

Jonathan Kraft Prize for Excellence in Cancer Research

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The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

Targeting the Microbiome to Promote Health and End Cancer

Symposium

Thursday, May 29, 2025

1:30 – 5:30 pm

Simches 3110 Auditorium | Simches Building 3rd Floor
185 Cambridge Street, Boston, MA 02114

Symposium Chair

Andrea I. McClatchey, PhD

Keynote Speaker

Jennifer Wargo, MD, MMSc

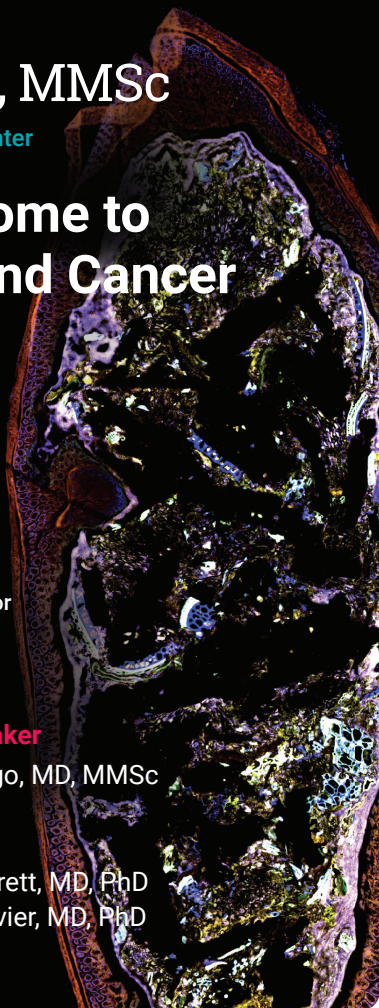
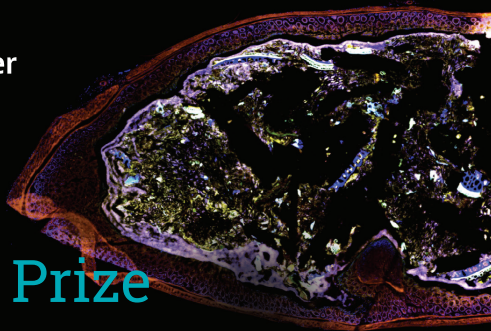
Symposium Speakers

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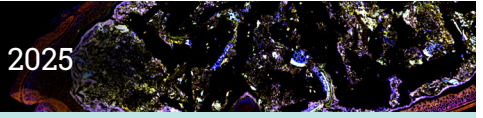
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1:30 pm

Welcome and opening remarks

Daniel A. Haber, MD, PhD

Director, Krantz Family Center for Cancer Research

Director Emeritus, Mass General Cancer Center

Introductions

Andrea I. McClatchey, PhD

Symposium Chair

Massachusetts General Hospital

1:40 pm

“The Burgeoning Bounty of the microBiome and its Bioactivities for well-Being”

Wendy S. Garrett, MD, PhD

Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

2:10 pm

“Overcoming microbiome dependent resistance to cancer immunotherapy”

Francesca Gazzaniga, PhD

Massachusetts General Hospital

2:40 pm

Break

3:00 pm

“Genetic approaches to dissect microbiota mechanisms in health and disease”

Ramnik J. Xavier, MD, PhD

Massachusetts General Hospital and Broad Institute

3:30 pm

“Deciphering the gut microbiome’s role in colorectal cancer”

Emily P. Balskus, PhD

Harvard University

4:00 pm

Break

4:20 pm

Keynote speaker introduction & prize presentation

Daniel A. Haber, MD, PhD

4:30 pm

Keynote Address

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