



New York Blood Center

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Faculty/Speakers

Luzmary Alvarez

Suzanne A. Arinsburg, DO

Assistant Director, Blood Bank and Transfusion Services - Mount Sinai Hospital; Assistant Professor of Pathology - Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

Scott Vecilla, MD, PhD

Medical Director of Cellular Therapy and Assistant Medical Director of Transfusion Medicine, Department of Laboratory Medicine - Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

Ian Bain, MD, PhD

Ian received his medical training and PhD at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx, with his research work focusing on the transcriptional mechanisms underlying anergy in natural Regulatory T cells. He completed his training in Clinical Pathology, as well as subspecialty training in Molecular Genetic Pathology. Currently is a fellow in Transfusion Medicine and Apheresis at Yale-New Haven. He will be transitioning to a role as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Pathology at Mt Sinai Hospital/Icahn School of Medicine with a focus on transfusion medicine, apheresis and cell therapy. His academic interests center around mechanisms and sources of red cell alloimmunization, as well as the impact of novel immunotherapies on autoantibody formation.

Anna Burgos, MT(ASCP) SBB

Senior Immunohematologist, Laboratory of Immunohematology and Genomics – New York Blood Center

Carmelita Carrier, PhD

Director, Fred H. Allen Laboratory of Immunogenetics, New York Blood Center

Connie Cai

Immunohematology, New York Blood Center

Stephanie Dormesy

Manager-Apheresis & Recruitment, Bone Marrow Donors, MPS-New York Blood Center

Maly Fenelus, MD



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Cheryl Goss, MD

Associate Director Transfusion Medicine, Department of Laboratory Medicine, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center

Yen-Michael Hsu, MD, PhD

Assistant Director of Transfusion Medicine and Cellular Therapy
New York-Presbyterian Hospital; Assistant Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine;
Weill Cornell Medical College

Jessica Jacobson, MD

Laboratory Director & Chief of Pathology
Director, Blood Bank and Transfusion Medicine
Director, Special Hematology Laboratory - Bellevue Hospital Center

Alexandre Jimenez, MD

Medical Director
Transfusion & Laboratory Services
New York Blood Center

Steven H. Kang, MD

Director of the Blood Bank - SUNY Downstate Medical Center

Debra Kessler, RN, MS

Is internationally recognized for her expertise in donor management, transfusion transmitted infectious diseases, blood center operations and regulatory issues. She is author of 6 chapters, 85 publications and abstracts and has served as faculty, moderator and director for numerous professional meetings.

Katayoun Fomani, MD

I am a pathologist by training, Iran, after immigration to the US in 2008 and passing the USMLE I did internal medicine residency at Montefiore NY, and after receiving my board in internal medicine I did transfusion medicine fellowship in 2013-2014 at NYBC and right away was hired by Northwell Health and has been working here since then.



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Catherine McGuinn, MD

Dr. McGuinn trained at NYU School of Medicine (2001) and New York Presbyterian Hospital-Columbia for internship (2006), pediatric residency (2008) and pediatric hematology-oncology fellowship (2011). Dr. McGuinn's fellowship clinical research project was focus on outcomes of transplant for pediatric and adolescent patients with Severe Aplastic Anemia. After completing fellowship Dr. McGuinn joined the faculty as an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at Weill Cornell Medicine (WCM) in the Division of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology working in non-malignant hematology. She is the Director of the federally designated Weill Cornell - New York Presbyterian Hospital (NYPH) Hemophilia Treatment Center (HTC) and manages a clinical research program focused on novel therapeutics specifically expanded half-life clotting factors, subcutaneous agents and gene therapy. She currently is the Principal Investigator on 16 actively recruiting registry and clinical trials (Phase I/II, III and IV). Dr. McGuinn's also serves as the Associate Program Director for the combined training program at NYPH- Weill Cornell and Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MKSCC).

Beau Mitchell, MD

Pediatric Hematology. Mount Sinai School of Medicine

Angela Monteagle

Angela Monteagle, Director of Donor Marketing started with NYBC in April 2018. Angela has held several roles globally in traditional and digital marketing and brings six years' experience from the Australian Red Cross Blood Service where she held roles in marketing, recruitment, collections and operations.

