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CANCERS

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32 fellows
from **22** countries



30 fellows' case
presentations



6 faculty members
from the USA



6 excellent case
presentations



20 didactic lectures



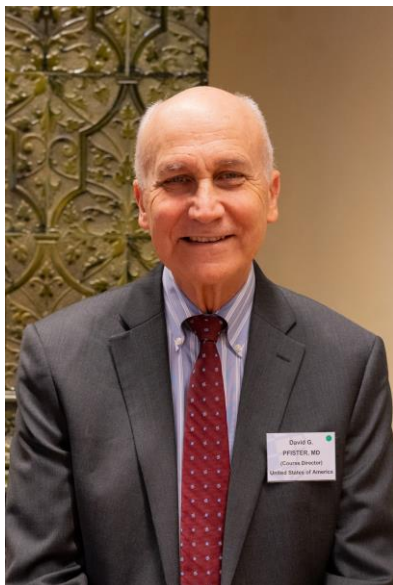
40 MSKCC seminars

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		Sunday 22.10.2023	Monday 23.10.2023	Tuesday 24.10.2023	Wednesday 25.10.2023	Thursday 26.10.2023	Friday 27.10.2023	Saturday 28.10.2023
07:00	08:00		BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	DEPARTURES
08:00	09:00		Introductions Pre-Seminar Test	Systemic Therapy for Recurrent Metastatic Head and Neck Cancer David G. Pfister, MD	Clinical Applications of Molecular Diagnosis in Salivary Gland Tumors Snjezana Dogan, MD	The Quandary of Multifocal Ground Glass Opacities James Huang, MD	EGFR Driven Lung Cancers: More Strategies, More Decisions Mark G. Kris, MD	
09:00	10:00		Contemporary Management of Oral Cavity Cancer Jennifer R. Cracchiolo, MD	Thyroid Cancer: Evolving Management – Insights Gained from Molecular Biology David G. Pfister, MD	Variants of Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma Snjezana Dogan, MD	Challenges and Controversies in Lymph Node Staging James Huang, MD	Making the Promise of Precision Care a Reality: Systemic Therapies for Lung Cancers Mark G. Kris, MD	
10:00	10:30		COFFEE BREAK	COFFEE BREAK	COFFEE BREAK	COFFEE BREAK	COFFEE BREAK	
10:30	11:30		De-Escalation Strategies in the Management of Oropharynx Cancer Jennifer R. Cracchiolo, MD	Radiation Therapy for Early- Stage NSCLC Andreas Rimner, MD	Challenges in Diagnosing Tumors of the Sinonasal Tract Snjezana Dogan, MD	Multimodality Therapy for Locally Advanced NSCLC Andreas Rimner, MD	Multidisciplinary Treatment of Thymic Malignancies James Huang, MD	
11:30	12:30		Management of Thyroid Nodules: Benign to Cancer Jennifer R. Cracchiolo, MD	Multimodality Treatment of Malignant Pleural Mesothelioma Andreas Rimner, MD	Preventing Nausea and Vomiting Caused by Anticancer Therapies Mark G. Kris, MD	Systemic Therapies to Enhance the Curability of Lung Cancers with Surgery and Radiation Mark G. Kris, MD	Post-Seminar Test Evaluation & Discussion	
12:30	14:00		LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	
14:00	15:00		Head and Neck Survivorship: Surveillance and QOL Jennifer R. Cracchiolo, MD	Workshop Fellows' Case Presentations Jennifer R. Cracchiolo, MD Snjezana Dogan, MD James Huang, MD David G. Pfister, MD Andreas Rimner, MD	Free Afternoon	Workshop Fellows' Case Presentations Jennifer R. Cracchiolo, MD Snjezana Dogan, MD James Huang, MD Mark G. Kris, MD David G. Pfister, MD Andreas Rimner, MD		
15:00	16:00	Combined Modality Management of Locoregionally Advanced Head and Neck Cancer David G. Pfister, MD						
16:00	17:00	Workshop Case Presentations by Faculty to Fellows						
17:00	18:00		<u>17:00 - 17:15</u> OMI Presentation					
18:00	19:00	FACULTY MEETING TO REVIEW THE WEEK					FAREWELL RECEPTION	
19:00	20:00	WELCOME RECEPTION & DINNER	DINNER	DINNER	DINNER	DINNER	GRADUATION DINNER Certificates Awarded	
20:00	21:00					<u>20:30 - 21:30</u> CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT		



