



## AMC Scholars

2020 - 2024

### 2024

**Scholar:** Graciela Nogueras Gonzalez, PhD, MPH

**Institution:** University of Texas, MD Anderson

**Mentor(s):** Elizabeth Chiao, MD, MPH; Lilie Lin, MD; Jane Montealegre, PhD, MSPH; Susan Citonje Msadabwe-Chikuni, MBChB, MMed

**Project Title:** *Barriers to Cervical Cancer Screening and Follow-up Care for WLHIV Treated at the Cancer Diseases Hospital in Lusaka, Zambia*

**Scholar:** Maria Montserrat Aguilar Hernandez, PhD

**Institution:** Weill Medical College of Cornell University

**Mentor(s):** Ethel Cesarman, MD, PhD; Amy Chadburn, MD; Lisa Roth, MD

**Project Title:** *The Mutational Landscape of Polymorphic Lymphoproliferative Disorder and Correlations with EBV Status in PLWH*

**Scholar:** Travis Lambert, MD

**Institution:** Montefiore Medical Center

**Mentor(s):** Rafi Kabarriti, MD

**Project Title:** *Characterizing the Microbiome Composition Among Pre-cancerous HSIL vs. Anal Cancer SCCA Patients*

**Scholar:** Racheal Dube Mandishora, PhD, MPH

**Institution:** Moffitt Cancer Center

**Mentor(s):** Trine Rounge, PhD; Timothy Wilkin, MD, MPH

**Project Title:** *Intra Host and Intra Genotype Diversity of High-risk HPV in Women with HIV and Multi-site Pre-Malignant or Malignant Lesions*

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**Scholar: María Macarena Sandoval, MD**

**Institution:** Fundación Huésped (Buenos Aires, Argentina)

**Mentor(s):** Valeria Fink, MD; Luciana La Rosa, MD

**Project Title:** *From Guidelines to Practice: Pilot Study on Anal Cancer Screening for People with HIV in Argentina*

## 2023

**Scholar: Gaurav Goyal, MD**

**Institution:** University of Alabama, Birmingham

**Mentor(s):** Smita Bhatia, MD, MPH; Vanessa Eulo, MD

**Project Title:** *Burden of Morbidity and Premature Mortality in People with HIV and Non-AIDS Defining Cancers*

**Scholar: Priscilla Namaganda, MD**

**Institution:** Uganda Cancer Institute/ Fred Hutchinson

**Mentor(s):** Jackson Orem, PhD, MBChB, MMed; Cecilia Yeung, MD

**Project Title:** *Oncogenic Viral Proteins Associated with Lymphomas at the Uganda Cancer Institute, Uganda, a Comparison Between HIV-associated and Non-HIV-associated Lymphomas*

**Scholar: Daniel Nathan, MD**

**Institution:** Icahn School of Medicine at Mt. Sinai

**Mentor(s):** Keith Sigel, MD, PhD, MPH; Joseph Sparano, MD

**Project Title:** *Prevalence and Impact of Clonal Hematopoiesis on Outcomes of Malignancy in People Living with HIV*

**Scholar: Angel Ramírez-Fernández, PhD**

**Institution:** University of Pennsylvania

**Mentor(s):** Stefan Barta, MD; Joseph Fraietta, PhD

**Project Title:** *Harnessing CAR-T Strategies in the Management of HIV and Lymphoma: Opportunities and Alternatives in the US Healthcare Landscape*

**Scholar: José Antonio Dias da Cunha e Silva, MD, MSc, MPH**

**Institution:** Instituto nacional de Cancer Jose de Alencar (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)

**Mentor(s):** Beatriz Grinsztein, MD, PhD; Ana Ortiz, PhD, MPH; Anna Coghill, PhD, MPH; Fabio Leal, MD, PhD

**Project Title:** *Prevalence of Histologically-Confirmed HSIL (hHSIL) in Women Living with HIV (WLWHIV) in Brazil*

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## 2022

**Scholar:** Chimwemwe Moses Banda, MBBS, MMed, FCOG

**Institution:** UNC Project- Malawi

**Mentor(s):** Lameck Chinula, MBBS, MMed, FCOG; Ntokozo Ndlovu, MMed; Matthew Painschab, MD

**Project Title:** *Evaluating the Clinico-pathologic Characteristics of Patients with Pre-cancerous and Cancerous Anal Disease at Kamuzu Central Hospital, Lilongwe, Malawi*

**Scholar:** Sanjay Patel, MD, MSc, MPH

**Institution:** Weill Medical College of Cornell University

**Mentor(s):** Ethel Cesarman, MD, PhD; Amy Chadburn, MD

**Project Title:** *Dissecting the Unique Features of the Tumor Microenvironment (TME) in HIV/AIDS-associated Classic Hodgkin Lymphoma Patients*

**Scholar:** Georgios Pongas, MD

**Institution:** University of Miami

**Mentor(s):** Juan Carlos Ramos, MD

**Project Title:** *Preclinical Development of Immunotherapy Combining Magrolimab with Viral Lytic Induction Therapies in Primary Effusion Lymphoma*

**Scholar:** Sridevi Rajeeve, MD

**Institution:** Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

**Mentor(s):** Keith Sigel, MD, PhD, MPH; Joseph Sparano, MD

**Project Title:** *Determining the Impact of Age and Antiretroviral Treatment (ART) on Adverse Prostate Cancer Outcomes for Men Living with HIV (MWH)*

