



UNIVERSITY *of* MARYLAND  
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

DEPARTMENT OF RADIATION ONCOLOGY

# Research Highlights

## Strengths & Innovation





\$50<sup>+</sup> Mn

FUNDING OF USD 50 MILLION  
FEDERAL AND INDUSTRY SPONSORED



48<sup>+</sup>

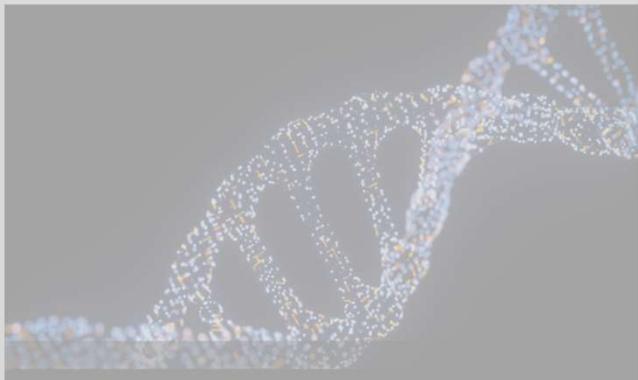
GRANTS AND CONTRACTS AWARDED



200<sup>+</sup>

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

# Medical Countermeasures Program



PRECISION RADIATION ONCOLOGY



PROGRAM IN FLASH RADIOTHERAPY



MEDICAL COUNTERMEASURE PROGRAM

- **Conducting studies in animal models of radiation injury** to advance development of potential mitigators of acute radiation syndrome (ARS) and delayed effects of radiation exposure (DEARE)
- **Collaborating with government agencies**, including BARDA, NIAID/NIH, and NASA through contracts and grants to develop medical countermeasures against ARS and DEARE
- **Contracts with multiple companies** to perform pre-clinical and IND-enabling studies to develop drug pathways



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Countermeasures Program

## Medical Countermeasure Program was successful in **capturing two out of three major federal initiatives** in the last five years generating >\$33 million in funding

### **BARDA Non-Clinical Animal Model Development Network**

Partnering to Develop Diagnostic Assays and Medical Countermeasures for Radiation Emergencies

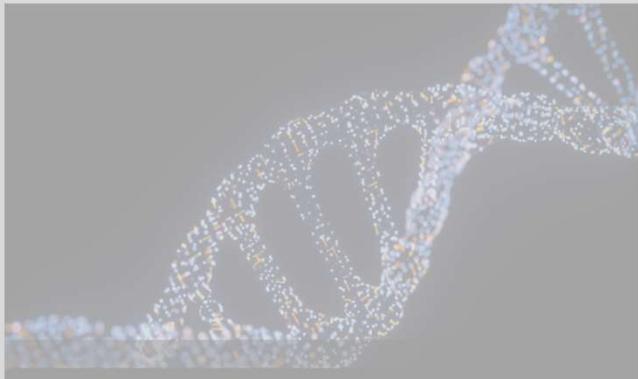
- BARDA contracts generated **\$22 million over 7 years**
- **GLP** capabilities is a **mandatory requirement** for the life cycle of the award

### **NIAID/NIH Center for Medical Countermeasures Against Radiation**

Development of safe and effective Medical Countermeasures

- U19 award budget is >\$12 million
- Multispecies Efficacy and Pharmacometrics Modeling (GLP) Core received the highest score with a five-year budget of **\$3.9 million**
- Additional **supplemental award opportunities**

# FLASH Radiotherapy Program



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PROGRAM IN FLASH RADIOTHERAPY



MEDICAL COUNTERMEASURE PROGRAM

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- **UM SOM FLASH Biology:** studying DNA damage and repair, and the differential impact on normal tissue cell integrity versus cancer
- Departmental investment  $\sim \$2M$  and Industry contract-collaborations



