to the evolving needs of both the patient and investigator community.

Before closing, we wanted to take a moment to thank everyone for their hard work in making this event possible. We need to thank the Meeting Planning Committee members, as without their guidance and dedication, this event would not have happened. We also graciously thank our speakers and panelists for their tireless efforts, as well as our sponsors for their generous contributions. Together, we are stronger than the sum of our parts.

We are excited to see some familiar faces and meet many of you for the first time. We hope that each of you will leave this meeting energized and optimistic about what the future may hold!

Warm regards,

Kyleigh LiPira, MBA
CEO

Melanoma Research Foundation

Richard D. Carvajal, MD, PhD
Meeting Planning Committee, Co-Chair
MRF Breakthrough Consortium (MRFBC) Co-Chair
Melanoma Research Foundation

Agenda

Friday, December 16

10:00 am–10:10 am	Welcome and Meeting Overview Jun Guo, Planning Committee Co-Chair (virtually, Beijing Cancer Hospital)
10:10 am–11:45 am	Clinical Challenges Charlotte Ariyan (MSKCC) & Sapna Patel (MDACC)
10:10 am–10:20 am	The Journey of a Mucosal Melanoma Patient — Western Perspective/ Asian Perspective JB Ward & Cristian Jonsson (virtually)
10:20 am–10:50 am	Staging Charlotte Ariyan (MSKCC) & Jeff Gershenwald (MDACC)
10:50 am–11:20 am	Management Perspectives for the Different Mucosal Melanoma Subtypes (head/neck, GI tract, & gyn) Ehab Hanna (MDACC), Martin McCarter (University of Colorado School of Medicine), & Michael Frumovitz (MDACC)
11:20 am–11:45 am	PANEL DISCUSSION — Multi-modality, Integrated Nature of Management Charlotte Ariyan (MSKCC), Christopher Barker (MSKCC), Michael Frumovitz (MDACC), Jeff Gershenwald (MDACC), Ehab Hanna (MDACC), Martin McCarter (University of Colorado School of Medicine), Jennifer McQuade (MDACC), & Sapna Patel (MDACC)
11:45 am–12:15 pm	Lunch Break
12:15 pm–1:45 pm	Planned/Ongoing Clinical Trials Rich Carvajal (Columbia University Irving Cancer Center) & Marlana Orloff (Thomas Jefferson University Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center)
12:15 pm–12:30 pm	Past/Present Chinese Clinical Trial Experience Jun Guo, (virtually, Beijing Cancer Hospital)
12:30 pm–12:45 pm	Adjuvant/Neoadjuvant Alex Shoushtari (MSKCC)
12:45 pm–1:00 pm	Immune Checkpoint Experience in Mucosal Melanoma Evan Lipson (virtually, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine)
1:00 pm–1:15 pm	Clinical Trials of Interest in Mucosal Melanoma Yana Najjar (virtually, UPMC Hillman Cancer Center)
1:15 pm–1:45 pm	PANEL DISCUSSION — Barriers & Unmet Needs in Mucosal Melanoma Clinical Trials Beth Buchbinder (Dana-Farber Cancer Institute/HCC), Rich Carvajal (Columbia University School of Medicine), Su Chandra (Northwestern University), Jun Guo (virtually, Beijing Cancer Hospital), Evan Lipson (virtually, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine), Yana Najjar (virtually, UPMC Hillman Cancer Center), Marlana Orloff (Thomas Jefferson University Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center), Suthee Rapisuwon (Georgetown University/MedStar Health), & Alex Shoushtari (MSKCC)

