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The Samuel Waxman Cancer Research Foundation is an international organization dedicated to curing and preventing cancer. The Foundation is a pioneer in cancer research, focusing on uncovering the causes of cancer and reprogramming cancer cells. Our mission is to eradicate cancer by funding cutting-edge research that identifies and corrects abnormal gene function that causes cancer and develops minimally toxic treatments for patients.

Through our collaborative group of world-class scientists, the Institute Without Walls, investigators share information and tools to speed the pace of cancer research. Since our inception in 1976, The Foundation has awarded more than \$85 million to support the work of more than 200 researchers across the globe.



## **OUR VISION**

Dear friend,

Collaboration isn't what it used to be. It's better.

After 39 years of funding cutting-edge research by the brightest minds in cancer research, the Samuel Waxman Cancer Research Foundation (SWCRF) is proud to witness a landscape of research transformed by the model of collaboration we pioneered in 1976. Exciting new cancer therapies are emerging more frequently these days, powered by advances in technology and the quickened pace of investigation facilitated by information sharing.

SWCRF researchers are leading the way in bringing innovative treatments from the laboratory to the patient thanks to the support of our dedicated donors. The past year has seen promising clinical trials initiated for therapies developed by SWCRF investigators in a range of cancers. Researchers at Salk Institute, led by Ronald Evans, Ph.D., found that a synthetic derivative of vitamin D collapses the barrier of cells shielding pancreatic tumors, making them more susceptible to drugs and teamed up with the University of Pennsylvania on a trial testing the therapy in pancreatic cancer patients.

At Johns Hopkins University, our funded team of Stephen Baylin, M.D., Robert Casero, Ph.D., and Cynthia Zahnow, Ph.D., discovered genes that may predict tumors that evade detection from the immune system. Their discovery produced a clinical trial in lung cancer. Most recently, a trial conducted at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center showed promising results for a drug that targets a mutated enzyme that provokes AML. The therapy, based on the work of SWCRF researcher Ross Levine, M.D., corrects the genetic programming of AML cells much like the groundbreaking combination therapy developed by the SWCRF with the Shanghai Institute of Hematology that reprogrammed APL cells and remains the standard of treatment for this disease.

Although we are encouraged by these developments, we're hardly resting on our laurels. As part of our continued efforts to cure cancer through collaboration, we're augmenting our core categories of research funding with Aging & Cancer, a program that applies epigenetics to the investigation of the causes and effects of cancer in people over 50. Much of our currently funded research is applicable to this category and can lead to potential treatments for leukemia, prostate cancer and breast cancer.

You'll be hearing more about this exciting new initiative in the months ahead. We once again thank you for your continued support of our winning team of cancer researchers.

Sincerely,

Michael Nierenberg
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### YEAR IN REVIEW

#### MAY 6



On May 6, New York City's most prominent and philanthropic women supported the SWCRF's inaugural Ladies Who Lunch for a Cure benefit, which featured a fashion presentation by honoree Nicole Miller.

#### **JULY 26**



The SWCRF raised \$400,000 for cancer research at the tenth annual A Hamptons Happening on July 26, which honored chef David Burke, Betsey Johnson and Paul Ridley.

#### **NOV 13**



The SWCRF relaunched its young professionals group, the Millennial Society, at an after-work mixer at the Empire Hotel on November 13.

#### **MAY 12**



The SWCRF honored Kenneth Anderson of Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and noted advocate Musa Mayer at its scientific symposium at Mount Sinai on May 12.

#### **JULY 26**



A Hamptons Happening honoree Betsey Johnson.

#### DEC 4



The 17th annual Collaborating for a Cure Gala raised \$2.5 million for cancer research on December 4 at Cipriani Wall Street. The honorees were designers Cushnie et Ochs.

#### **JULY 10**



Philanthropic golfers congregated at the beautiful Creek Club in Locust Valley, NY on July 10 for the 32nd annual SWCRF golf tournament and dinner.

