“MOLECULAR & CLINICAL RADIOBIOLOGY Workshop”
17 – 19 June, 2015
Division of Radiation Oncology, Department of Oncology
McGill University

**Venue:** Cedars Cancer Centre,
Glen Site, DS1-1427
McGill University Health Centre
1001 Decarie Blvd, Montreal,
Quebec, H4A 3J1, Canada

**Description:** The “Molecular and Clinical Radiobiology Workshop” is tailored to engage the participants through a series of lectures, panel discussions, meet-the-lecturer sessions, (June 17-18th) followed by a lab practical tutorial (half-day June 19th) in the state-of-the-art cancer research laboratories at the Research Institute of McGill University Health Centre. This educational intensive program is designed to fulfill the need to integrate the current paradigm shift in radiobiology into a multidisciplinary approach in the practice of radiation oncology and research in clinically-applied radiobiology.

**Objectives:** The “Molecular and Clinical Radiobiology Workshop” aims to provide the participants with the prerequisite background to understand some of the key concepts of radiobiology including:
1. Molecular mechanisms induced by radiation therapy on the tumor and its microenvironment
2. Radiobiology of normal tissue responses
3. Tumor response to radiotherapy
4. Principles and biology of chemoradiation regimen and targeted therapies
5. Radiobiological modeling

**Target Group:** Radiation oncology residents, medical physics residents and scientists enrolled in a radiobiology training program. Radiation oncologists, medical physicists and scientists with research interests in clinically-applied radiobiology who wish to update their knowledge in molecular radiobiology.

**Course Director:** Siham Sabri, PhD
**Scientific Organizing Committee:**
Siham Sabri, PhD; Jan Seuntjens, PhD; Bassam Abdulkarim, MD, PhD, FRCPC; Khalil Sultanem, MD; Jean-Claude Bertrand, PhD
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The FACULTY:

Radiation Oncologists, clinician-scientists, physicists, radiobiologists and researchers known for their expertise in the presented topics and involved in teaching of basic and/or clinically-applied radiobiology

Wednesday, June 17th 2015: Theoretical Course – Day 1

Siham Sabri – PhD
Assistant Professor, Department of Oncology, Division of Radiation Oncology, McGill University; Director of “Molecular and Translational Radiation Oncology Laboratory”, Cancer Research Program, Research Institute of McGill University Health Centre

Susan Lees-Miller – PhD
Professor, Departments of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Oncology and Biological Sciences; University of Calgary and the Southern Alberta Cancer Research (SACRI), Director of Genome Instability and Aging Research Program in SACRI, University of Calgary

Francis Rodier – PhD
Assistant professor, Department of radiology, Radio-oncology and Nuclear medicine, CRCHUM; Cancer Institute of Montreal University of Montreal

Stanley Liu – PhD, MD, FRCPC
Assistant Professor, Depts. of Medical Biophysics and Radiation Oncology, Clinician-Scientist, Sunnybrook Research Institute; Radiation Oncologist, Odette Cancer Centre, University of Toronto

Kevin Petrecca – MD, PhD, FRCS(C)
Assistant Professor, Neurosurgeon, Clinician-Scientist Department of Neurology and Neurosurgery, Montreal Neurological Institute and Hospital

Theodoros Tsakiridis – PhD, MD, FRCPC
Associate Professor, Department of Oncology - Division of Radiation Oncology; McMaster University, Clinician-Scientist, Juravinski Cancer Centre, Faculty of Health Sciences, McMaster University

Thursday, June 18th 2015: Theoretical Course – Day 2

George Shenouda – MD, PhD
Associate Professor, Department of Oncology; Associate Director, Division of Radiation Oncology, McGill University Health Centre, McGill University

Janusz Rak – PhD, MD
Jack Cole Chair in Hematology/Oncology; Professor, Department of Pediatrics, Faculty of Medicine, McGill University; Director of Cancer and Angiogenesis Research Laboratory, Research Institute of McGill University Health Centre

Bassam Abdulkarim – MD, PhD, FRCPC
Associate Professor, Department of Oncology; Director of the Division of Radiation Oncology; McGill University; Director of Radiobiology Laboratory; Research Institute of McGill University Health Centre

Thierry Muanza – MSc, MD, FRCPC
Assistant Professor; Department of Oncology, Division of Radiation Oncology, McGill University, Director of Translational Radiation Oncology Laboratory, Segal Cancer Centre, Jewish General Hospital

Bertrand Jean-Claude – PhD
Associate Professor, Department of Medicine, McGill University, co-Director of McGill CIHR Drug Development Training Program (DDTP), Director, Cancer Drug Research Laboratory, Research Institute of McGill University Health Centre

Jan Seuntjens – PhD
James McGill Professor, Director of Medical Physics Academic Program, Medical Physics Unit, Department of Oncology, Faculty of Medicine, McGill University

Yves Archambault – M.Sc.A.
Physicist, Manager Clinical Solutions, Varian Medical Systems, Oncology Systems
**Wednesday, June 17th 2015: Theoretical Course - Day 1**

