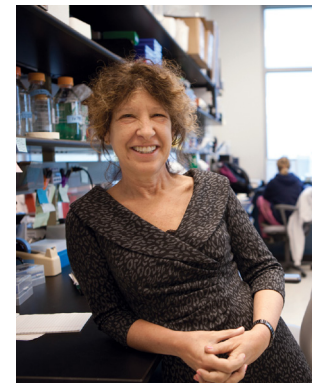


New Discoveries in Neurofibromatosis – CBDI's Nancy Ratner, PhD

Nancy Ratner, PhD's recent research has made its way from the laboratory to a drug that may help patients with Neurofibromatosis.

Dr. Ratner, who leads the Cancer Biology Research Program at the Cancer and Blood Diseases Institute, studies how nerve tumors form in the inherited disease Neurofibromatosis, also called NF1. Through testing of drugs in mice that develop nerve tumors found in patients with NF1 (neurofibromas), Dr. Ratner's team was able to identify a small molecule that shrinks neurofibromas.

This January, Dr. Ratner published her laboratory's findings in the prestigious *Journal of Clinical Investigation*. A drug based on this work is now being verified in a clinical trial for patients. Her lab continues its work, seeking to define how neurofibromas form and to identify additional ways to treat Neurofibromatosis.



To learn more about the cancer program, cancer research at Cincinnati Children's, or to make a contribution, please contact John Perentesis, MD, Director of the Division of Oncology, at (513) 636-8241 or cancer@cchmc.org

Art with a Message Made by Our Patients, Families and Staff



We invite you to look closely at the art on our walls. All pieces were created by patients, families and staff of the Cancer and Blood Diseases Institute with the help of professional artists.

Nearly two hundred patients, families and staff worked together to create quilts, mandalas (to the left), paintings and ceramics. Each artist was encouraged to reflect on their personal journeys as they worked. These journeys are expressed in pictures, words and abstract designs. There is even a bird wearing cowboy boots!

Thirty-six works of art were created, all of which are displayed in our clinics and waiting rooms. We hope you find them as inspirational as we do.

The program was such a success, we plan to invite patients, families and staff to help us decorate our new inpatient units, which are under construction now.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Playdate with the Bearcats February 10, 2 to 5 PM, University of Cincinnati Rec Center. Hosted by Mitch's Mission. Interact with UC athletes and enjoy food & music. All proceeds send children from the CBDI to summer camp.

Dragonfly Gala Fundraiser February 16, 7 to 11 PM, Marriott Northeast, Mason. A fun night of live music, dinner, dancing and casino entertainment with special guests. Visit www.thedragonflyfoundation.org for more information.

Events and activities on A5

Wednesday, February 6	Lunch with Dr. Perentesis All CBDI parents and caregivers welcome 12:00 - 1:00 pm in Parent Lounge near Elevators on A5	Contact: Your Social Worker
Friday, February 8	Munch and Mingle All CBDI parents and caregivers welcome 12:00 - 1:30 pm in Parent Lounge near Elevators on A5	Contact: Your Social Worker
Saturday, February 9	Art with Artworks All CBDI parents and caregivers welcome 12:00 - 2:00 pm in Parent Lounge near Elevators on A5	Contact: Your Social Worker
Thursday, February 14	Flashes of Hope Photography All CBDI families by appointment only	Contact: Your Social Worker
Friday, February 15	Mom's Lunch All CBDI parents and caregivers welcome 11:30 - 1:00 pm in Parent Lounge near Elevators on A5	Contact: Your Social Worker
	Let's Chat All BMT parents and caregivers welcome 2:00 - 3:00 pm in Parent Room North	Contact: Your Social Worker

Child Life Activities

As a precaution during flu season, the activity center will have limited hours. Parents can get movies or activities for their children from 10:30 - 11:30 AM and 3:00 - 4:00 PM daily. Specialists can also bring activities to patients at any time. Contact your child life specialist for more information.

Attending Physicians

Monday, February 4 to Sunday, February 17



Maureen O'Brien, MD
Leuk/Lymph/Vascular
Attending Physician



Brian Weiss, MD
Solid Tumor/Neuro-Onc
Attending Physician

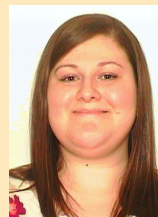


Christine Phillips, MD
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Attending Physician



James Geller, MD
Solid Tumor/Neuro-Onc
Attending Physician

Clinical Hematology/Oncology Fellows



Nihal Bakeer, MD
Fellow



Andrew Bukowinski, MD
Fellow



Satheesh Chonat, MD
Fellow



Samantha Michaels, MD
Fellow



Ahmad Rayes, MD
Fellow

International Scholar



Karen Zhu, MD, PhD
Children's Hospital
Fudan University Shanghai, China

Complimentary Breakfast for all families available weekdays 8:00 - 9:00 AM in the Parent Lounge, A5S. Please help yourself. Provided by the Katie Linz Foundation.

DAILY ROUNDS

8:15 - 9:00 AM

9:00 - 11:00 AM

Chemotherapy Rounds for scheduled chemotherapy admissions

Acute Rounds for new and ill patients