27 fellows from 18 countries

27 fellows’ case presentations

6 faculty members from the USA and Austria

9 excellent case presentations

20 didactic lectures

1 faculty case presentation workshop

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## Salzburg CHOP Seminar in Pediatric Hematology and Oncology

**Sunday, May 7 – Saturday, May 13, 2023**

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Learning Objectives for Participants
At the conclusion of this seminar, the participant should be better able to:

1. Review common oncologic presentations, diagnoses, treatments and advances.
2. Describe recent diagnostic and therapeutic advances in histiocytic and other immune dysregulation syndromes.
3. Highlight innovations in use of small molecule inhibitors, targeted immunotherapies, and cellular therapies in stem cell transplantation, solid and liquid tumors.
4. Enumerate common cancer predisposition and inherited marrow failure syndromes.
5. Recognize optimal approaches to supportive and palliative care for pediatric cancer patients.

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Alix Seif, MD, MPH is a pediatric oncologist with clinical interests in pediatric leukemia and stem cell transplantation. Her research interests are in improving clinical outcomes and health equity in children with acute leukemias. Dr. Seif received her Bachelor and Master of Arts degrees in linguistics from McGill University. She then received a combined MD/MPH at Oregon Health Sciences University before completing her pediatrics residency and pediatric hematology/oncology fellowship training at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP). She joined the CHOP Division of Oncology as an attending physician in the Hematologic Malignancies and Cellular Therapy and Transplantation sections in 2008 and was appointed to the faculty of the Perelman School of Medicine of the University of Pennsylvania in 2011, where she is currently an Associate Professor of Pediatrics. Dr. Seif established and leads CHOP’s “Graft-versus-Leukemia” team, which provides consensus treatment recommendations, develops clinical standards, and guides follow-up care for children undergoing stem cell transplantation for leukemia or lymphoma. She currently serves as vice-chair of the Oncology Strategy Group for the Pediatric Transplantation and Cellular Therapy Consortium and as chair of the Clinical Research Quality Assurance committee within CHOP’s Center for Childhood Cancer Research. She is a member of CHOP’s Institutional Review Board.
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Kavita Desai, MD is a pediatric oncologist who specializes in pediatric brain tumors. Dr. Desai grew up in the Midwest of the United States in the state of Michigan. She completed her undergraduate studies in Neuroscience at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor in 2007. She went on to study medicine at St. George’s University School of Medicine and pursued her pediatric residency and chief residency at Nicklaus Children’s Hospital in Miami. After finding her passion in pediatric oncology, Dr. Desai completed her first fellowship in Pediatric Hematology Oncology at the University of Texas Southwestern in Dallas, Texas. Inspired by the unique population of children with brain tumors, she decided to pursue a second fellowship in pediatric neuro-oncology at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. After completing this training, she joined the team at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia as an attending physician with the Division of Oncology and an Assistant Professor in the Department of Pediatrics at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. In addition to caring for children with brain tumors, neurofibromatosis, and retinoblastoma, she also does clinic research in Atypical Teratoid Rhabdoid Tumors. Outside of the clinical care, she is the Well-being Physician Lead of the Cancer Center.
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Jason L. Freedman, MD, MSCE is a Board Certified Pediatric Oncologist who graduated with honors from Cornell University and received his medical degree Magna Cum Laude from Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, New York. Dr. Freedman completed his residency in Pediatrics at the Children’s Hospital of NY-Presbyterian (Columbia University) and was chosen to serve as Pediatric Chief Resident, thereafter. He completed fellowship training in Pediatric Hematology/Oncology at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), during which time he earned a Master’s of Science in Clinical Epidemiology (MSCE) from the University of Pennsylvania (PENN). Dr. Freedman has received numerous awards and honors including induction into the Alpha Omega Alpha medical honor society, and nominations into the President’s Circle of Excellence and Attending of the Year at the Children’s