#### **OCT 1 - OCT 31**



Fashion designer Tadashi Shoji created a limited edition scarf as the centerpiece of his Pay it Forward fundraiser for SWCRF's breast cancer research programs in October.

#### DEC 4



Reggae star Ziggy Marley performed at the Waxman Gala.

## PROOF OF PRINCIPLE

# Blood Cancer Breakthroughs Spotlight the SWCRF's Pioneering Strategy of Reprogramming Cancer Cells.

The field of cancer research is buzzing about something that the Samuel Waxman Cancer Research Foundation (SWCRF) has known for more than 30 years --- cancer cells don't need to be destroyed when they can be reprogrammed to behave normally. Recent therapeutic innovations in leukemia are showing that the approach has great potential for changing how researchers tackle solving the puzzle that is cancer.

A recent article in *The New Yorker* detailed the promising results of a clinical trial conducted at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center for a new drug to treat acute myeloid leukemia (AML). The article, aptly titled The Transformation, traced the genesis of the drug, which targets a mutated enzyme called IDH-2 that creates a molecule that alters a cell's genetic programming by switching off certain genes in the cell so it doesn't mature. The cell multiplies wildly, resulting in AML. The treatment binds to the mutated enzyme and heads off the creation of the disruptive molecule, thereby allowing the cells to mature normally.



DRS. ZHEN-YI WANG, SAMUEL WAXMAN AND ZHU CHEN

The article's author, noted health care writer Dr. Jerome Groopman, likened this reprogramming of the cancer cell to the application of all-transretinoic acid (ATRA), a derivative of Vitamin A, to activate maturation of acute promyelocytic leukemia (APL) cells in the mid-1980s. This breakthrough therapy resulted from the research of Drs. Zhen-Yi Wang and Zhu Chen, working at Ruijin Hospital in Shanghai in collaboration with SWCRF founder and CEO Samuel Waxman, M.D., at Mount Sinai in New York City. Drs. Wang and Chen, who founded the Shanghai Institute of Hematology in 1987, published findings regarding a 1988 trial for ATRA in which 23 out of 24 APL patients went into remission. When patients experienced recurrence after treatment, the trio of researchers applied combination therapy to their strategy by adding

arsenic trioxide as a secondary therapy, effectively curing the APL with a two-step process whereby the ATRA caused maturation of the leukemic cells and the arsenic trioxide led the cancer cells to self destruct through a process called apoptosis. This therapeutic approach increased the five-year survival rate for APL from 25 percent to 95 percent and remains the standard for treating the disease.

Although the AML drug and the APL therapy address different targets – the AML therapy heads off a mutated enzyme while the APL breakthrough treats a destructive hybrid protein --- their shared goal is changing cell behavior. The work of Dr. Ross Levine, a renowned expert in myeloid malignancies at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and an SWCRF-funded researcher, laid the groundwork for the AML trial. Dr. Levine's research examines the genetic basis of myeloid malignancies, with a specific focus on the role of dysregulated signaling and disordered epigenetic patterning in myeloid leukemogenesis and in therapeutic response. His team's study of the role of mutations in the epigenetic modifiers in the transformation of blood cells helped bring the AML treatment from bench to bedside.



**DR. ROSS LEVINE** 

"The support from the SWCRF has allowed us to make new insights into the pathogenesis of TET2/IDH-mutant leukemias, and to perform preclinical studies of novel therapeutics which target DNA methylation and mutant IDH proteins which are now entering

the clinic," said Dr. Levine. "We are very excited by these results and grateful for the support. Moreover, the SWCRF's Institute Without Walls has provided an exceptional collaborative network which allows us to rapidly progress our work and to collaborate to achieve biologic and clinical impact."

Mutations and epigenetics are the key targets for investigation in Aging & Cancer, the SWCRF's new research initiative examining cancer incidence among people over the age of 50. A recent article in *The New York Times* reported that strides in the treatment of heart illnesses have increased the probability of more people between 55 and 84 dying of cancer than heart disease. Although age-related cancer diagnoses occur most frequently after the age of 60, cancer-causing cellular

mutations provoked by genetic and environmental factors can begin at 50 and build up over time. Current SWCRF-funded work relating to inflammation, stem cells and blood malignancies holds promise for new discoveries that can bring non-toxic therapies to this underserved population.

