# Program Family Update

Diseases Institute

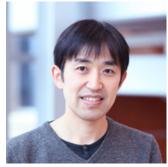
Monday, September 16 - Sunday, September 29, 2013

#### CBDI Researchers in the News

New research from the Cancer and Blood Diseases Institute suggests that a protein normally thought to be a tumor suppressor may actually fuel acute myeloid leukemia. This discovery was recently reported on the *U.S. News and World Report* web site.

The CBDI research team found that blocking the protein, called RUNX1, stopped the development of leukemia cells.

"We expected blocking RUNX1 would make leukemia more aggressive, because it's a known tumor suppressor," said lead investigator Susumu Goyama, PhD. "In fact, quite the contrary happened. Taking away the RUNX1 effectively killed leukemia cells."



Susumu Goyama, PhD

Researchers studied the effects of inhibiting the protein in both human AML samples and a genetically engineered mouse model. Both approaches concluded that the RUNX1 protein is important to the survival of AML cells.

The team is hopeful that this discovery will lead to more effective treatment in the future.

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

### Survivors Day at the Zoo



A big crowd of cancer survivors, family, friends, CBDI staff and volunteers attended the seventh annual Survivors Day at the Zoo on Saturday, September 7. More than 800 came to spend the afternoon together.

They were joined by an armadillo, an owl, and a very large snake.

It was a beautiful summer day. Kids and adults enjoyed face-painting, a photo booth, animal trivia, painting, a superhero, a picnic and more.

The day at the zoo was a nice time for doctors, nurses and patients to visit and catch up with each other outside of the hospital.

CancerFree Kids, the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, the Kelly Carol Foundation, the Dragonfly Foundation, A Kid Again, and ArtWorks were all on hand to provide treats and activities. Kristina Ashley, LMT, kindly donated her time to give chair massages.

Thank you to all who participated in making this a great day.



#### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Cincinnati Walks for Kids September 28, Cincinnati Zoo. Help us advance research and change the outcome for more children. Visit cincinnatichildrens.org for more information.

Sophie's Angel Run September 29, 1 pm, St. Jude Church, Bridgetown (Cincinnati). For more information, visit Sophiesangelrun.

## **Events and Activities on A5**

| Monday, Sept 16    | Craft of the Day: Fall Felt Leaves Ornaments in the Activity Center                           | Contact: Your Child Life Specialist |
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| Tuesday, Sept 17   | Craft of the Day: Paper-Mache Boxes in the Activity Center                                    | Contact: Your Child Life Specialist |
| Wednesday, Sept 18 | Craft of the Day: Wooden Gliders in the Activity Center                                       | Contact: Your Child Life Specialist |
| Thursday, Sept 19  | Craft of the Day: Sand Art in the Activity Center   | Contact: Your Child Life Specialist |
|                    | Let's Chat - For BMT parents & caregivers 1:00 - 2:00 pm in the A5 North Parent Lounge        | Contact: Your Social Worker         |
| Friday, Sept 20    | Craft of the Day: Free Choice in the Activity Center  | Contact: Your Child Life Specialist |
|                    | Caregivers Lunch - All CBDI parents and caregivers welcome 11:30 am - 1:00 pm in A5-440       | Contact: Your Social Worker         |
| Monday, Sept 23    | Craft of the Day: Sticker Scenes in the Activity Center                                       | Contact: Your Child Life Specialist |
| Tuesday, Sept 24   | Craft of the Day: Duct Tape Crafts (School-age and up) in the Activity Center                 | Contact: Your Child Life Specialist |
| Wednesday, Sept 25 | Craft of the Day: Fall Leaf Bead and Foam Necklace in the Activity Center                     | Contact: Your Child Life Specialist |
| Thursday, Sept 26  | Craft of the Day: Mosaic Photo Frames in the Activity Center                                  | Contact: Your Child Life Specialist |
| Friday, Sept 27    | Craft of the Day: Model Magic Sculpting in the Activity Center                                | Contact: Your Child Life Specialist |
|                    | Munch and Mingle - All CBDI parents & caregivers<br>11:30 am - 12:30 pm in Room A5-440 on A5C | Contact: Your Social Worker         |
|                    | Dessert & Coffee - All CBDI parents and caregivers welcome 7:00 - 9:00 pm - location TBD      | Contact: Your Social Worker         |

## **Attending Physicians**

Monday, Sept 16 to Sunday, Sept 22



Denise Adams, MD Leuk/Lymph/Vascular Attending Physician



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

Monday, Sept 23 to Sunday, Sept 29



Adrienne Hammill, MD Leuk/Lymph/Vascular Attending Physician



Rajaram Nagarajan, MD Sólid Tumor/Neúro-Onc Attending Physician

# Clinical Hematology/Oncology Fellows



Lynn Lee MD Fellow



Kiersten Ricci, MD Fellow



Fellow



Beverly Schaefer, MD Alynna Schulert, MD **Fellow** 



Hui (Eric) Li, MD Shanghai Children's Hospital 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