



Name: Clint Piper, MD, PhD

Hometown: Western Springs, IL

Residency Program:

UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh

Pediatric Hematology Oncology Areas of Interest:

Leukemia, Bone Marrow Failure Syndromes, BMT

What is your favorite thing about Pittsburgh?

The hills- they are not only pretty to look at but also interesting explore on runs, hikes, and bike rides. Coming from a flat area, adding a third dimension makes things exciting.

What is your favorite blood cell and why?

The T cell - not only is TCR gene rearrangement one of the most fascinating evolutionary adaptations ever, the T cell is perhaps the most versatile blood cell. They can directly kill infected cells, recruit other lymphocytes to areas of infection, and even suppress inflammation, not to mention immunological memory!



Name: Katie Magnan, MD

Hometown: Pittsburgh, PA

Residency Program: UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh

Pediatric Hematology Oncology Areas of Interest:

Oncology, Palliative Care, Medical Education

What is your favorite thing about Pittsburgh?

Having grown up in Pittsburgh, there are so many things I love about this city! Pittsburgh is a city of rich neighborhoods with a smalltown feel, but at the same time, it has all the amenities of a bigger city. I especially love Pittsburgh during the holiday season-- the ice skating rink and Christmas market downtown are a must!

What is your favorite blood cell and why?

Neutrophils- they defend from infection and look pretty while doing so!



Name: M. Clarise Valencia, MD-MBA

Hometown: Philippines

Residency Program: Medical College of Wisconsin Affiliated Hospitals, Inc

Pediatric Hematology Oncology Areas of Interest:

Cancer survivorship, global pediatric oncology

What is your favorite thing about Pittsburgh?

There is something interesting in every corner. Better winters relative to the midwest.

What is your favorite blood cell and why?

Eosinophil: hard to miss and stands out



Name: Michelle (Mickie) Roe, MD

Hometown: The little town of Barrington, IL

Residency Program: UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh

Pediatric Hematology Oncology Areas of Interest:

All things sarcoma <3.

What is your favorite thing about Pittsburgh?

There are so many things I love about Pittsburgh, but I think most frequently I appreciate that it's such a beautiful city (in an old, industrial kind of way). I am in awe of the views every time I make my commute.

What is your favorite blood cell and why?

The MEGAKARYOCYTE. Who can resist the big bumbling resident of the bone marrow who can harbor as many as 120 sets of DNA at once while doing all the heavy lifting of platelet production? Not this gal.



Name: Molly Mack, MD

Hometown: Dallas, Texas

Residency Program: UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh

Pediatric Hematology Oncology Areas of Interest:

Leukemia/Lymphoma and Palliative/Supportive Care.

What is your favorite thing about Pittsburgh?

Pittsburgh is a very dog-friendly city. We love to take our dog to Riding Meadow Park for a fun off leash hike and then a brewery right after - all really close to home. I am a die-hard Dallas sports fan, but I can respect that people from Pittsburgh love the black & gold.

What is your favorite blood cell and why?

I am a big fan of the eosinophil! Definitely the prettiest to look at under the microscope, but really it would be shorter to list what the eosinophil CAN'T do! It's involved in immune response, inflammation, and all kinds of infections. Who doesn't love worms & parasites?



Name: Julia Leix MD

Hometown: Pittsburgh, PA

Residency Program: Lehigh Valley Reilly Children's Hospital

Pediatric Hematology Oncology Areas of Interest:

Sarcoma, solid tumors

What is your favorite thing about Pittsburgh?

All the fun outdoor things that you can do- bike riding, running, hiking, kayaking

What is your favorite blood cell and why?

Neutrophil- they are just cool!



Name: Tsuyoshi Fujita MD PhD

Hometown: Kagoshima, Japan

Residency Program: UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh

Pediatric Hematology Oncology Areas of Interest:

Bone Marrow Transplant

What is your favorite thing about Pittsburgh?

It offers wide variety of fun things (food, bars, outdoor activities) and very affordable

What is your favorite blood cell and why?

Dendritic cells. Because they are carefully reading the environment