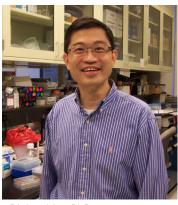


Meet the new Scientific Director of our Brain Tumor Program - Richard Lu, PhD

We would like to welcome Richard Lu, PhD to the Cancer and Blood Diseases Institute. Dr. Lu is the new Scientific Director of the Brain Tumor Program. His research focuses on the underlying causes and potential treatments for brain cancers and demyelinating diseases (diseases that harm the protective coating of myelin on nerve cells).

Brain cancers and demyelinating diseases such as multiple sclerosis affect millions of people in the United States. Dr. Lu is specifically interested in understanding how the growth of cells called glial cells can lead to brain tumors or multiple sclerosis. Glial cells are important sources of cells whose abnormal growth and differentiation contribute to these diseases.



Richard Lu, PhD

By using state-of-the-art RNA deep sequencing and chromatin immunoprecipitationsequencing in combination with gene-targeting mouse models, Dr. Lu's lab studies the cell and gene activity involved in demyelinating diseases and the growth of tumors, especially medulloblastomas. Understanding these activities will enable the Lu lab to develop new treatments for neurodegenerative diseases including multiple sclerosis and brain cancers.

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

Neuro-Oncology Family Camp Day



Hope lanterns made by families photo: Cara Hummel

This past October 12, patients, their parents and siblings gathered for Neuro-Oncology Family Camp Day in the woodland setting of Camp Joy. One parent summed up the day perfectly: being together as a family for the entire day with no distractions and having fun together.

Activities for the day included a hay ride, an apple cider press, pumpkin painting, pond fishing, a rope-climbing course, ziplining and a bonfire. Breakout groups offered an opportunity for parents to connect and learn while the children were engaged in expressive arts.

We are extremely grateful to the primary sponsor, Pray-Hope-Believe, and its founders, Rick and Lynne Merk, who personally helped to put the day together. Many thanks go to the sixteen staff from Children's Oncology who volunteered their time, and all who donated food and supplies.

To conclude the day, each family decorated lanterns with words and symbols of hope and encouragement. The lanterns were set adrift on a pond to create a beautiful scene of shimmering light.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

CancerFree Kids - Celebration of Extraordinary Courage November 14, 6:00 - 10:00 pm at Manor House, Mason Ohio. For more information visit Cancerfreekids.org.

Events and Activities on A5

Craft of the Day: Handprint Turkeys In the Activity Center Flashes of Hope Photography By Appointment Only for all CBDI families 2:00 - 3:00 pm in A5C Activity Center	Contact: Your Child Life Specialist Contact: Your Social Worker
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Craft of the Day: Pompom Painting n the Activity Center	Contact: Your Child Life Specialist
Craft of the Day: Collage Picture Frames n the Activity Center	Contact: Your Child Life Specialist
Peaceful Me Project - for teens (with medical approval) Breathing and relaxation techniques for feeling peaceful 3:00 - 3:30 pm in the Adolescent and Young Adult Activity Center	Contact: Your Child Life Specialist
Craft of the Day: Fall Leaf Ornaments n the Activity Center	Contact: Your Child Life Specialist
Caregiver's Lunch- For All CBDI parents & caregivers 1:30 - 1:00 pm in Room A5-440	Contact: Your Social Worker
Craft of the Day: Syringe Painting n the Activity Center	Contact: Your Child Life Specialist
Craft of the Day: Ink and Paint Stamping n the Activity Center	Contact: Your Child Life Specialist
Craft of the Day: Tissue Paper Autumn Trees n the Activity Center	Contact: Your Child Life Specialist
Craft of the Day: Puzzle Piece Collages and Projects n the Activity Center	Contact: Your Child Life Specialist
et's Chat - For BMT parents & caregivers :00 - 2:00 pm in the A5 North Parent Lounge	Contact: Your Social Worker
Peaceful Me Project - for teens (with medical approval) Breathing and relaxation techniques for feeling peaceful 3:00 - 3:30 pm in the Adolescent and Young Adult Activity Center	Contact: Your Child Life Specialist
Craft of the Day: Spin Art n the Activity Center	Contact: Your Child Life Specialist
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Attending Physicians

Monday, November 11 to Sunday, November 17



John Perentesis, MD Leuk/Lymph/Vascular Attending Physician



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

Monday, November 18 to Sunday, November 24



Michael Absalon, MD Leuk/Lymph/Vascular Attending Physician



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

Clinical Hematology/Oncology Fellows



Lynn Lee MD Fellow



Fellow



Kiersten Ricci, MD Beverly Schaefer, MD **Fellow**

International Scholar



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