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Alliance Researcher Approved for \$13M Funding Award for Patient-Centered Research



Shelley Hwang - Photo credit-Shawn Rocco-Duke Medicine

An Alliance researcher has been approved for a multi-year funding award from the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) to fund comparative effectiveness research that will study active surveillance versus traditional treatment options, such as surgery and radiation, for patients diagnosed with ductal carcinoma in situ (DCIS). **Shelley Hwang, MD, MPH**, a surgical oncologist from Duke University Medical Center, is a member of the Alliance/American College of Surgeons Clinical Research Program's Cancer Care Delivery Research Committee.

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MEETINGS

2016 - Spring & Fall

- May 12-14 | Chicago
- November 2-4 | Chicago

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Chicago's 'Top Doctors' Feature Alliance Researchers

Thirty-four researchers from the Alliance for Clinical Trials in Oncology are among Chicago's "Top Doctors." The listing by *Chicago* magazine includes 355 of the "most recommended physicians" from 57 specialties. Alliance researchers are highly represented in five areas: medical oncology, hematology, urology, colon and rectal surgery, and thoracic and cardiac surgery. These researchers are named in the January 2016 issue.



Gini F. Fleming, MD

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MEETING RECAP

Clinical Research Professional Committee Launches New Group Meeting Format to Improve Training

The 2015 Alliance Fall Group Meeting included more than 15 Clinical Research Professional (CRP) workshops and presentations, providing the latest updates and education for current clinical trials and processes. The meeting included multiple breakout sessions to provide CRPs tailored education and training to enhance protocol implementation at the site level and allow for sites to share successful strategies with other sites.

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SPOTLIGHT ON TRIALS

Alliance Study to Assess Post RT Treatment Options on Multiple Myeloid Progression

Solitary plasmacytoma (SPB) of the bone is a localized build-up of abnormal plasma cells in the bone. The median age at diagnosis is 55 to 65 years and the median overall survival rate of approximately 10 years. The primary treatment for patients with SPB is localized radiation therapy. More than half of patients with SPB will eventually develop overt multiple myeloma.

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Reducing Cancer-related Fatigue

Key Focus of Alliance Study

Cancer-related fatigue is a very common symptom in patients with cancer. It is one of the most common and most troublesome symptoms for primary brain tumor patients throughout the course of the disease. Radiation therapy is the most common treatment modality for all brain tumor grades, and has been the treatment evaluated in the glioblastoma multiforme (GBM) patient population in relation to fatigue.

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