



UNIVERSITY *of* MARYLAND
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

DEPARTMENT OF RADIATION ONCOLOGY



Research Highlights

Strengths & Innovation



\$50⁺ Mn

FUNDING OF USD 50 MILLION
FEDERAL AND INDUSTRY SPONSORED



48⁺

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS AWARDED



200⁺

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

Medical Countermeasures 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

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- 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

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- 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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- **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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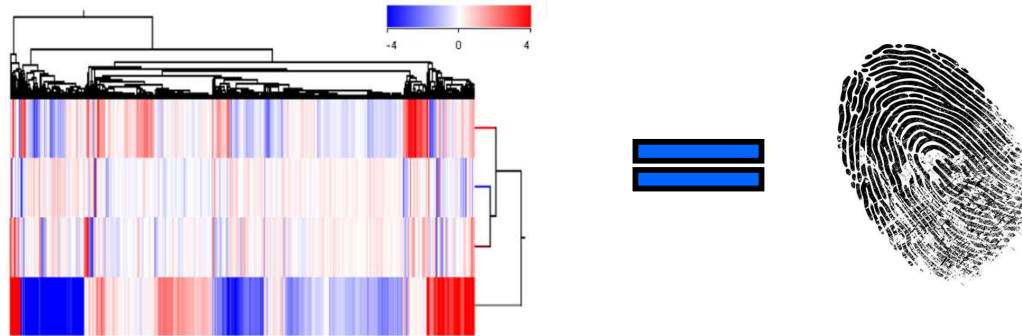
Precision Radiation Oncology (PRO)



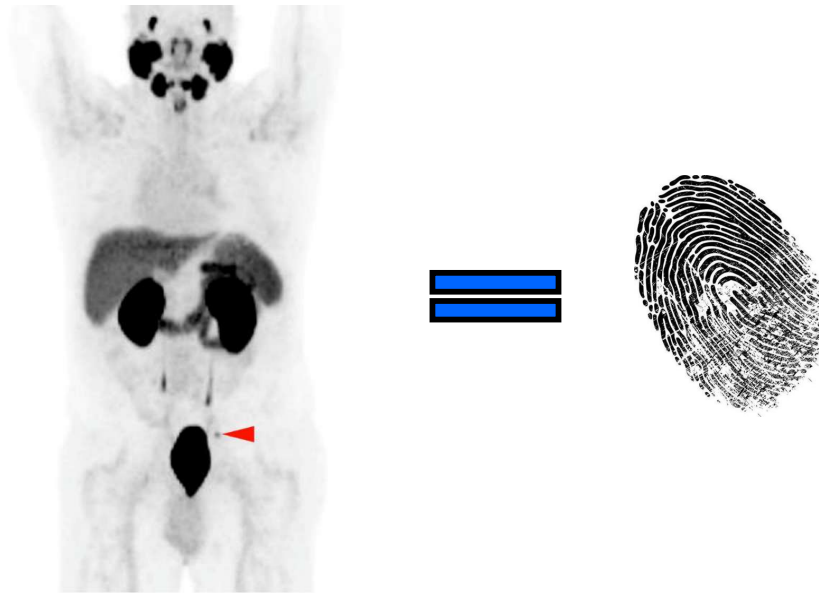
Precision Medicine: Digital Fingerprint of Cancer



