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 Moye | 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

Tuesday, September 20th | 11 AM – 1 PM PT

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

Session 4: Basic Sciences
- María Angélica Bravo Núñez | Harvard University
  The Role of Meiotic Factors in Ploidy Dynamics
- Luis Hernandez-Nuñez | 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 Enterobacteria (CRE)
- David Martinez | University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
  Immunologic Approaches to Emerging Coronavirus Infections

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