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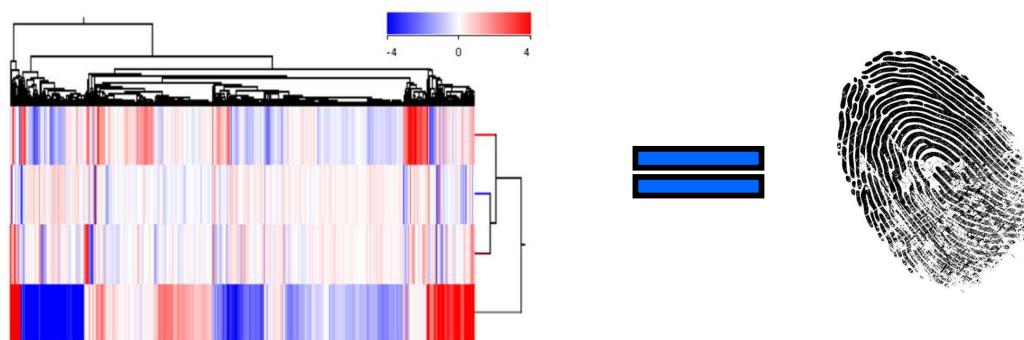
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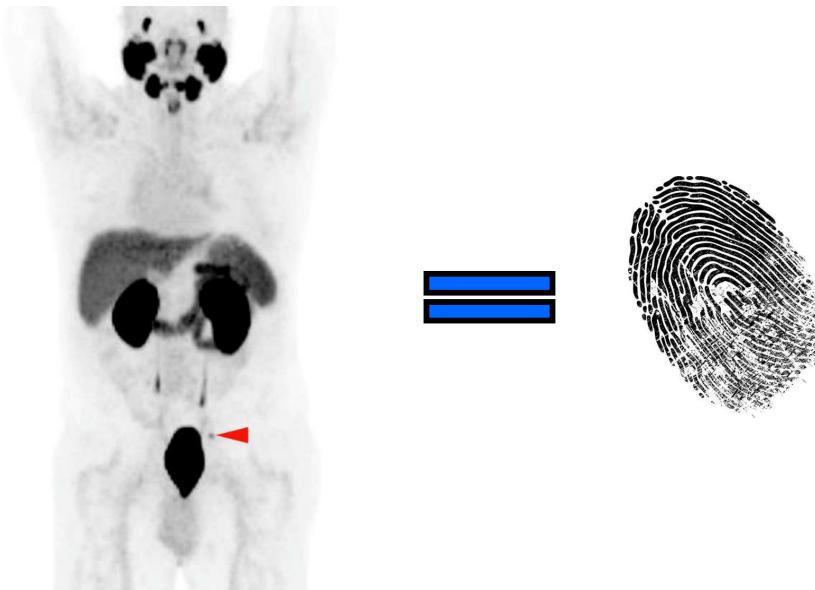
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# Precision Medicine: Genomic Fingerprint of Cancer



# Precision Medicine: Imaging Fingerprint of Cancer



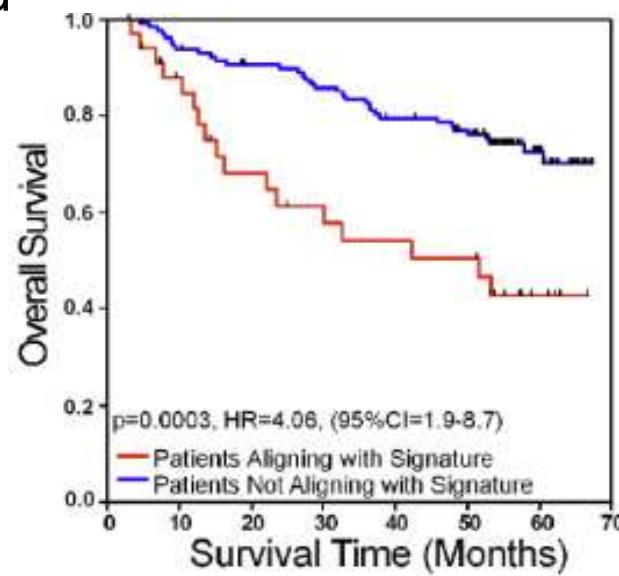
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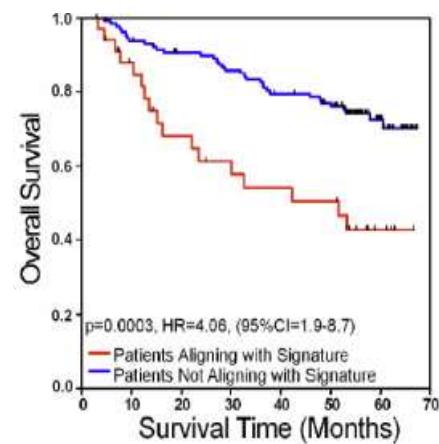
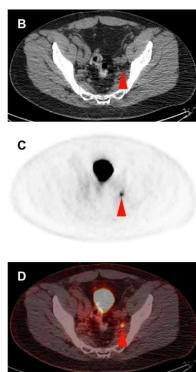
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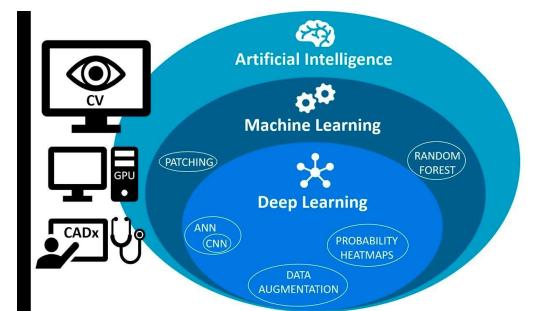
# Center for Precision Radiation Oncology (PRO): Vision