Hospital of NY-Presbyterian. During fellowship at CHOP, he was the recipient of the William Potash Fellow Teacher of the Year for his commitment to resident education and clinical excellence. As a faculty member at PENN/CHOP, he has earned a Distinguished Teaching Award and was selected for the early career faculty honor roll several years in a row. Dr. Freedman serves as the Inpatient Medical Director of Oncology/Stem Cell Transplant at CHOP. His clinical focus is blood and marrow transplantation for hematologic malignancies and hemoglobinopathies. He has a particular interest in epidemiologic and translational research within pediatric supportive oncology and aims to advance the understanding and treatment of symptoms, infections, and organ toxicities in pediatric cancer and hematopoietic stem cell transplant (HSCT) patients. Dr. Freedman serves on several committees within the Children’s Oncology Group and is the Vice-Chair of the Pediatric Study Group within MASCC (Multinational Association of Supportive Care in Cancer). He is also the PI/Co-PI of collaborative institutional trials focused on supportive care and organ toxicity in HSCT. Dr. Freedman has authored several textbook chapters and peer-reviewed articles on the supportive care of children with cancer and has contributed to the development of clinical guidelines to standardize management of symptoms and toxicities associated with cancer therapy and stem cell transplant.
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Milen Minkov, MD, PhD is currently a full professor for specialized pediatrics at the Sigmund Freud University, Head of the Clinic Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine at the Vienna Nord Hospital, as well as a Consultant for Pediatric Hematology and the Chair of the International LCH Study Reference Center at St. Anna Children’s Hospital in Vienna, Austria. Dr. Minkov graduated with honors from the Russian State Medical University in Moscow in 1991 and completed his residency and fellowship in pediatrics and pediatric hematology/oncology at the Russian Federal Institute for Pediatric Hematology in Moscow and in St. Anna Children’s Hospital in Vienna. Between 1996 and 2012, he worked in St. Anna Children’s Hospital where he provided clinical care, supervised trainees, administered the Department of Outpatient Hematology/Oncology, and conducted clinical research at the Children’s Cancer Research Institute. He has been actively involved in teaching and the supervision of medical students at the Medical University of Vienna since 1997 (Assistant Professor 1997 to 2007, Assoc. Professor 2007 to 2012, and Professor of Pediatrics since 2012). Since 2012, he is a mentor for the OMI observership program, and has been an Honored Professor of the Federal State Research Center of Pediatric Hematology, Oncology, and Immunology in Moscow since 2016. Dr. Minkov’s clinical experience covers the full spectrum of pediatric hematology/oncology, with a particular expertise in non-malignant hematology. His research has mainly been focused on LCH. He has over 100 published papers in peer-reviewed medical journals, contributed to several book chapters, guidelines, and consensus papers. In 1997, Dr. Minkov was the first awardee of the Mark Nesbit Award for Clinical Science of the Histiocyte Society. He was president of the Histiocyte Society 2016 to 2019 and is currently president of the European Consortium for Histiocytosis (ECHO). He is a member of several professional societies and networks and medical advisor of patient and parent organizations.
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Faculty Feedback

"Meeting the OMI fellows has been the highlight of the week. This cohort are such enthusiastic learners, building on very strong knowledge bases. It has been a true pleasure and a privilege to meet them – I look forward to hearing about their accomplishments as they continue within the OMI."

Alix Seif, MD, MPH
Pediatric Oncology

Faculty Feedback

"It was very touching to be hosted by a local family with so much warmth and generosity. I really enjoyed this evening."

Michele P. Lambert, MD, MPH
Pediatric Hematology
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At coffee break, Dr. Alix Seif joined us at our table. I jumped at the opportunity and asked her all the questions I had. It was great that we could approach the faculty during mealtimes for further discussion.

Lily Gloria Tagoe, MD
OMI fellow from Ghana

It was nice to see the diversity of countries, cultures, and medical practices all under one roof, interacting with each other and learning from each other.

Brazen Origun, MD
OMI fellow from Nigeria

As I mainly treat solid tumours and leukaemias, I appreciated the practical guidelines on managing non-malignant hematological diseases.

Simone Ulrich, MD
OMI fellow from Czech Republic
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