

# Image-Guided Cancer Therapy Research Program

## FY 2022 Program Update

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## A Note from IGCT Director: Dr. Kristy Brock

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Hello and Happy New Year! I hope that you achieved in 2022. As we slowly start to been great to see many of you “in person” at MD Anderson – and meet some of you for

WKLH , \* & 7 ZLWKR XW ZKRP WKL V XFFHVV year to come. This annual report highlights some of the incredible VXFFHVV WKDW RXU , \* & 7 IDFXOW\ DQG \$ IHZ L WHPV RI QRWH 7KH , \* & 7 VWDu L the last few pages of the report for some of the new faces as well as a list of the resources that IGCT can provide. Our IGCT Seminars DQG : RUNVKRSV KDYH FRQWLQXHG WR QRZ RuHU & 0( FUHGLW \$OO VHPLQDUV RQ GHPDQG [www.mdanderson.org/IGCT](http://www.mdanderson.org/IGCT). If you have any VXJJHVWLRQV ± RU ZRXOG OLNH WR SUH One of our biggest accomplishments this year was being awarded DQ 1& , 7 WUDLQLQJ JUDQW 7KL V ZLOO GLVFLSOLQDU\ HQYLURQPHQW IXWXUH UDGLDWLRQ RQFRORJ\ LQWHUYHQWL RQ FRUHHODWLYH SDWKRRORJ\ LPDJLQJ VFL D KXJH WKDQN \RX WR 'U .DUL %UHZHU WKH , \* & 7 forward to another exciting year of addressing clinical challenges and translating innovative science to patient care!

*Kristy Brock*

# A Note from IGCT Program Director: Kari Brewer Savannah, PhD

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to drive the vision and mission of the IGCT forward.  
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grant. In line with the addition and expansion of many collaborations  
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as resources and provide support for IGCT investigators in the areas of  
computational science and image contouring/annotation. Through the  
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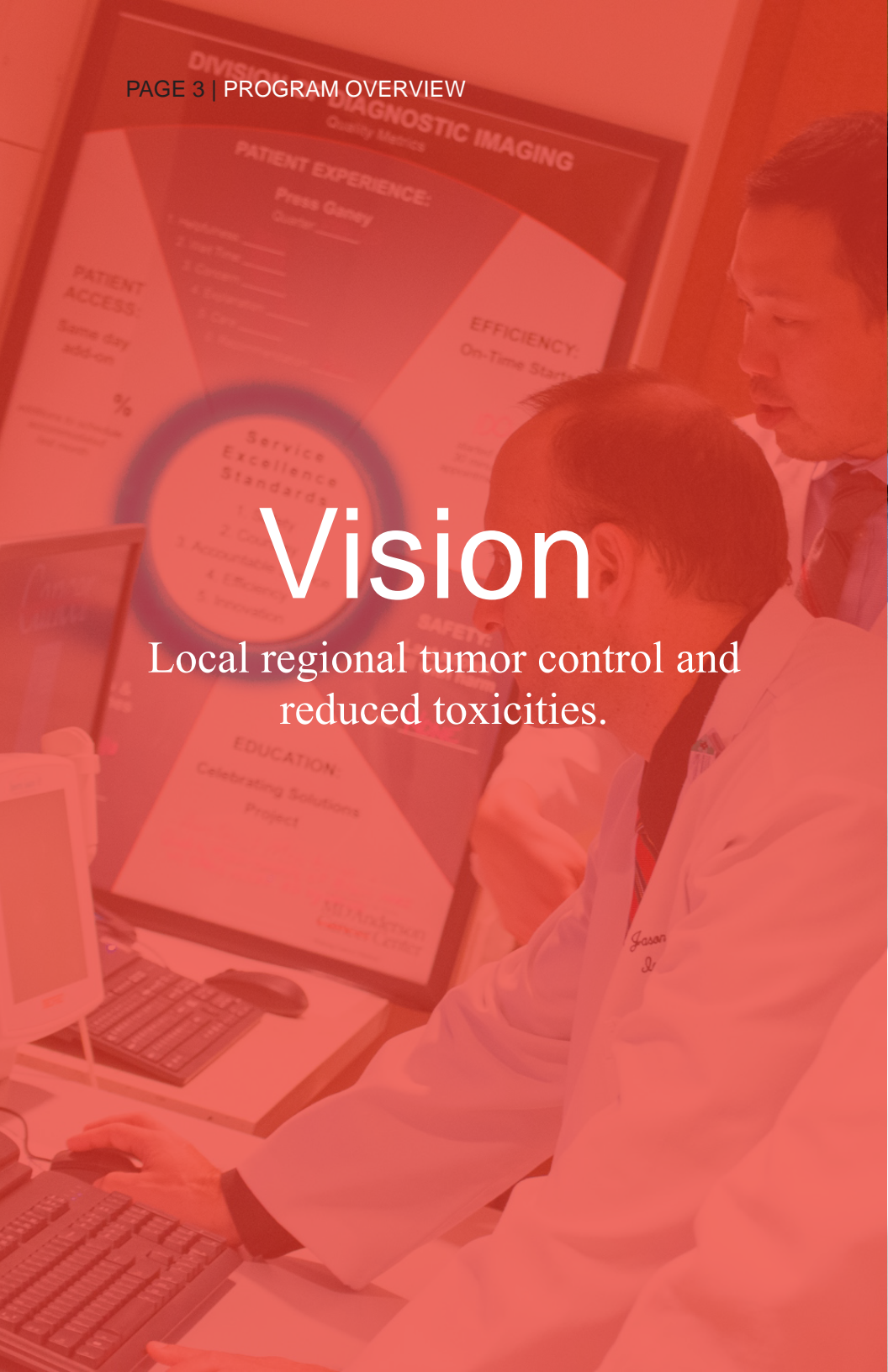
## FY 2022 IGCT Program Highlights:

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also available to view on demand from the IGCT website.
- The IGCT T32 Training Program was funded by the National Cancer  
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multidisciplinary P01 and T32 training grants.
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trainees spanning >40 diverse departments and 13 divisions/operational  
areas at MD Anderson.
- Nine investigators were welcomed to the IGCT along with several new  
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# Vision

Local regional tumor control and  
reduced toxicities.



# Mission

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physicians and scientists to address clinical challenges and technology barriers enabling the translation of innovative science directly to patient care.

# Program Overview

The Image Guided Cancer Therapy Research Program’s vision to harness the synergy of multidisciplinary teams has enabled the acceleration of innovation and its translation to the clinical environment. The program relies heavily on the expertise of its PHPEHUV LQWHUYF GLDJQRVWLF UDGLR VFLHQWLWV PHGL VXUJHRQV UDGLDW SDWKRORJLVWV DQ increased ‘clinical problem’ focused interactions clinical limitations DUH LGHQWLHG VROXWLRQV GHVLJQHG and clinical trials initiated. These LQLWLDWLYHV PDNH VWULGHV WRZDUGV improving patient care.

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Kristy K. Brock, PhD, DABR, FAAPM  
Director



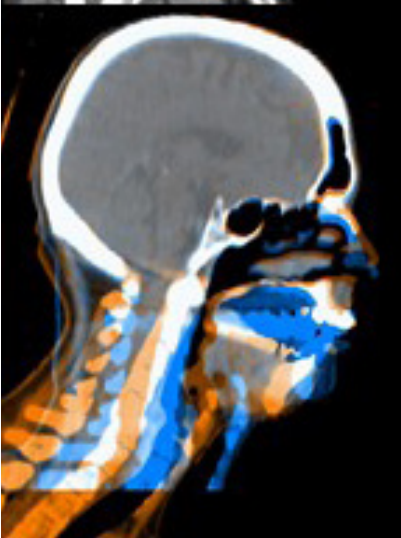
Clifton D. Fuller, MD, PhD, DABR  
Medical Director, Radiation Oncology Branch



Bruno C. Odisio, MD, DABR  
Medical Director, Interventional Radiology Branch

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Program Director





# Strategic Goals

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1. Develop and validate novel imaging to identify and target the tumor while avoiding normal tissue.

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of imaging to reduce uncertainties in executing the planned intervention.

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improvement in the local control and quality of life of cancer patients through image guided cancer therapy.

