Frontiers in Medicine: Delivering on the promise to end suffering and death from Cancer

Eric P. Newman Center --- Wednesday April 26, 2006 --- 11:30am - 6:00pm

Presented by the Siteman Cancer Center and Center for Emerging Technologies

Frontiers in Medicine offers an insider's early look at major advances in medicine during the research and early development phases. This Forum will feature top researchers from Washington University's Siteman Cancer Center, a National Cancer Institute Comprehensive Cancer Center, who are working on the cutting edge of innovative approaches to cancer diagnostics and therapies. The Forum also includes two biomedical companies that are in the forefront of developing targeted cancer diagnostics and therapies and are examples of how collaborations between companies and university faculty can lead to breakthroughs in medicine.

RSVP by April 21 to Ann at 615-6900 or info@emergingtech.org

11:30-1:00 Lunch with keynote speaker

Gregory J. Downing, D.O., Ph.D.

Director, Center for Strategic Science and Technology Initiatives, National Cancer Institute

Testimonial:

Cynthia Kramer

Participant in a clinical trial for SGN-30, a synthetic monoclonal antibody therapy from Seattle Genetics for Anaplastic Large Cell T-cell Lymphoma.

1:15-3:00 Targeted Genetic and Cellular Diagnostics and Therapies

John DiPersio, MD, PhD – gene therapy for bone marrow transplant graft vs. host response **Helen Piwnica-Worms, PhD** – cell cycle targeting agents in breast cancer

Paula Fracasso, MD, PhD – novel therapies for gynecological cancers in clinical development **Brian Dieckgraefe, MD** – smart bombs for colorectal cancer

Shrikant Anant, PhD – Curcumin (from Curry) to treat gastro-intestinal disease and cancers

Case Study: Kereos – Sam Wickline, MD and Al Beardsley
Use of targeted nanoparticles (NPs) as highly specific molecular markers for
solid tumors using MRI, for earlier diagnosis and more effective treatments.

3:15-5:00 Cancer Genome, Epigenetics, Biomarkers and Pharmacogenomics

Rick Wilson, PhD – implications from sequencing the cancer genome

Matthew Ellis, MB, BChir, PhD – molecular and genetic profiling for outcome predictors and novel therapeutics in breast cancer

Tim Ley, MD – genomic profiling of Acute Myelogenous Leukemia (AML) and predictors for success of bone marrow transplantation

Paul Goodfellow, PhD - relationship of DNA methylation to cancer

Howard McLeod, PharmD – pharmacogenomics in treatment assessment for colorectal cancer

Case Study: Orion Genomics – Nate Lakey

Deriving epigenetic information from gene methylation for developing oncology diagnostic products to detect abnormal patterns related to disease.

5:00-6:00 Networking Reception