Precision Medicine: Genomic Fingerprint of Cancer



Precision Medicine: Imaging Fingerprint of Cancer



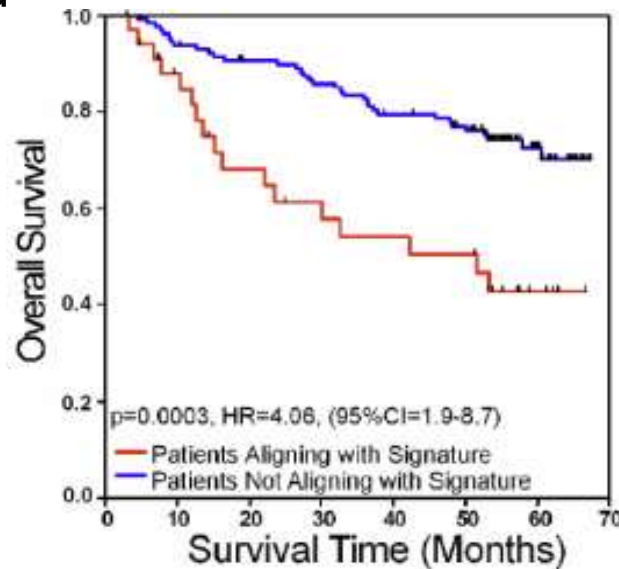
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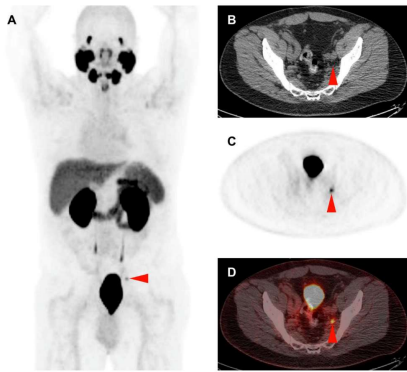
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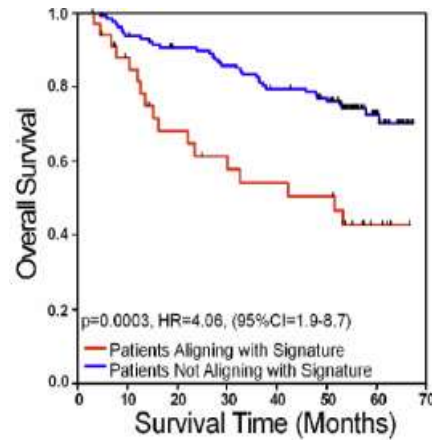
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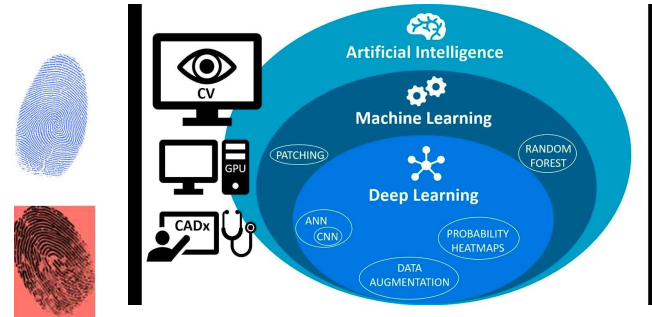
Center for Precision Radiation Oncology (PRO): Vision



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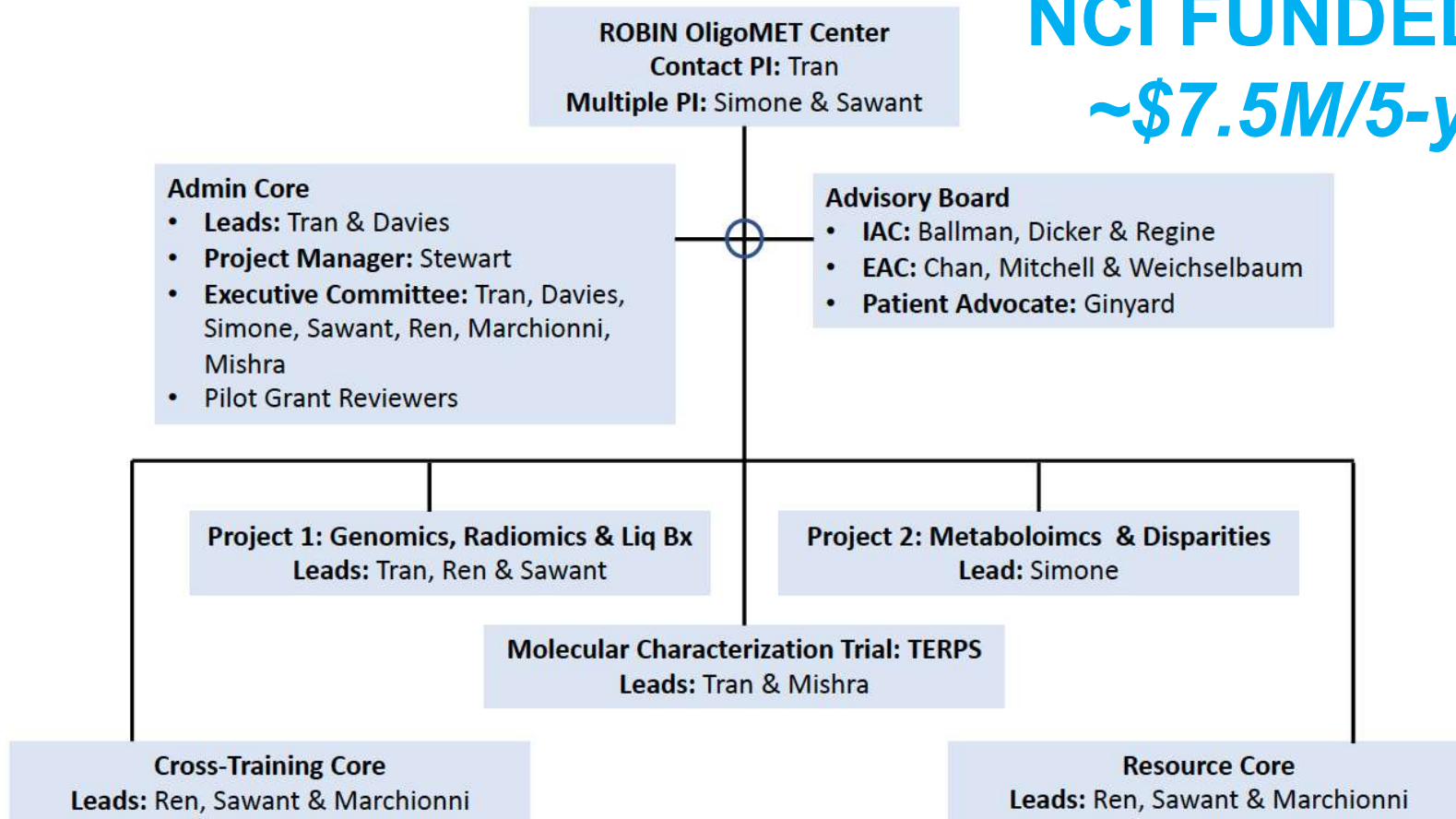
Genomics