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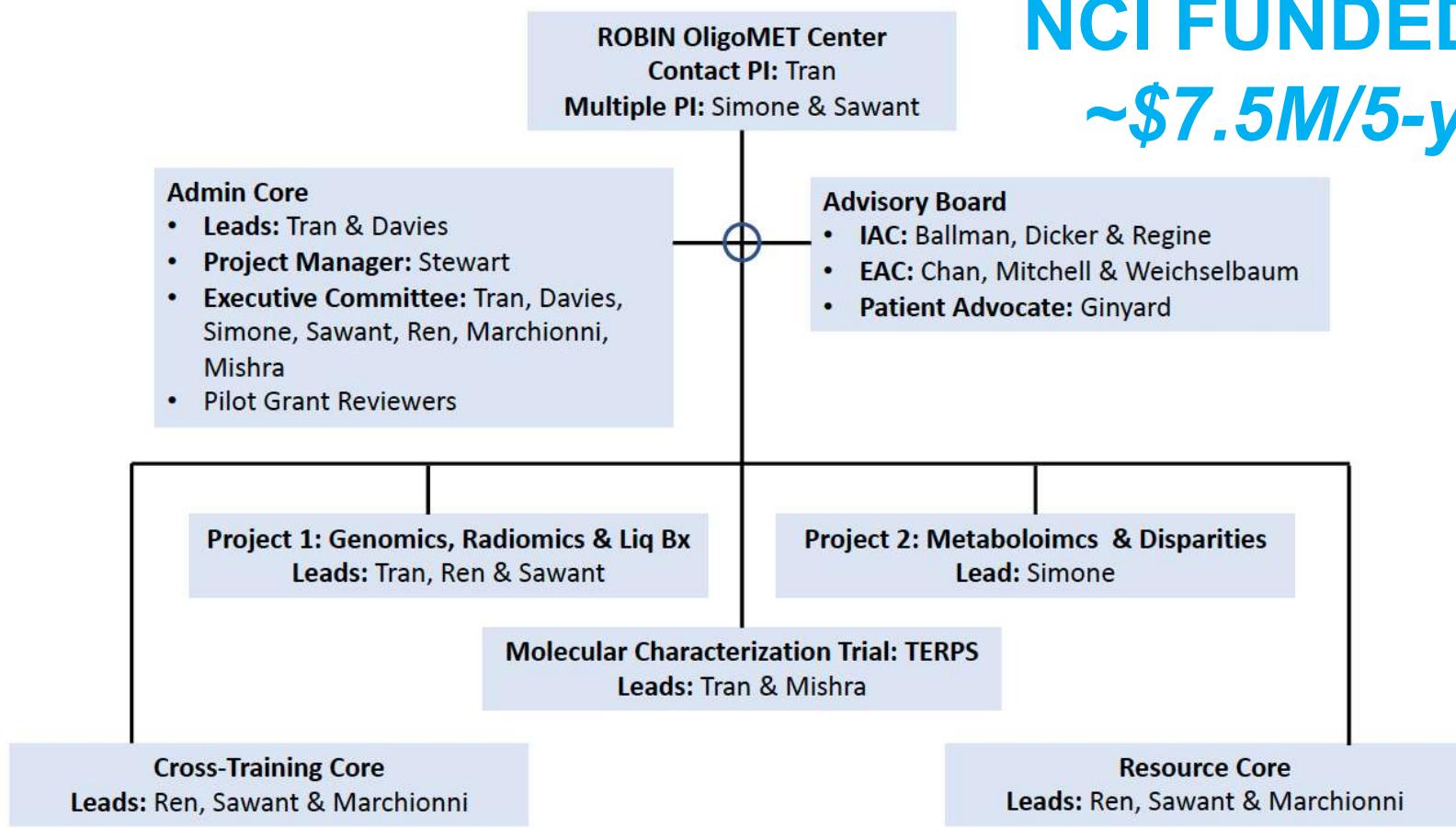
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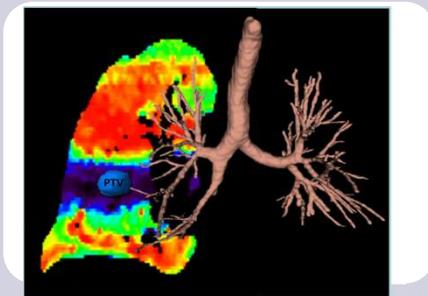
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# ***Radiation Oncology-Biology Integration Network on Oligometastasis (ROBIN OligoMET) Center***

