



CGA-IGC Newsletter

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1. 2019 Annual Meeting Highlights

We hope everyone was able to attend the 2019 CGA Annual Meeting in beautiful Salt Lake City. This meeting had record attendance with more than 340 attendees and over 110 abstracts submitted! If you weren't able to make it, here are some highlights from the meeting. There were 4 named lectures this year:

- The Randall Burt Lecture was given by Sapna Syngal, MD on "Novel Forms of Delivering Germline Testing and Cascade Testing."
- The Henry Lynch Lecture was presented by Megan Hitchens, PhD on "Constitutional Methylation."
- The Bert Vogelstein Lecture was given by Eduardo Vilar, MD, PhD on "The Genomic Landscape of Human Hereditary Colorectal Pre-Cancer."
- The Jagelman-Church Lecture was presented by Paul Wise, MD on "Surgery and Hereditary Colorectal Cancer: Has the Paradigm Changed?"

In addition to these amazing lectures, we had lively discussions in the General Sessions on:

- The PMS2 Problem
- Hereditary Cancer Risk: Beyond the Two-Hit Hypothesis
- International Collaboration Updates
- Sporadic and Hereditary Gastric Cancer

Congratulations to John Carethers, MD, who was honored this year with the Lifetime Achievement Award! We would like to say a big THANK YOU to all our sponsors who made this meeting possible!

2. New Council Members

The success of CGA would not be possible without the hard work of the council! Thank you to Michael Hall, MD, MS for his work as CGA President this past year and we look forward to his continued involvement on council as past president. We would also like to thank Maureen Mork, MS, CGC, Jessica Stoll, MS, CGC, and Yi-Qian Nancy You, MD, MHSc, FACS for their time on CGA council. We are pleased to introduce the new council members:

Current President: Matthew Yurgelun, MD is a medical oncologist with clinical interest in gastrointestinal cancer, genetic testing and management of hereditary cancer syndromes. He is an Assistant Professor of Medicine at the Harvard Medical School and the Director of the Lynch Syndrome Center at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

President Elect: Randall Brand, MD is a physician-scientist with interest in pancreatic cancer prevention and early detection and hereditary gastrointestinal cancers. He is a Professor of Medicine in the Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition at the University of Pittsburgh and serves as the Director of the UPMC Hereditary GI Tumor Program.

New Council Members: Fay Kastrinos, MD, MPH is a gastroenterologist with expertise in the fields of cancer genetics and gastrointestinal cancer prevention. She is currently an Assistant Professor of Medicine in the Division of Digestive & Liver Diseases at Columbia University Medical Center.

Bryson Katona, MD, PhD is a physician-scientist with clinical and research interests in the fields of hereditary gastrointestinal cancer syndromes. He is currently an Assistant Professor of Medicine in the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology at the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine where he serves as the Director of Penn Medicine's Gastrointestinal Cancer Genetics Program and as the Director of the Gastrointestinal Cancer Risk Evaluation Program at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania.

Zsofia Stadler, MD, a medical oncologist with clinical and research expertise in gastrointestinal oncology, discovery of novel cancer-susceptibility genes, and development of new approaches to cancer screening and prevention in high-risk families. She is currently a Clinical Laboratory Investigator in The Kenneth Offit Lab at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center.

3. Education committee update

Season Two CGA-IGC Podcast Series Available

All six episodes of season two of our podcast series "Expert Approach to Hereditary Gastrointestinal Cancers" is now available for FREE on iTunes, TuneIn, and more! The second season focuses on extra-colonic features of APC-related disease. To access the series, <https://cga-igc.podomatic.com/> or do an internet search for "CGAIGC Podcast."

New Webinar Series!

The education is pleased to announce the CGAIGC 2020 Webinar Series about Inherited GI Cancers, set to begin in January. Mark your calendar for the first webinar:

Thursday, January 23 at 8:00 PM EST: "A Historical Perspective on Lynch Syndrome" with Dr. Rick Boland

Monthly Journal Scans – Stay Up to Date!

The monthly journal scan created by the Education Committee is a valuable resource and will save you time and keep you current. To access the monthly journal scan, [Journal Scans | CGA-IGC \(cgaigc-members.com\)](http://cgaigc-members.com)

4. Research committee update

We are pleased to welcome the newest members of the Research Committee, installed at the Annual Meeting. Up to date information on 35 GI Cancer Registries, encompassing 10 international Registries across 4 countries in North and South America, and 25 U.S. Registries across 17 different states is in the process of being published on the new CGAIGC.com website. If you are aware of, or involved with, a Registry and would like it to be listed on the CGA-IGC website, or have an update to your information, please email ed.esplin@invitae.com or kimberly_perez@dfci.harvard.edu. We are finalizing a Registry “instruction” manual that will also be a resource to CGA members when completed. One of our objectives this year is to develop means to facilitate patient enrollment for CGA members involved in clinical trials and connecting patients with appropriate clinical trials in general. If you are involved in, or aware of, a CGA member-led, actively enrolling clinical trial, please let us know. Finally, if you are interested in doing research with other CGA members but don't know where to start, the Research Committee is a resource to help you navigate the process.

5. CGA-IGC Calendar of Events

December

- RENEW MEMBERSHIP
- Monthly Journal Scan update

January

- RENEW MEMBERSHIP
- Thursday, January 23: Webinar “A Historical Perspective on Lynch Syndrome” with Dr. Rick Boland
- Monthly Journal Scan update

February

- Monthly Journal Scan update
- Next CGA Newsletter