AI

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

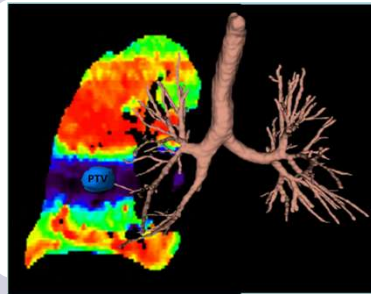
NCI FUNDED 3/40!
~\$7.5M/5-years



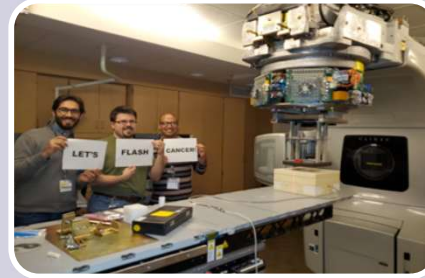
Physics Research Areas



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

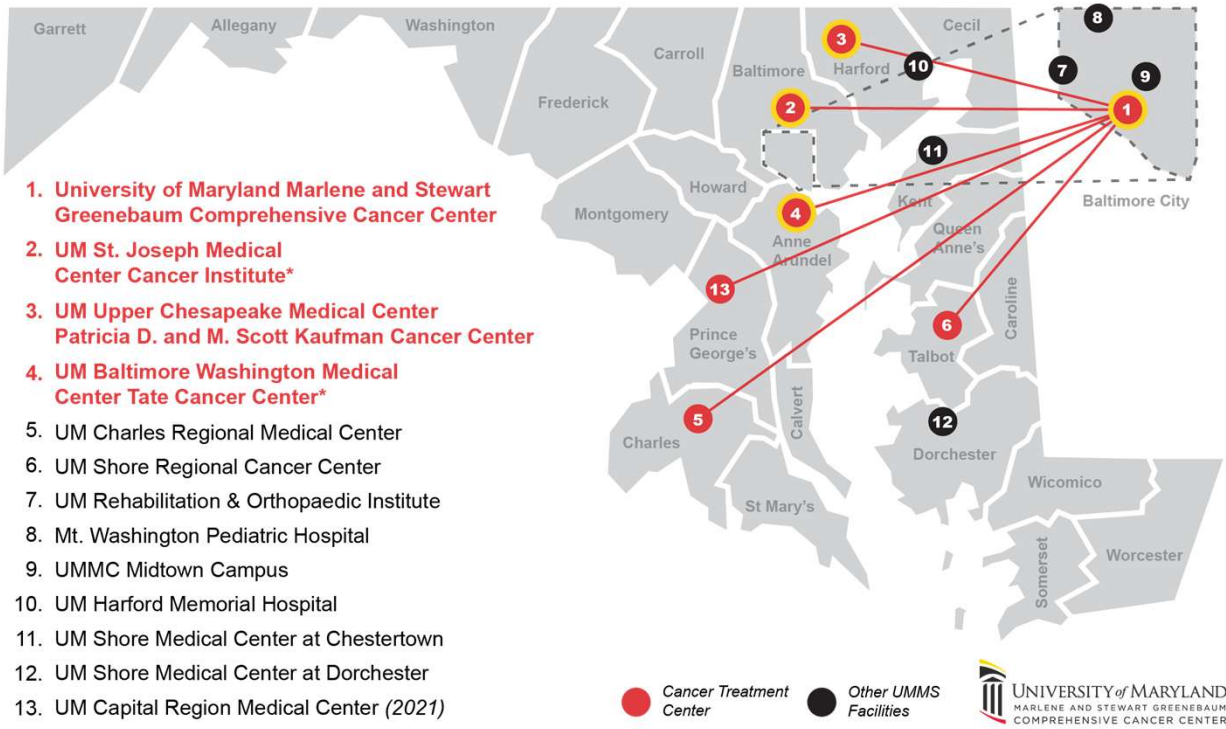
Internal auditing/monitoring program, in-house statistics support for trials