1:45 pm–2:00 pm	Coffee Break
2:00 pm–3:30 pm	Basic/Translational Science Kasey Coutts (University of Colorado School of Medicine) & Alex Shoushtari (MSKCC)
2:00 pm–2:15 pm	Mucosal Melanoma: Basic Science Overview Iwei Yeh (UCSF)
2:15 pm–2:30 pm	Mucosal Melanoma Models Amy LeBlanc (National Institutes of Health)
2:30 pm–2:45 pm	Characterization of the Mucosal Melanoma Microbiome Kasey Coutts (University of Colorado School of Medicine)
2:45 pm–3:00 pm	Microenvironment Profiling of Mucosal Melanoma Ben Izar (Columbia University Irving Cancer Center)
3:00 pm–3:30 pm	PANEL DISCUSSION — Facilitating Basic and Translational Research in Mucosal Melanoma Kasey Coutts (University of Colorado School of Medicine), Andy Futreal (MDACC), Ben Izar (Columbia University Irving Cancer Center), Amy LeBlanc (National Institutes of Health), David Liu (Dana-Farber Cancer Institute/HCC), Alex Shoushtari (MSKCC), & Iwei Yeh (UCSF)
3:30 pm–3:45 pm	Snack Break
3:45 pm–5:15 pm	Enhancing Collaboration Mario Leitao (MSKCC) & Jimmy Hexter
3:45 pm–4:15 pm	CURE OM & NeCTuR (necervix.com) as a Model for Mucosal Melanoma Advocacy, Research and Education Sara Selig (virtually, MRF) & Michael Frumovitz (MDACC)
4:15 pm–4:30 pm	Mechanisms to Enhance Scientific Collaboration and Progress — Cooperative Groups Gary Schwartz (Columbia University)
4:30 pm–4:45 pm	Melanoma Research Alliance RARE Registry Maryam Asgari (virtually, Harvard Medical School)
4:45 pm–5:15 pm	PANEL DISCUSSION — Considerations/Insights From Mucosal Melanoma Patients/Caregivers Kathy Gillett, Jimmy Hexter, Kathy Hickey, Mario Leitao (MSKCC), & Christopher White
5:15 pm–5:30 pm	Conclusions & Next Steps Rich Carvajal, Planning Committee Co-Chair (Columbia University Irving Cancer Center)
5:30 pm–6:30 pm	Wine & Cheese Happy Hour OPTIONAL

Speakers



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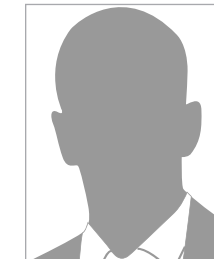
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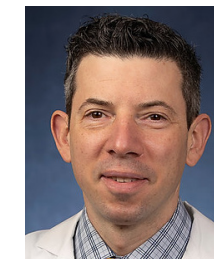
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Want to get more involved in the Melanoma Research Foundation?

The Melanoma Research Foundation (MRF) is one of the largest independent organizations devoted to melanoma. Committed to the support of medical research in finding effective treatments and eventually a cure for melanoma, we also educate patients and physicians across the spectrum of melanoma — from prevention through diagnosis, staging, treatment and survivorship. In addition to cutaneous melanoma, we also focus on the rarer types of melanoma — mucosal, acral, pediatric and ocular. The MRF is an active advocate for the melanoma community, helping to raise awareness of this disease and the need for a cure.

If you are interested in becoming more involved with or learning more about our activities (e.g., regarding our work in the research, education, advocacy or fundraising space), please click on the QR code below and answer a short survey.



Many thanks in advance for your interest and support of the melanoma community!

Funding Melanoma Research

The Melanoma Research Foundation (MRF) provides emerging and established scientific investigators (from medical students to senior investigative teams) with highly sought-after, peer-reviewed grants across the disciplines of biology, immunology, prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of any form of melanoma

(including mucosal melanoma). If you are interested in learning more about our open Grant RFPs, please visit our website at <https://melanoma.org/research-science/research-grants/research-grant-rfps/>. A summary of the types of grants offered each year is copied below:

Types of Grants Funded:

TYPES OF GRANTS	PURPOSE	ELIGIBILITY	DURATION
MEDICAL STUDENT	Introduces students early in their careers to clinical/research opportunities under the mentorship of an investigator engaged in melanoma research	Medical students at an accredited U.S. medical school or institution	1 year
CAREER DEVELOPMENT	Enables young researchers to generate the groundwork that can leverage additional grant funding from other funding bodies	Junior investigators which include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Postdoctoral fellows with less than five years of postdoctoral experience OR • A research associate, instructor, assistant professor or the equivalent 	2 years
ESTABLISHED INVESTIGATOR	Encourages proven researchers to continue research on emerging challenges in melanoma	Established researchers, mainly faculty with at least an associate professor appointment	2 years
TEAM	Encourages collaboration across academic disciplines in an institution or among multiple institutions	A PI and at least one co-PI, ideally from different institutions	2 years
CLINICAL TRIAL	Fosters clinical trials in the melanoma space	Junior through established investigators	2-3 years
MID-CAREER BRIDGE GRANT	To support and sustain investigators while they generate the data for a Response to Reviewers in a revised R01 (A1) submission	Established investigators with pre-existing R01s who have applied for an NIH R01 grant that was scored but not funded	1 year
OTHER	Provide donor-directed research funding, MRF-funded grants awarded through partner organizations and support for urgent or specific research needs such as the reopening of labs following the COVID pandemic	Varies by grant	Varies