MaryBeth Parache

MaryBeth Parache, Director of Quality Affairs at New York Blood Center is in her current role since 2010 where she is responsible to support and help develop quality systems and process improvement at NYBC. She is a certified Quality Auditor and has served as an AABB assessor for Blood Bank Transfusion standards and continues to serve as a AABB abstract reviewer. She has a B.S in Clinical Laboratory Technology and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from LIU at CW Post. She has worked 13+years as a blood bank technologist and has 20+ years' experience working in the blood center arena including field quality, consultation support and component processing



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Mahdokht Parsi, MPH, MT(ASCP)

Director of Operations, Laboratory of Immunohematology, Genomics & Frozen Blood – New York Blood Center

Vivien Powell, MSc, FIBMS

Vivien Powell, MS is currently the Manager of operations for the blood bank at New York University-Langone Health and an Adjunct Professor of Medical Laboratory Sciences at CUNY/Hunter College. She earned her degree in immunology from Chelsea College-University of London (UK) and her MS in applied immunology from Burnel University (UK). She has extensive interest and expertise in immunohematology and serves as an AABB Assessor for Immunohematology Reference Laboratories & Transfusion Services.

Bruce Sachais, MD, PhD

Bruce Sachais, MD, PhD is Vice President and Chief Medical Officer for the New York Blood Center Enterprises. He also serves as the Director of the Transfusion Medicine Fellowship Program. Dr. Sachais currently serves as Vice President of the Americas for the International Society for Apheresis (ISFA) and is a Past President of the American Society for Apheresis (ASFA). He also serves on the NBF grant review committee. His research interests include novel therapies for Heparin Induced Thrombocytopenia and Thrombosis, and improvement of blood products.

Andromachi Scaradavou, MD

Medical Director, National Cord Blood Program, New York Blood Center, Associate Attending, Pediatric Bone Marrow Transplant Service, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center

Eric Senaldi, MD

Medical Director - New York Blood Center

Andrew Rossin

Immunohematology, New York Blood Center

Patricia Shi, MD

Dr. Shi is Medical Director of Therapeutic Apheresis and Cellular Therapy Collections at New York Blood Center since 2011, and before that, had a similar role at Mount Sinai. She is also an Associate Professor at Albert Einstein. She has a particular interest in sickle cell disease. She did medical training at Duke, Johns Hopkins, and NIH.



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Amanda Smith, BS, MLS(ASCP)

Immunohematology, Laboratory of Immunohematology and Genomics – New York Blood Center

Yvette Tanhehco, PhD, MD, MS

Dr. Tanhehco is an Assistant Professor of Pathology and Cell Biology at Columbia University Irving Medical Center. She is the Director of Apheresis and Cellular Therapy Laboratory as well as the Assistant Director of Transfusion Medicine at New York-Presbyterian Hospital. Dr. Tanhehco received her PhD in viral oncology from Johns Hopkins University, MD from the University of Pittsburgh, and MS in translational research from the University of Pennsylvania. She did her residency in Clinical Pathology and fellowship in Transfusion Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Tanhehco's research and academic interests focus on cellular therapies for sickle cell disease.

Ljiljana Vasovic, MD

Assistant Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, Associate Director of Cellular Therapy, Assistant Director of Transfusion Medicine New York Presbyterian Hospital-Weill Cornell Campus- Weill Cornell Medicine

Sunitha Vege, MS

Sunitha Vege, MS is the Technical Director of the Genomics Laboratory at the New York Blood Center. She has worked in the field of blood group genotyping for over 15 years with particular interest in the RH system. She has presented at local, state, and national meeting and as co-authored numerous publications in the area of blood group genotyping.

Rona Weinberg, PhD

Dr. Rona Singer Weinberg earned her Bachelor of Science degree in biology at Brooklyn College in New York and her PhD in biomedical science at CUNY Mount Sinai School of Medicine. Dr. Weinberg is the director of the cellular therapy and regenerative medicine laboratories and is the PI of the Myeloproliferative Disorders Research Consortium's tissue bank, which is the largest repository of tissues from myeloproliferative neoplasm patients. Dr. Weinberg's research interests include bone marrow transplantation, myeloproliferative neoplasms, hemoglobinopathies, and bone marrow failure syndromes.