

Trainee Research Symposium

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

8:00 am - 1:30 pm

Cullen Auditorium, Rayzor Lounge

1 Baylor Plaza, Houston, TX 77030



TEAMS

Keynote Speaker



Margaret (Peggy) Goodell, PhD

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Faculty Presenters

- Clinical Faculty -



Dolores H. Lopez-Terrada, MD, PhD
*Chief, Genomic Medicine, TCH
Professor, Pathology & Immunology,
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- Research Faculty -



Vanaja Konduri, PhD
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Program

7:30- 8:00 am	Breakfast	10:20 -11:20 am	Oral Trainee Presentations: Session 1 Moderator: Angshumoy Roy, MBBS, PhD Chihoon Ahn Mokhtar Abdelhammed EarnestJP Daniel Fouad EI-Dana
8:00- 8:05 am	Welcome and Opening Remarks Jun Teruya, MD, DSc		
8:05-8:55 am	Faculty Presentations Moderator: Sridevi Devaraj, PhD, DABCC, FRSC Faculty Speakers Dolores H. Lopez-Terrada, MD, PhD "Advances in the Pathogenesis and Classification of Pediatric hepatocellular neoplasms" Vanaja Konduri, PhD "Programming Cytotoxic Immunity: Dendritic Cell-Driven Expansion of cos⁺CD161⁺ T Cells and Early Clinical Correlates"	11:20-12:20 pm	Oral Trainee Presentations: Session 2 Moderator: William Decker, PhD Nalini Bisht Anna Catherine Unser Rong Chi-Hu Per Aspera Adastra
9:00-9:50 am	Larry E. Kane, MD, Memorial Lecture Margaret (Peggy) Goodell, PhD "Tissue Mosaicism and Pre-cancer in the Blood and Beyond"	12:20-1:10 pm	Poster Session and Boxed Lunch will be provided
10:00-10:20 am	Break	1:10 -1:30 pm	Awards Session and Closing Remarks James Versalovic, MD, PhD Martin Matzuk, MD, PhD