08:00-08:30  
Arrival – Breakfast

**Session: Molecular & Cellular Radiobiology**

08:30-09:30  
Welcome Remarks

Integrating the Hallmarks of Cancer to Radiation Biology (Dr. Siham Sabri)

09:30-10:30  
DNA repair; Molecular Mechanisms of radiation-induced DNA damage (Dr. Susan Lees-Miller)

10:30-10:45  
Coffee

10:45-11:45  
Molecular Mechanisms of Radiation-Induced Cell Death (Dr. Francis Rodier)

11:45-12:45  
Radiobiology of normal tissue damage (Dr. Stanley Liu)

12:45-13:45  
Lunch; *Meet-the lecturer Session*

13:45-14:45  
Tumor Stem Cells and Radioresistance (Dr. Kevin Petrecca)

14:45-15:45  
Modulating the tumor microenvironment: therapeutic strategies for enhancing tumor radioresponse (Dr. Stanley Liu)

15:45-16:00  
Coffee

16:00-17:00  
Cancer metabolism and radiation biology: molecular stress sensors modifying radiation response (Dr. Theodoros Tsakiridis)

17:00-17:30  
*Panel Discussion; Meet-the lecturer Session*

18:00-20:00  
*Networking Dinner Reception*

**Thursday, June 18th 2015: Theoretical Course - Day 2**

08:00-08:30  
Arrival – Breakfast

**Session: Tumor response to Radiotherapy**

08:30-09:30  
Radiobiology of Time-dose-fractionation; Alternative fractionation schedules in radiotherapy (Dr. George Shenouda)

09:30-10:30  
Tumor angiogenesis, Hypoxia, Vascular Responses

10:30-10:45  
Coffee

10:45-11:45  
Clinical and Biological Insights into Stereotactic ablative radiotherapy (Dr. Bassam Abdulkarim)

11:45-12:45  
Combined radiotherapy and chemotherapy (Dr. Thierry Muanza)

12:45-13:45  
Lunch; *Meet-the lecturer Session*

13:45-14:45  
Targeted Therapies: Radiosensitizing Effect of Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitors (Dr. Bertrand Jean-Claude)

**Session: Radiation Physics**

14:45-15:45  
Role of radiation physics and Monte Carlo techniques in modern radiation biology (Dr. Jan Seuntjens)

15:45-16:00  
Coffee

16:00-17:00  
Knowledge-based treatment planning in radiotherapy (Yves Archambault)

17:00-17:30  
*Panel Discussion; Meet-the lecturer Session*

**Closing Remarks: Theoretical Courses**

**Friday, June 19th 2015: Half-Day Lab Practical Tutorial Sessions**

09:00-12:00pm  
**Tutors:** Ayman Oweida, Mariia Patyka, Zhor Senhaji; Experimental Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, McGill University; Radiobiology Lab, Molecular and Translational Radiation Biology Lab, (Cancer Research Program) Cancer Drug Discovery Lab, Research Institute of the McGill University Health Centre

- Radiation-induced DNA damage: Comet Assay
- Effect of Ionizing Radiation/ *In vitro* cell survival assay:
  - Clonogenic assay versus proliferation assay
  - Analysis of the radiation dose survival curves
- Radiation-induced senescence: senescence-associated β-galactosidase (SA-β-gal) Assay
Full Name
(Dr./ Mr./ Mrs./ Ms.)

Position:

Primary Affiliation:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

Registration Fees

1) Free of Charge for:
- McGill Radiation Oncology Residents
- McGill Medical Physics Residents
- Graduate students: supervisor must be a lecturer in this workshop affiliated with the Division of McGill Radiation Oncology or Research Institute of McGill University Health Centre

Please provide your McGill ID and select your registration option:

McGill ID:  

- Full Workshop □
- 2-days Lectures □
- Single-Day Lectures June 17th □
- Single-Day Lectures June 18th □
- or Half-Day Lab practical tutorial June 19th □

2) McGill staff Members, other trainees and External Participants:
- Full Workshop: June 17-19: 2-day Lectures and Half-Day Lab practical tutorial $250 □
- 2-day Lectures June 17-18 $150 □
- Single-Day Lectures June 17th $100 □
- Single-Day Lectures June 18th $100 □
- Half-Day Lab practical tutorial June 19th $100 □

Registration Discounts

1) Early registration discount: 10% Discount until May 15th, 2015 □
2) Group registration Discounted Rates: 15% Discount rate will be applied for registration of 5 or more participants from the same institution and on the same campus, □
- Completed registration forms for the same group must be sent with payment in one envelope to the mailing address above with the label: MCRW 2015 Group Registration
- Discount group rates will not be offered to groups of participants registering onsite.
- Standard cancellation fees apply to all group discount registrations.

Payment

1) Cheque: All cheques should be payable to “MGH Foundation Fund # 4402” and sent with the Registration Form to the mailing address indicated above □
2) Cash: Only onsite based on registration space availability □
3) Cancellation Policy: Cancellations received on or before June 1st, 2015 are entitled to a refund minus 20% processing fee.

Dietary Restrictions

Vegetarian □

Networking Reception

Please advise if you will not attend the networking evening reception □