The Aging & Cancer program should benefit from a new collaboration between Israel and China that will examine the roles of two proteins in the onset of AML, the most common acute leukemia affecting adults whose incidence increases with age. Shai Izraeli, M.D., Sheba Medical Center at Tel Aviv University, and Sai-Juan Chen, M.D., Ph.D., the Shanghai of Hematology, both longtime funded SWCRF researchers, will serve as principal investigators in new research coordinated through a partnership between the Natural Science Foundation of China and the Israel Science Foundation and funded by the Chinese and Israeli governments. Drs. Izraeli and Chen aim to better understand the dynamics of transcription factors in the formation of AML.

"It's very exciting to see SWCRF collaborators making strides around the world with their transformative work," said SWCRF founder and CEO Samuel Waxman, M.D. "Our funded researchers are driving innovation in blood cancer investigation and their work is being recognized as leading science that is bringing us closer to a cancer cure."

#### FROM BENCH TO BEDSIDE



MARTIN S. TALLMAN, M.D.
Chief of the Leukemia Service at Memoria
Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, reflects
on the impact of research on patient
outcomes.

It is every cancer researcher's goal to see their theories lead to effective patient therapies and Memorial Sloan Kettering's recent clinical trial for an AML drug showed promising results. What were the findings?

In patients who had, in general, relapsed or refractory disease that had failed other more conventional therapies and had few options, a significant percent of them achieved a true, complete remission and many achieved a near complete remission. I know of several patients who achieved another remission with outpatient, oral drug therapy that was not very toxic and were able to go on to a transplant. This trial was a Phase 1 trial to find the optimal dose but we saw complete remissions very early, which was really striking and unusual in a Phase 1 trial. The next series of trials will be to combine this drug with intensive chemotherapy.

### What is the demographic profile of the participants in the trial?

These were patients with quite advanced hematologic malignancies who had been treated with more conventional cytotoxic therapies and had failed to respond or had relapsed. About 20 percent had undergone transplants. Some had relapsed after transplants and some relapsed after six months of chemotherapy. There were roughly an equal number of men and women ranging between the ages of 33 and 90 with the average age being 67.

This trial parallels Dr. Waxman's differentiation of APL cells by combining ATRA with arsenic trioxide in collaboration with the Shanghai Institute of Hematology. How do you view the impact of this breakthrough on cancer research through the years?

When you think about the way we treat leukemia today, in a way it's not very elegant. We administer very intensive chemotherapy that is not able to distinguish between leukemia cells from healthy cells and kills every cell. We hope that the patient doesn't suffer significant toxicities and wait for healthy blood cells to reestablish normal blood formation. But Dr. Waxman and his colleagues at the Shanghai Institute of Hematology identified the method of differentiation; instead of killing the malignant cells, the approach turned them into healthy, mature cells. It was a remarkable advance, a seminal observation in the therapy of hematological malignancies and we think this new therapy is similar and that the differentiation is an identical mechanism, which is why it worked so well

The SWCRF is proud that the work of its funded researcher Dr. Ross Levine played a central role in this breakthrough. As someone on the front line of patient care, how would you describe the impact of foundation support for science today?

I think it's absolutely critical. In acute and chronic leukemias, lymphoma and multiple myeloma, there has never been a time when so many more important discoveries are being made that are finally translating into improved outcomes and cures for patients.

I think support from the Samuel Waxman Cancer Research Foundation and all foundations is critical if we're going to continue to make important discoveries that we can translate from the laboratory to the clinic. We have so many drugs and combinations to test it's mind-boggling. Ultimately, it's the most exciting time in medicine not just for us but also for patients so this funding has never been more important.

### **SUPPORT SYSTEM**

Donations to the Samuel Waxman Cancer Research Foundation advance the work of the leading researchers collaborating within the SWCRF Institute Without Walls. Every day, our funded investigators make progress that helps science to better understand how cancer works and brings us closer to a cure.