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David G. Pfister, MD received his MD from the University of Pennsylvania, where he completed a residency in internal medicine at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. He was a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar and trained in clinical epidemiology at Yale University, and did a fellowship in medical oncology and hematology at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC). Dr. Pfister holds the ranks of Professor of Medicine at Weill Cornell Medical College and Member at MSKCC, where he is Chief of the Head and Neck Oncology Service within the Department of Medicine, Co-leader of the Head and Neck Cancer Disease Management Team, and Co-Director for the Center for Research, Prevention, and Treatment of HPV-Related Cancers. He is also Associate Deputy Physician-in-Chief for Strategic Partnerships at MSKCC. Dr. Pfister is an internationally recognized expert in the management of head and neck tumors, and has pioneered the development of combined modality, “organ preservation”, treatment programs, intended to preserve function and cosmesis without compromise in survival. He is the 2011 recipient of the Willet F. Whitmore Award for Clinical Excellence at MSKCC. Dr. Pfister has previously served in an editorial capacity for both *Clinical Cancer Research* and the *Journal of Clinical Oncology*. In addition to the development of combined modality-organ preservation therapies, his current research focuses on the evaluation of targeted and immunotherapies, the development of innovative therapies for rare tumors, and healthcare outcome assessments. Dr. Pfister is a member of the Board of Directors for the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) and is Chair of the NCCN’s Head and Neck Cancer Practice Guidelines Panel. He is former Chair of the Protocol Committee for the International Thyroid Oncology Group (ITOG), and former member of the Executive Committee of the Board for that organization. He is past Co-chair of the Head and Neck Cancer Recurrent/Metastatic Disease Task Force at the National Cancer Institute (NCI). He is a member of the Medical Advisory Board for Support for People with Oral and Head and Neck Cancer (SPOHNC).



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Jennifer R. Cracchiolo, MD is a surgeon who has expertise in treating head and neck cancer. These include skin cancer, salivary cancer, throat cancer, and mouth cancer. She has extensive experience in using minimally invasive techniques to provide her patients with the best possible functional and cosmetic outcomes. Her practice is located in Manhattan and Memorial Sloan Kettering Westchester. Treating head and neck cancer is an involved process that can affect some of the daily activities valued most, like eating and speaking. While it is her top priority to treat and cure these diseases, she is also committed to helping her patients maintain their quality of life. Dr. Cracchiolo works closely with a team of world-renowned experts in radiation oncology, medical oncology, reconstructive surgery, molecular biology, and immunology to provide her patients with options that will help them look and feel like themselves before, during, and after their treatment. She is leading the development of MSK's head and neck patient-reported outcomes program. This involves asking the patients specific questions about their surgical experience, which, in turn, helps her provide more personalized care based on what is most important to them. Her patients are at the center of everything she does, and this program is another way for her to ensure that she is providing the best care possible. Receiving a head and neck cancer diagnosis is a life-changing experience. Patients and their families need to make decisions while considering a lot of complex information. She is honored to work with and care for her patients as they face the challenges of their disease.



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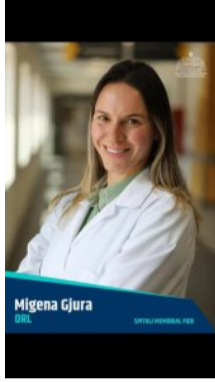
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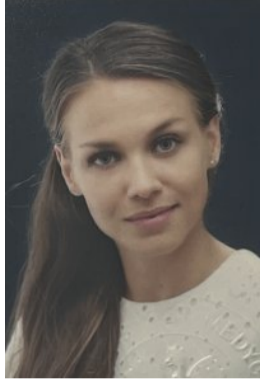
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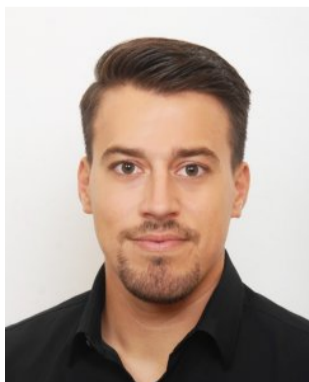
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OMI VOICES

Faculty Feedback

"This week at the OMI has been one of the most fulfilling experiences of my career. I was asked to share my expertise in head and neck surgery, but I left having gained knowledge, a great appreciation for global medical care, and new friends from all over the world. I was struck by the dedication the fellows have for their patients, education, and the desire to deliver the highest level of oncology care in their countries. I am encouraged by the mission of the OMI and the continued "brain gain" fostered through their programs. It was an honor to participate."

Jennifer R. Cracchiolo, MD

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“After the head and neck survivorship lecture, I realized how important it is to not only monitor whether a disease reoccurs, but to also assess a patient’s quality of life and to educate patients on which symptoms to look for. This approach is lacking in my hospital, but I hope that I can help implement it.

Daiva Sendiuliene, MD
OMI fellow from Lithuania



“It was exciting to hear from the MSKCC experts how oncology will develop over the next few years. I also learned from my colleagues how they manage diseases in resource-limited settings. The OMI truly has a substantial positive impact around the world.

Khanui Lkhagvadorj, MD
OMI fellow from Mongolia



“The lectures were educational, engaging, and caused me to rethink some aspects of my daily work. The faculty managed to make everybody feel welcome and comfortable enough to ask questions. It was inspiring to hear how they address problems in their everyday practices.

Teele Kalamees, MD
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