

Department of Pathology & Immunology
Baylor College of Medicine
Trainee Research Symposium

April 12, 2024
8:00 am - 1:15 pm

Cullen Auditorium, Rayzor Lounge
1 Baylor Plaza, Houston, TX 77030

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Keynote Speaker



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Program

7:30 - 8:00 am Breakfast

8:00 - 8:10 am Welcome and Opening Remarks
Jun Teruya, MD, DSc

8:10 - 9:10 am Oral Trainee Presentations: Session 1
Moderator: William Decker, PhD
Anil K. Chokkalla, PhD
Nicholas J. Dcunha, MBBS, MD
Zian Liao, MBBS, MS
Anil K. Devakrishnan, PhD

9:10 - 10:10 am Faculty Presentations
Moderator: Sridevi Devaraj, PhD, DABCC, FRSC

Melissa M. Blessing, DO
*"Taking Autopsy Research to the Next Level:
Oncologic and Forensic Collaboration"*

Juan Vitelio Rodriguez, MD, FASCP
*"New Kids on the Block – Is the Standard of Care
for TTP Shifting?"*

Daniel Lacorazza, PhD
*"Development of Targeted Therapy in Pediatric
Leukemia"*

10:10 - 10:20 am Break

10:20 - 11:20 am Oral Trainee Presentations: Session 2
Moderator: Angshumoy Roy, MBBS, PhD
Belkys Sanchez, MS, PhD
Dilshad Dhaliwal, MD
Sharon B. Amanya
Komal K. Bollepogu Raja, PhD

11:20 am - 12:05 pm Keynote Lecture
Jason T. Huse, MD, PhD
*"Characterizing and Targeting Epigenetic
Dysfunction in Brain Cancer"*

12:05 - 1:05 pm Poster Session and Lunch
Boxed lunch will be provided

1:05 - 1:15 pm Awards Session and Closing Remarks
**Martin M. Matzuk, MD, PhD and
James Versalovic, MD, PhD**