**NCI FUNDED 3/40!**  
**~\$7.5M/5-years**



# Physics Research Areas



# Multimodality Image- Guided Motion Modeling and Management

# Functionally- Guided Radiotherapy

# FLASH Radiotherapy

# Artificial Intelligence in Radiation Oncology

**2016-present**

- ❖ 6 R01s with UMB as primary, including **4 active R01s**
- ❖ \$14.6 million total costs in NIH funding

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## Overview

### Clinical Trial Portfolio

**>40 prospective interventional studies spanning multiple disease sites & treatment modalities**

**IITs, NCTN, industry-sponsored**

### Clinical Trial Infrastructure

**~18 FTE Clinical Research Support staff across our practices**

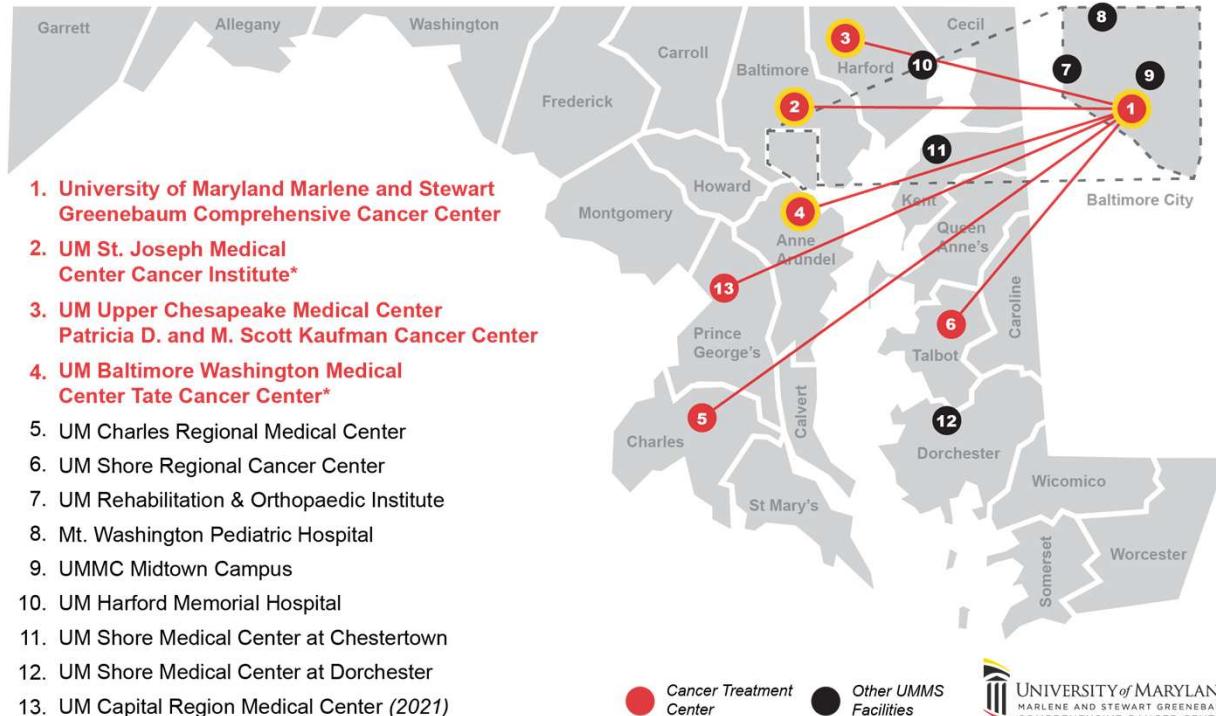
**Internal auditing/monitoring program, in-house statistics support for trials**

