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Celebrating the retirement of Dr. Tom Hei, PhD



On June 22, 2023, we celebrated the retirement of our esteemed colleague, **Dr. Tom K. Hei**, Vice Chair and Professor of Radiation Oncology, Associate Director of the Center for Radiological Research (CRR), and Professor of Environmental Health Sciences. He proceeded to retire in July 2023 after a nearly 40-year career at CUIMC. We look forward to seeing him around campus as Professor Emeritus of Radiation Oncology and Environmental Health Sciences (in the CRR). Congratulations, Dr. Hei!

Recognitions and Promotions

- **David Brenner, PhD** received the inaugural Far UV Foundation Professorship of Radiation Research
- **Sally Amundson, PhD** promoted to Professor of Radiation Oncology
- **Igor Shuryak, PhD** promoted to Associate Professor of Radiation Oncology



Sally Amundson, PhD



Igor Shuryak, PhD



David Brenner, PhD

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Recent Funding Awards This Past Quarter

- ARCUS Biosciences, PI **Catherine Spina**, Investigator-Initiated Clinical Trial Testing AB928, AB680 and Anti-PD-1 and Metastasis-directed SBRT for Men with Oligometastatic Prostate Cancer.
- St. Baldrick Foundation, PI **Cheng-Chia Wu**, Multimodality Treatment and Focused Ultrasound for diffuse midline glioma (DMG) and diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma (DIPG).
- NIH/NIAD, PI **Sally Amundson**, Radiation Biodosimetry: Pediatric Emphasis.
- NIH/NIAD, PI **Guy Garty**, Survival and Countermeasure Efficacy after Mixed Ultra High Dose Rate + Neutron Exposures.
- NIH/NIAD, PI **David Brenner**, Investigating Neutron-Induced Lung Injury.
- NIH/NIAD, PI **Brian Ponnaiya**, Attenuating Tissue Injury from Both Arsenicals and Radiation by Harnessing Common Pathways.
- NIH/NIAD, PI **Brian Ponnaiya**, Mitigators and Biomarkers that are Common to Mustard and Radiation Exposures.
- Otsuka Pharmaceuticals, PI **Peter Grabham**, Verification of the Effectiveness of Kaempferol as a Countermeasure Against Spaceflight.

Several of our faculty members and residents recently submitted grant applications including R01 applications, K08 Career Development Award applications, Columbia Cancer Training Program for Resident-Investigators (CAPRI) award applications, as well as ASCO Young Investigator Award applications. Please consider donating to our department to support our gathering of preliminary data to help assemble competitive grant applications to push the field forward!

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