Melanoma Research Alliance

MRA 2024 Scientific Retreat

February 21 – February 23, 2024, Washington, DC

Wednesday, February 21

7:30am- 5:00pm	Grant Review Committee Meeting (by invitation)
12:00-5:30pm	Melanoma Patients, Advocates & Foundations Forum Chair: Cody Barnett, MRA Senior Director of Communications and Patient Engagement
4:00-8:00pm	Retreat Registration Open
5:30-6:00pm	Sponsor Toast/Reception
6:00-7:30pm	Opening Reception
7:00-9:30pm	Friends of MRA Dinner (GRC and invited guests only)

Thursday, February 22

6:30am-6:00pm	Registration
7:30-8:45am	General Breakfast
7:30-8:45am	Young Investigators Breakfast (by invitation)
8:50-9:00am	Opening Remarks Day 1
	Marc Hurlbert MRA CEO
	Patient Advocate Speakers Joan Levy, MRA CSO
9:00-9:30am	Keynote Lecture 1: Patrick Hwu MD, Moffitt Cancer Center <i>Cell based therapies for the treatment of melanoma</i>
9:30-10:35am	Scientific Session 1: Adoptive Cell Therapies

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10:50-11:50am Scientific Session 2: Enhancing T cell Responses

12:00pm-1:20pm Networking Lunch and General Roundtables

- 1. Acral + Muscosal Melanoma Patient Registry
- 2. In transit melanoma
- 3. Biomarkers 'liquid biopsy' ctDNA, and tumor biomarkers
- 4. irAE understanding immune-related adverse events
- 5. Brain metastasis, leptomeningeal disease and tumor dormancy
- 6. Microbiome
- 7. Cell based therapy (CAR-T, NK cells, TILs)
- 8. Neoadjuvant and adjuvant therapy
- 9. Clinical trials patient recruitment and decentralized trials
- 10. Prevention (primary prevention)
- 11. Diversity Women & Underrepresented groups in melanoma research & care
- 12. Targets & drug discovery for new treatments
- 13. Early Detection & Diagnosis (AI, imaging, machine learning)
- 14. Tumor microenvironment
- 15. Genomics Role of genetics, genomics & epigenetics; single cell technologies
- 16. Uveal melanoma
- 17. Vaccines and intralesional therapies
- 18. Microbiome

1:20-2:45pm Scientific Session 3: Metastatic Melanoma and In Transit Disease

3:00-3:40pm Scientific Session 4: Advances in Melanoma Detection, Diagnostics, and Prognostics

- 3:45-5:00pm Scientific Session 5: Highlighting MRA Young Investigator Awardees
 - 3:45-4:15Rare Melanomas4:15-5:00Novel Therapies
- 5:00-5:05pm Closing Remarks Day 1

Stephanie Kauffman BS, MRA President and COO

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5:15-6:15pm MRA Board Meeting

5:15-6:45pm Poster Session Reception (Dermatology Fellows, Young Investigators, Pilots and Sponsors) Light refreshments, all retreat attendees encouraged to attend

Friday, February 23

- 6:30-10:00am Registration open
- 7:30-9:00am General Breakfast
- 7:00-8:50am Industry Roundtable Breakfast (by invitation only)

9:00-9:05am Opening Remarks Day 2

Joan Levy PhD, MRA CSO

- **9:05-9:35am** Keynote Lecture 2: Yardena Samuels PhD, The Weizmann Institute of Science Mechanisms of immune activation and regulation in melanoma
- 9:35-11:00 Scientific Session 6: The Tumor Microenvironment
- 11:30-12:30pm Closing Panel: Disease Management Across the Continuum: Dermatology, Surgery, Oncology, and Survivorship
- 12:30-12:35 Closing Remarks

Tanisha Jackson PhD, MRA Scientific Program Director

12:35-1:30 pm Lunch and Departures