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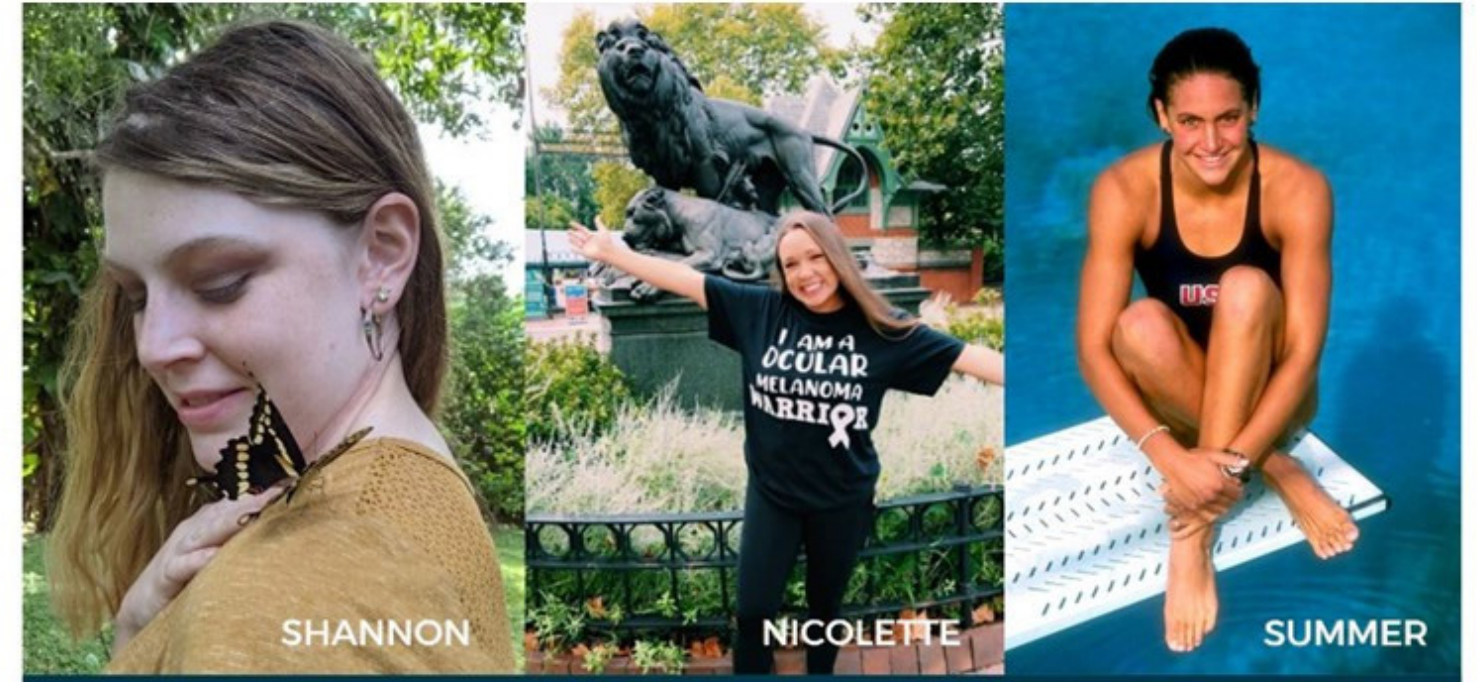
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For information on the **Education Institute**, including animated patient videos, patient symposium series, Ask the Expert webinar series or educational literature, please contact education@melanoma.org.

For questions related to **becoming a patient advocate and our advocacy efforts** to help improve outcomes for melanoma patients, please contact advocacy@melanoma.org.

For questions related to the **Miles for Melanoma 5k run/walk program**, including how to create, join or support a team, please contact milesformelanoma@melanoma.org.

For questions related to the **galas**, including volunteering with a Gala Planning Committee, please contact galas@melanoma.org.

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For questions related to the **CURE OM (Community United for Research and Education of Ocular Melanoma) initiative**, please contact cureom@melanoma.org.

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