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



- 1. University of Maryland Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum Comprehensive Cancer Center
- 2. UM St. Joseph Medical Center Cancer Institute*
- 3. UM Upper Chesapeake Medical Center Patricia D. and M. Scott Kaufman Cancer Center
- 4. UM Baltimore Washington Medical Center Tate Cancer Center*
- 5. UM Charles Regional Medical Center
- 6. UM Shore Regional Cancer Center
- 7. UM Rehabilitation & Orthopaedic Institute
- 8. Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital
- 9. UMMC Midtown Campus
- 10. UM Harford Memorial Hospital
- 11. UM Shore Medical Center at Chestertown
- 12. UM Shore Medical Center at Dorchester
- 13. UM Capital Region Medical Center (2021)

*Formal affiliates of UMGCCC

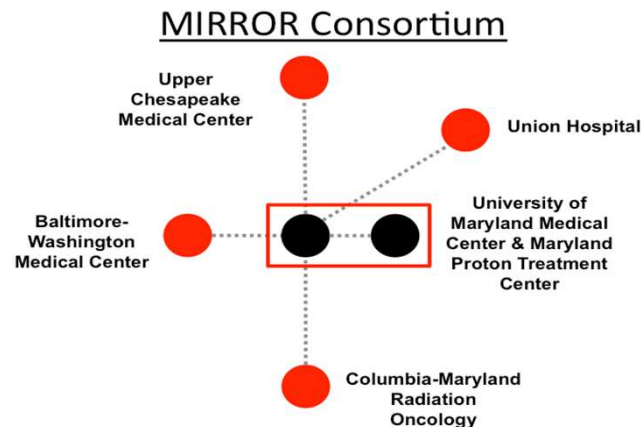
	Analytic	Non-Analytic	Total
UMMC	2110	951	3185
BWMC	1075	290	1365
Shore Health	818	90	908
SJMC	791	166	957
UCH	743	207	950
Total	5537	1704	7365

One-third of new annual cancer cases in Maryland at 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

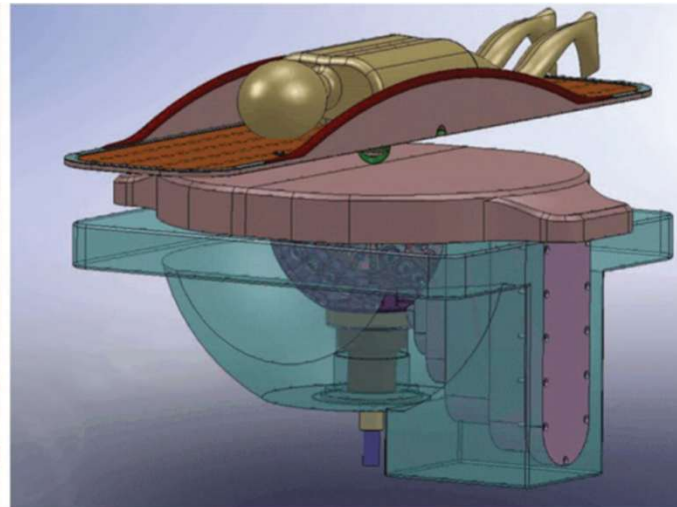
A031701: PHASE II STUDY OF DOSE-DENSE GEMCITABINE PLUS CISPLATIN (DDGC) IN PATIENTS WITH MUSCLE-INVASIVE BLADDER CANCER WITH BLADDER PRESERVATION FOR THOSE PATIENTS WHOSE TUMORS HARBOR DDR GENE ALTERATIONS
Study Co-Chair: Young Kwok, MD

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 ≥ 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/m²) 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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