



FRED HUTCH  
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# Dr. Eddie Méndez Postdoctoral Symposium

SEPTEMBER 19-20, 2022

This symposium honors Dr. Méndez, a physician-scientist at Fred Hutch and cherished colleague and mentor. Originally from Puerto Rico, he died in 2018 from cancer.

This award was created to recognize Dr. Méndez's commitment to cancer research and to support early-career underrepresented minority scientists and scientists with disabilities.



Monday, September 19th | 10 AM – 1 PM PT

## Session 1: Public Health Sciences



Lesley Chapman Hannah | National Cancer Institute  
**Evaluation of Germline Risk Variants in Pediatric Cancer**



Brittany Lord | National Cancer Institute  
**The Influence of Neighborhood Deprivation on the DNA Methylome in Breast Tissue from a Diverse Cohort**

## Session 2: Human Biology and Clinical Research



Aaron Moya | Boston Children's Hospital  
**Identifying Regulators of Early-Stage Lung Cancer**



Jaye Gardiner | Fox Chase Cancer Center  
**Bioinformatic Analyses Reveal a Novel Role for Ang-Tie2 Signaling in Pancreatic Cancer-Associated Fibroblasts**

## Session 3: Immunotherapy Integrated Research Center (IIRC) and Immunology



Aileen Fernandez | Yale University  
**Chasing the negative: A Search for Resistance Biomarkers in Immunotherapy-Treated Patients**



Daniel Fernando Zegarra-Ruiz | Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center  
**Microbiota-Specific T Cell Development**



Sze Suites, Thomas Building, Fred Hutch  
**Awardee Reception, Open to Fred Hutch Community**

Tuesday, September 20th | 11 - 1 PM PT

## Session 4: Basic Sciences



María Angélica Bravo Núñez | Harvard University  
**The Role of Meiotic Factors in Ploidy Dynamics**



Luis Hernandez-Núñez | Harvard University  
**Heart-Brain Feedback Loops: The Neural Mechanisms of Cardiac Homeostasis**

## Session 5: Vaccine and Infectious Disease Division (VIDD)



Alexis Jaramillo Cartagena | Broad Institute  
**Mechanism-Dependent Phenotypic Responses of Carbapenem-Resistant Enterobacterales (CRE)**



David Martinez | University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
**Immunologic Approaches to Emerging Coronavirus Infections**

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