## MORNINGSIDE CENTER RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

Join us to discuss drug repurposing with other researchers and clinicians interested in the opportunities to improve medical outcomes.

**October 25, 2023**  
Winship Cancer Institute  
John H. Kauffman Auditorium (Room C5012, 5th Floor)

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| 3:00 pm  | Welcome/Introductions                                       | Vikas P. Sukhatme, MD, ScD  
Robert W. Woodruff Professor of Medicine  
Director and Co-Founder, Morningside Center for Innovative and Affordable Medicine  
Former Dean, Emory School of Medicine  
Ravi I. Thadhani, MD, MPH  
Executive Vice President for Health Affairs, Emory University  
Executive Director, Woodruff Health Sciences Center  
Vice Chair, Emory Healthcare Board of Directors |

### SESSION 1: Clinical Trial Updates  
3:25 pm – 4:10 pm
**Moderator: David Fajgenbaum, MD, MBA, MSc**  
Associate Professor of Medicine, Translational Medicine & Human Genetics, Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania  
Founding Director, Center for Cytokine Storm Treatment & Laboratory (CTSL)  
Co-Founder & President, Castleman Disease Collaborative Network (CDCN)  
Co-Founder, Every Cure

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| 3:25 pm  | Pilot Study of Biomarker Evaluation and Safety of Pre-Incisional Ketorolac for Patients Undergoing Surgical Resection for Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer and Renal Cell Carcinoma | Viraj Master, MD, PhD  
Professor and Fray F. Marshall Chair in Clinical Urologic Research, Department of Urology, Emory University School of Medicine  
Director of Integrative Oncology and Survivorship Research, Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University |
| 3:30 pm  | Paricalcitol and hydroxychloroquine (PH) combination with gemcitabine and nab-paclitaxel in advanced pancreatic cancer (PI: Olatunji Alese, MD) | Manoj Bhasin, PhD, MS  
Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics, Department of Biomedical Bioinformation, Emory University School of Medicine  
Director of Single Cell Biology Program at Aflac Cancer and Blood Disorders Center, Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta |
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<td><strong>Propranolol Hydrochloride and Pembrolizumab in Patients with Recurrent or Metastatic Urothelial Carcinoma: A Single-Institute Phase II Trial</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Bassel Nazha, MD, MPH</strong>&lt;br&gt;Assistant Professor, Department of Hematology and Medical Oncology, Emory University School of Medicine</td>
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<td><strong>Treatment of Brain Metastases with Arginine Supplementation</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Lisa Sudmeier, MD, MPH</strong>&lt;br&gt;Assistant Professor, Department of Radiation Oncology, Emory University School of Medicine</td>
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<td><strong>Arginine Therapy in COVID-19: An Open-label Prospective Pilot Study</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Claudia Morris, MD</strong>&lt;br&gt;Professor, Department of Pediatrics &amp; Emergency Medicine, Emory University School of Medicine&lt;br&gt;Co-Director, Center for Clinical and Translational Research (CCTR)&lt;br&gt;Research Director, Division of Pediatric Emergency Medicine</td>
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<td><strong>Repurposing Atovaquone for the Treatment of Platinum-Resistant Ovarian Cancer: A Single-Institute Phase II Trial</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Namita Khanna, MD, MSPH</strong>&lt;br&gt;Associate Professor, Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics, Emory University School of Medicine</td>
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<td><strong>A Randomized Window of Opportunity Study of Preoperative Letrozole and Simvastatin Versus Letrozole Alone in Stage I-III Hormone Receptor Positive, HER2 Negative Breast Cancer</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Ruth Sacks, MD</strong>&lt;br&gt;Assistant Professor, Department of Hematology and Medical Oncology, Emory University School of Medicine</td>
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### SESSION 2: Morningside Center Research Awards
4:20 pm – 4:55 pm

**Moderator: Michael C. Lowe, MD, MA**

Associate Professor, Department of Surgery, Emory University School of Medicine<br>Clinical Director, Morningside Center for Innovative and Affordable Medicine<br>Disease Team Lead and Co-Chair, Melanoma Working Group, Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University

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<td><strong>Repurposing CD26/DPP4 inhibitors for immunotherapy of cancer</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Gregory B. Lesinski, PhD, MPH</strong>&lt;br&gt;Professor, Department of Hematology and Medical Oncology, Emory University School of Medicine&lt;br&gt;John Kauffman Family Professorship for Pancreatic Cancer Research&lt;br&gt;Associate Director for Basic Research and Shared Resources, Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University</td>
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| 4:30 pm | Targeting patients with breast adipose tissue inflammation for statin therapy to prevent breast cancer recurrence (PI: Lauren McCullough, PhD, MSPH) | Maret Maliniak, MPH  
PhD Candidate, Department of Epidemiology  
Rollins School of Public Health |
| 4:35 pm | Repurposing Verteporfin for treatment of Pediatric High-grade Gliomas | Renee Read, PhD  
Associate Professor, Department of Pharmacology & Chemical Biology, Emory University School of Medicine  
Assistant Director for Basic Research and Shared Resources, Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University |
| 4:40 pm | Repurposing Statin Drugs to Enhance Immunotherapy in Head and Neck Cancer | Nicole Schmitt, MD  
Associate Professor, Department of Otolaryngology, Emory University School of Medicine  
Co-Director for Translational Research, Head & Neck Program, Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University |
| 4:45 pm | Indole-3-Carbinol Supplement for Prevention of Serious Acute Graft Versus Host Disease | Edmund Waller, MD, PhD  
Professor, Departments of Medicine, Pathology, and Hematology & Medical Oncology, Emory University School of Medicine  
Medical Director, Center for Stem Cell Processing and Apheresis, Emory University Hospital  
Director, Center for Regenerative Engineering and Medicine |
| 4:50 pm | Q&A/Panel Discussion |                                                                                                  |
| 5:00 pm | BREAK |                                                                                                  |
| Session 3: Morningside Initiatives  
5:05 pm – 5:30 pm | |                                                                                                  |
| 5:05 pm | ReMedy (Repurposed Medicines)-Cancer Research Database | Vidula Sukhatme, MS  
Co-Founder, Morningside Center for Innovative and Affordable Medicine  
CEO, GlobalCures, Inc.  
Selvi S. Ramalingam, MS, MBA  
Morningside Center Biomedical Consultant |
| 5:15 pm | • Registry & National Advocacy Ideas  
• Closing Remarks, including new Morningside Funding Opportunity | Vikas P. Sukhatme, MD, ScD  
Robert W. Woodruff Professor of Medicine  
Director and Co-Founder, Morningside Center for Innovative and Affordable Medicine  
Former Dean, Emory School of Medicine |
| 5:30 pm | RECEPTION |                                                                                                  |