

# NCI Update

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CTAC Meeting

# Scientific Framework for Pancreatic Ductal Adenocarcinoma (PDAC)

- Released February 2014
- <http://deainfo.nci.nih.gov/advisory/ctac/workgroup/pc/PDACframework.pdf>

# NCI Cancer Clinical Investigator Team Leadership Award (CCITLA)



# Award Purpose

- Recognize and support outstanding mid-level clinical investigators at NCI-designated Cancer Centers participating extensively in NCI-funded collaborative clinical trials whose participation and activities promote a culture of successful clinical research.
- Promote the retention of clinical investigators in academic clinical research careers.

# Funding

- First awards made in 2009 with 57 recipients to date
- ~ 10 to 12 new awards per year
- Award duration is two years with funding of \$50,000 total costs per year
- **Allowable costs**
  - Salary
  - Courses, seminars, conferences, workshops
  - Travel (up to \$2500/year)
- Awardee must devote 15%-20% effort to the activities associated with this award and the sponsoring institution must protect the awardee's time for these activities.

# Eligibility

- Nominated by Cancer Center Director
- One application per Cancer Center
- Engaged in the conduct of NCI-funded cancer clinical trials
- Currently practicing in the oncology clinical setting and board certified in specialty area
- Full-time faculty member, assistant or associate professor level, eligible for promotion/tenure or with permanent status
- Physician (e.g., M.D., D.O.) or oncology nurse, clinical psychologist, or similarly qualified clinician with a doctoral degree
- Practicing at least 3 years but no more than 10 years post-fellowship
- Must not currently serve or have previously served as
  - PI of an NIH R, K, P, U, T, DP, RC, SC or TU series grant (with the exception of career development awards or other mentored grants)
  - Project leader within a Program Project award
  - Project co-leader within a SPORE award

# Supported Activities

Include, but not limited to

- Organizing courses, lecture/seminar series, educational sessions, or workshops
- Attending courses, seminars, meetings, conferences, or workshops
- Engaging fellows and new faculty in collaborative clinical research efforts
- Mentoring junior staff/fellows/trainees
- Participating on a particular cancer center committee
- Developing a clinical trial concept and/or protocol
- Designing and implementing initiatives to better coordinate, support and integrate a clinical trials culture at the institution
- Developing streamlined processes for the awardees' institution's (IRB), Data Safety Monitoring Board (DSMB), or Scientific Review Committees
- Resolving activation or accrual issues

# Application Evaluation Criteria

- Training and experience
- Leadership experience in clinical research activities/clinical trials
- Extent of participation in clinical trials and related activities
- Nominee's planned activities to promote a successful clinical research culture at his/her institution
- Clear institutional commitment to allow at least 15% effort for activities proposed in the application
- Is the level of institutional commitment to the career development of the nominee appropriate?



# 2013 CCITLA Awardees



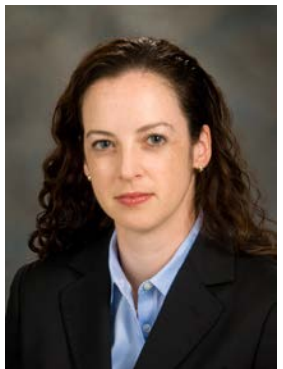
**Sikander Ailawadhi, M.D.**

Award received at **USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center**  
Currently at Mayo Clinic Florida



**Jessica Altman, M.D.**

**Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center**  
**Northwestern University**



**Lauren Byers, M.D., M.S.**

**M.D. Anderson Cancer Center**

# 2013 CCITLA Awardees



Sarah Cooley, M.D.  
Masonic Cancer Center  
University of Minnesota



N. Lynn Henry, M.D., Ph.D.  
University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center



Cynthia Ma, M.D., Ph.D.  
Alvin J. Siteman Cancer Center  
Washington University School of Medicine

# 2013 CCITLA Awardees



Mohammed Milhem, M.D.  
University of Iowa Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center



Timothy Showalter, M.D.  
University of Virginia Cancer Center



Abby Siegel, M.D.  
Herbert Irving Comprehensive Cancer Center  
Columbia University

# 2013 CCITLA Awardees



John H. Stewart, IV, M.D.  
Wake Forest Comprehensive Cancer Center



Eunice Wang, M.D.  
Roswell Park Cancer Institute

# Congratulations to the 2013 NCI Cancer Clinical Investigator Team Leadership Awardees