### Clinical Research Expertise/Leadership

**Disease-site focused clinical faculty across UMGCC Network**

**NCTN Study Chair/Co-Chairs for multiple NRG trials**

# Scope of UM Cancer Network



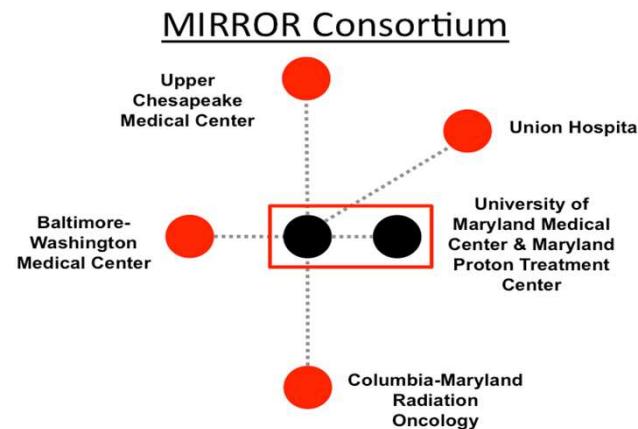
	Analytic	Non-Analytic	Total
UMMC	2110	951	3185
BWMC	1075	290	1365
Shore Health	818	90	908
SJMC	791	166	957
UCH	743	207	950
<b>Total</b>	<b>5537</b>	<b>1704</b>	<b>7365</b>

**One-third of new annual cancer cases in Maryland are treated within UM Cancer Network!**

# Rad Onc Clinical Research Division

## Comprehensive Network Wide Clinical Research

- >30 interventional clinical trials
- >20 staff
- All major proton clinical trials
- Consistently top NRG enrollment site



# NRG Oncology

## Voting Member Institution

## Top 10 Highest Enrolling Main Member Institution

2018 - Present

## International Collaborations & Affiliations

1. Tata Memorial Hospital: Mumbai, India
2. Christie Hospital: Manchester, UK

### University of Maryland Faculty as Study Chair/Co-Chair on NCTN Clinical Trials

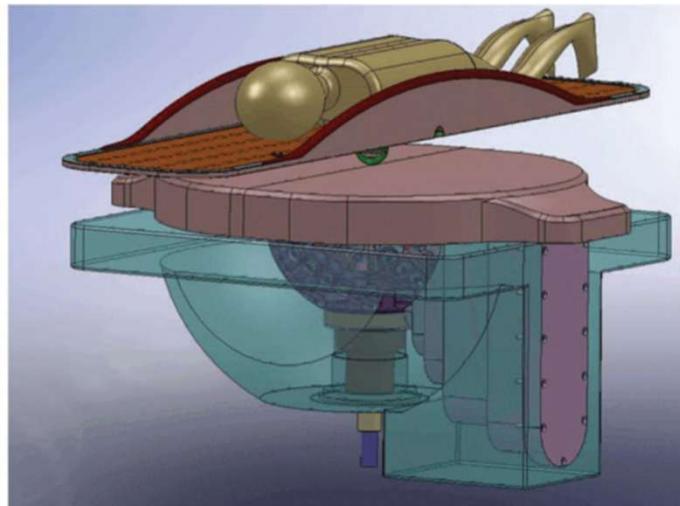
**A031701:** PHASE II STUDY OF DOSE-DENSE GEMCITABINE PLUS CISPLATIN (DDGC) IN PATIENTS WITH MUSCLE-INVASIVE BLADDER CANCER WITH BLADDER PRESERVATION FOR THOSE PATIENTS WHOSE TUMORS HARBOR DDR GENE ALTERATIONS  
Study Co-Chair: Young Kwok, MD

**NRG BN009:** Phase III Trial of Salvage Stereotactic Radiosurgery (SRS) or SRS + Hippocampal-Avoidant Whole Brain Radiotherapy (HA-WBRT) for First or Second Distant Brain Relapse After Upfront SRS With Brain Metastasis Velocity  $\geq 4$  Brain  
Study Co-Chair: Mark Mishra, MD

**NRG CC009:** Phase III Trial of Stereotactic Radiosurgery (SRS) Versus Hippocampal-Avoidant Whole Brain Radiotherapy (HA-WBRT) for 10 or Fewer Brain Metastases From Small Cell Lung Cancer  
Study Co-Chair: Mark Mishra, MD

**NRG HN009:** Randomized Phase II/III Trial of Radiation Combined with High Dose Cisplatin (100 mg/m<sup>2</sup>) Every Three Weeks vs. Low Dose Weekly Cisplatin for Patients with Locoregionally Advanced SCCHN  
Study Co-Chair: Matthew Witek, MD

## ► GammaPod™: Breast specific stereotactic radiosurgery device



**ACADEMIC  
CONSORTIUM LED  
BY UMSOM  
(Nichols)**

**GammaPod Registry:  
Tumor bed boost**

**Accelerated Partial Breast  
Irradiation using  
GammaPod**

**Pre-operative breast  
approach**

## Thermal Therapy



- One of few centers using superficial and deep thermal therapy (hyperthermia) in combination with photons and protons
- **Deep thermal therapy: FDA approved site for HUD for patients with pelvic tumors**
- IITs under development (PI: Molitoris)



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