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**JAYANTA DEBNATH, M.D.**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN FRANCISCO

#### **INVESTING IN HOPE FOR A DEADLY CANCER**

"We have had the fortune to be funded by the SWCRF for the past five years. The SWCRF has allowed us to focus particularly on the treatment of one of the most aggressive malignancies known, called NUT midline carcinoma (NMC), a rare subtype of squamous cell cancer. The SWCRF has nurtured our small program that began with no treatment for this horrible disease, to now three clinical trials in North America using targeted inhibitors of the causative cancer protein, called BRD4-NUT. Now this disease, which promised a median survival of 6.5 months, has some hope of a more effective treatment. Although most foundations might be disinterested in a rare disease such as this, the SWCRF had the insight to realize that NMC really is the exception that has proved the rule for many other common cancer types. It turns out that the BRD4 part of the cancer protein in NMC also drives cancers such as leukemia and prostate cancer, and thus the inhibitors that have opened the door to targeted therapy of NMC are also potentially useful in these much more common diseases. We have the forwardthinking Dr. Samuel Waxman and the SWCRF team of worldclass scientific advisors to thank for these steps forward in cancer treatment."

#### TARGETING METASTASIS IN BREAST CANCER

My research focuses on how autophagy can be targeted to impede breast cancer progression and metastasis. Autophagy is a fundamental cellular recycling pathway (literally meaning "self-eating") used by cancer cells to survive and thrive in stressful environments. Recently, we made the surprising discovery that autophagy also promotes the ability of tumor cells to secrete molecules that promote invasion. These findings challenge the long-held dogma that autophagy works as a metabolic adaptation pathway in cancer cells. Our SWCRF grant has proven invaluable in supporting this project and novel idea. We have since pinpointed that stromal fibroblasts, normal cells residing within a solid tumor that are critical for cancer growth, exhibit high levels of autophagy-dependent secretion. Upon specifically inhibiting autophagy in stromal cells, breast cancer progression is profoundly blocked in living organisms, presumably by "short-circuiting" a small environment that can produce tumors. These new findings are poised to completely transform how oncologists should apply autophagy inhibitors in the clinic. We are now testing the prediction that stroma-rich breast cancers will be uniquely susceptible to anti-autophagy drugs (e.g., hydroxychloroquine). In addition, the SWCRF "Institute Without Walls" has fostered exciting collaborations investigating the effects of how autophagy directs tumor dormancy, a critical but poorly understood aspect of metastatic progression.



JOSEP M. LLOVET, M.D.
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### TARGETING NEW THERAPIES FOR GENETIC MUTATIONS THAT CAUSE A DEADLY LIVER CANCER

Intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma (iCCA) is an uncommon primary liver cancer with no accepted systemic therapy for patients whose tumors cannot be removed surgically. Thus, discovery of novel targets for therapies is a clear clinical unmet need. In this context we launched a comprehensive study by using cutting-edge technology with genome sequencing to search for novel targets amenable for molecular therapies. Our effort has been supported by the SWCRF since the beginning and we have established collaborations with academic centers in the United States and Europe. As a result, we have been able to propose a molecular classification of iCCA and to identify a novel oncogenic and targetable FGFR2 fusion, FGFR2-PPHLN1, and activating mutations in the ARAF oncogene. Our work supports translating our discoveries in the clinical arena by treating iCCA patients with FGFR2 fusion events with specific FGFR2 inhibitors. In addition, we established a landscape of druggable mutations of this tumor that are present in around 70 percent of iCCA patients and may benefit from targeted therapies. The funding received has given us the opportunity to stand at the front line in the fight against iCCA and significantly contribute to the genomic characterization and treatment of this deadly disease.