**Scholar:** Christoph Weigel, PhD

**Institution:** Ohio State University

**Mentor(s):** Robert Baiocchi, MD, PhD; Polina Shindiapina, MD, PhD

**Project Title:** *Utilizing Kaposi Sarcoma Herpes Virus (KSHV) DNA Methylation to Assess Virus Activity in HIV+ Patients*

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## 2021

**Scholar: Zachary Epstein-Peterson, MD**

**Institution:** Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

**Mentor(s):** Ariela Noy, MD; M. Lia Palombo, MD

**Project Title:** *Axicabtagene Ciloleucel in Relapsed or Refractory HIV-associated Aggressive B-cell Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma*

**Scholar: Guido Ghilardi, MD**

**Institution:** University of Pennsylvania

**Mentor(s):** Stefan Barta, MD; Joseph Fraietta, PhD; Marco Ruella, MD

**Project Title:** *Premature T Cell Aging in HIV+ Hodgkin's Lymphoma*

**Scholar: Pamela Gorejana-Chidawanyika, MMed, MBChB**

**Institution:** University of Zimbabwe

**Mentor(s):** Margaret Borok, MMed; Ntokozo Ndlovu, MMed

**Project Title:** *The Spectrum of Malignancies in Adolescents and Young Adults Living with HIV (AYALHIV) in Harare, Zimbabwe: A Retrospective Descriptive Review of the Cancer Registry Data*

**Scholar: Fan Lee, MD**

**Institution:** UNC Project-Malawi

**Mentor(s):** Lameck Chinula, MBBS, MMed, FCOG; Jennifer Smith, PhD, MPH; Jennifer Tang, MD

**Project Title:** *Experiences of Women Participating in a Human Papillomavirus-based Screen-Triage-and-Treat Strategy for Cervical Cancer Prevention in Malawi*

**Scholar: Rosalyn Plotzker, MD, MPH**

**Institution:** University of California, San Francisco

**Mentor(s):** Cristina Brickman, MD; Joel Palefsky, MD; Nancy Shoenbrunner, PhD

**Project Title:** *Performance Characteristics of a Novel Point of Care (POC) High Risk Human Papillomavirus (hrHPV) Test for Anal Cancer Screening Among People Living with HIV (PLWH)*

**Scholar: Friday Saidi, MMed, MBBS**

**Institution:** UNC Project-Malawi

**Mentor(s):** Lameck Chinula, MD; Jennifer Tang, MD

**Project Title:** *Characterization of Cervico-vaginal Microbiota Among Women Living with HIV Participating in a Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Test-and-Treat Program in Malawi*

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**Scholar: Diego Salusso, MD**

**Institution:** Fundación Huésped (Buenos Aires, Argentina)

**Mentor(s):** Valeria Fink, MD

**Project Title:** *Penile HPV in Men Who Have Sex with Men and Transgender Women from Buenos Aires*

**Scholar: Larissa Lopes-Silva Scholte, PhD, MA**

**Institution:** George Washington University

**Mentor(s):** Jeffrey Bethony, PhD, MA

**Project Title:** *Re-fit for Purpose: Establishing Workflows for Liquid Biopsy (LB) Analytes for Frozen Biospecimens from AMC Protocols*

**Scholar: Paul Simonson, MD, PhD**

**Institution:** Weill Medical College of Cornell University

**Mentor(s):** Ethel Cesarman, MD, PhD

**Project Title:** *Characterizing Immune Infiltrates in Kaposi Sarcoma*

**Scholar: Tracess Smalley, PhD**

**Institution:** Moffitt Cancer Center

**Mentor(s):** Jennifer Binning, PhD; Shari Pilon-Thomas, PhD

**Project Title:** *Engineering Antibody-based Fragments to HPV Oncoproteins*

**2020**

**Scholar: Fadhil Geriga, MMed, MBChB**

**Institution:** Uganda Cancer Institute

**Mentor(s):** Jackson Orem, PhD, MBChB, MMed; Warren Phipps, MD, MPH

**Project Title:** *Clinicopathological Characteristics and Outcomes of Children with Kaposi Sarcoma Uganda*

**Scholar: Jolinta Lin, MD**

**Institution:** Emory University

**Mentor(s):** Lisa Flowers, MD; Leon Bernal-Mizrachi, MD

**Project Title:** *Comparison of Patient Reported Outcomes in HIV-infected versus HIV-uninfected Patients with Anal Cancer and Understanding Critical Barriers to Diagnosis and Treatment*

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**Scholar: Razia Moorad, PhD**

**Institution:** University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

**Mentor(s):** Dirk Dittmer, PhD; Ryan McNamara, PhD

**Project Title:** *Whole-Genome Sequencing of Kaposi Sarcoma-associated Herpesvirus (KSHV/HHV8) Reveals Evidence for Two African Lineages*

**Scholar: Jennifer Morgan, MD**

**Institution:** University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

**Mentor(s):** Lameck Chinula, MBBS, MMed, FCOG; Katie Reeder-Hayes, MD, MBA, MSc

**Project Title:** *Barriers to Essential Breast Cancer Treatment Components in Malawi*

**Scholar: Irene Chemtai Mungo, MD, MPH**

**Institution:** University of California, San Francisco

**Mentor(s):** Lameck Chinula, MBBS, MMed, FCOG; Craig Cohen, MD, MPH; Jennifer Tang, MD

**Project Title:** *High-risk Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Clearance Following Thermal Ablation Among Women from the General Population, Including Women Living with HIV in Malawi*