REUBEN SHAW, PH.D. SALK INSTITUTE

### IDENTIFYING GENETIC ENABLERS OF THE SPREAD OF CANCER

My experience with the SWCRF has been incredibly rewarding. Our lab has been focused on the intersection of how metabolism and cancer are connected, and using our newfound discoveries to identify novel therapeutic targets and approaches to attack different subsets of cancer. In particular, little is known about how the specific genes that go awry at the very beginning of tumor initiation end up dictating how quickly a tumor ends up metastasizing throughout the body. We have found this past year a new signaling pathway that triggers metastasis of tumor cells, in a subset of lung, melanoma, and endometrial cancers. By elucidating several steps of this pathway, we have identified new therapeutic targets and biomarkers for those patients bearing these specific gene mutations and alterations, which will speed testing these possibilities in clinical trials. By fostering collaboration among scientists and clinicians across the world, the SWCRF has spurred novel and risky research which is most often where profound breakthroughs arise.

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### **IN MEMORIAM**



#### **KATHY SARNA**

The Samuel Waxman Cancer Research Foundation remembers Kathleen "Kathy" Sarna, our dear friend and longtime supporter who passed away in March after complications from surgery for a brain tumor. Kathy, who along with her sisters Jane Stanczuk and the late Lucille Montrony ran the Three Strohm Sisters Family Foundation, was a force to be reckoned with in the quest to fund cancer research. Whether organizing one of the foundation's popular fundraisers, tending to the daily needs of the organization or advocating for research though one-on-one interactions, Kathy could be counted on to get results. It is her tenacity, directness and unassuming charm for which she will be remembered. She overcame a challenging childhood to raise a loving family with her husband Richard Sarna, have a career in advertising, survive breast cancer and make an indelible mark in the search for a cancer cure. Growing up in the Greenpoint section of Brooklyn, Kathy was born the fourth child of Joseph and Mary Strohm. The Strohm siblings, including brothers Joe, Edward and Frank, lost their mother to tuberculosis and their father was killed in a workplace accident.

These tragedies required that they be separated and raised by various family members. As the years passed, Kathy and her siblings drifted apart but were brought together in the 1990s when it was discovered that she, Jane and Lucille all had breast cancer. The family rallied around them as the sisters beat their breast cancer and started their fundraising mission in 1999, raising more than one million dollars for research through their foundation, with much of it benefiting the work of the SWCRF in pediatric and breast cancer. We stand with the Sarna and Strohm families in mourning the loss of Kathy and remain dedicated to continuing her legacy of advocacy for cancer research in partnership with the Three Strohm Sisters Family Foundation.



#### **EMILIO LAMA**

The Samuel Waxman Cancer Research Foundation (SWCRF) remembers supporter E. Antonio Lama, a well-respected businessman and community leader in the Dominican Republic who passed away of lung cancer in December at the age of 69. Through hard work and determination, he built a diversified group of companies with interests in automotives, plastics and paint manufacturing, hospitality, finance, and real estate. His success, together with his humble and humorous style and philanthropic giving, earned him the respect and admiration of many.

He was always a very private person in all his contributions and in his personal life. Always present when help was needed, he would never hesitate for a good cause; however, he never had an interest in taking the credit. He created The Magna Foundation in 2007 in order to start contributing to society and sustainable development, through the business instead of in a private manner, a project that is being developed by his successors. Mr. Lama made several generous donations to the SWCRF through The Magna Foundation.

He was a loving father and husband, and his priority in life was always his family. He was a brave man and accepted every challenge life gave him with no fear, dignity and a positive attitude. This quality was confirmed by SWCRF Founder and CEO Samuel Waxman, M.D., who treated Mr. Lama in New York City. Mr. Lama is survived by his wife Doralise, to whom he was married for 40 years, and four children: a daughter, Paula, and three sons, Agustin Antonio, Antonio, and Jose Gabriel, who are working in the businesses he created, following his steps and legacy.

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(July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014 audited)

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<b>Total Revenue</b>	\$2,987,000
Investment Income	\$ 65,000
Event Income	\$1,211,000
Program Grants	\$ 1,466,000
Contributions	\$245,000

#### **EXPENSE**

Total Expense	\$4,019,000
Management and General	\$556,000
Fundraising	\$222,000
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