4. Provide mentorship in  
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research and grant writing.



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BIOSTATISTICS

IMAGING  
PHYSICS

CANCER SYSTEMS  
IMAGING

RADIATION ONCOLOGY

PATHOLOGY

SURGERY

RADIATION PHYSICS

INTERVENTIONAL  
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## Imaging Physics

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## Cancer Systems Imaging

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## Nuclear Medicine

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## Interventional Radiology

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## Radiation Oncology

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## Radiology

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# CPRIT & NIH Funding Granted to IGCT Investigators in FY 2022

PI Name	Department	Grant/Role	Grant Title
C. Chad Quarles, PhD	Cancer Systems Imaging	NCI R01 Multi-PI	Establishing the clinical utility of a consensus DSC-MRI protocol
C. Chad Quarles, PhD	Cancer Systems Imaging	CPRIT	Recruitment of established investigators (RR22038)
Marty D. Pagel, PhD	Cancer Systems Imaging	NCI R43 Multi-PI	Novel multispectral optoacoustic tomography contrast agents for evaluation of early response to radiation therapy
Ann M. Gillenwater, MD	H&N Surgery	NIDCR R01 Multi-PI	Deep learning microscope for slide-free and digital histology
Stephen Y. Lai, MD, PhD Kostia V. Sokolov, PhD	H&N Surgery Imaging Physics	NCI R21 Multi-PI	Radiosensitization of thyroid cancer by cancer cell specific reduction of gold ions
Jeffrey Myers, MD, PhD Andrew Sikora, MD, PhD	H&N Surgery H&N Surgery	NIDCR R01 Multi-PI	Functional roles of GOF TP53 mutations in metastasis and immunosuppression of head and neck cancers
Andrew Sikora, MD, PhD	H&N Surgery	NCI R01 Multi-PI	Targeting head and neck cancer cells and the adverse tumor microenvironment with a novel small-molecule STAT3 inhibitor
Kristy K. Brock, PhD	Imaging Physics	NCI P01 Core Co-Lead	Core 2: Translational biospecimens and imaging biomarkers
Kristy K. Brock, PhD Gregory P. Reece, MD	Imaging Physics Plastic Surgery	NIBIB R01 Multi-PI	Enhanced Biomechanical Modeling of the Breast for Women's Health
Kristy K. Brock, PhD Stephen Y. Lai, MD, PhD C. Dave Fuller, MD, PhD	Imaging Physics H&N Surgery Radiation Oncology	NCI T32 Multi-PI	Image Guided Cancer Therapy T32 Training Program
David T. Fuentes, PhD	Imaging Physics	NCI R21	Characterization of endovascular ablative therapies with computational modeling

, * & 7 , Q Y H V W L	Department	Grant/Role	Grant Title
Ho-Ling Anthony Liu, PhD	Imaging Physics	NCI R01 Multi-PI	A comprehensive clinical fMRI software solution to enable mapping of critical functional networks and cerebrovascular reactivity in the brain
Kostia V. Sokolov, PhD	Imaging Physics	NCI T32 renewal Multi-PI	Interdisciplinary Translational Pre/Postdoctoral Program in Cancer Nanotechnology
Kostia V. Sokolov, PhD	Imaging Physics	NCI R01 Multi-PI	In situ cancer cell specific biomineralization to overcome nanoparticle delivery barriers and sensitize pancreatic cancer to radiotherapy
Jia Wu, PhD	Imaging Physics	NCI R01 Multi-PI	Radioimmunogenomic habitat phenotypes to predict efficacy of neoadjuvant immunotherapies on non-small cell lung cancer
Steven J. Frank, MD	Radiation Oncology	NEI R41 & supplemental Funding Multi-PI	Ruslatide acetate (TP508) mitigation of genotoxic radiation damage in human lens epithelial cells  Supplemental Funding
Eugene J. Koay, MD, PhD David T. Fuentes, PhD	Radiation Oncology Imaging Physics	NCI R01 renewal Multi-PI	Early detection of hepatocellular carcinoma
Eugene J. Koay, MD, PhD Kristy K. Brock, PhD	Radiation Oncology Imaging Physics	NCI P01 Project Lead Project Co-Lead	Project 1: Understanding normal tissue toxicity to identify patients most likely to benefit from proton therapy
Steven H. Lin, MD, PhD	Radiation Oncology	NCI P01 Project PI	Project 2: Radiation-induced lymphopenia: Understanding predictive modeling and developing photon and proton-based mitigation strategies
Caroline Chung, MD	Radiation Oncology	CPRIT Multi-PI	Imaging-informed, biophysical computational modeling to forecast tumor progression in gliomas
Laurence E. Court, PhD Rick R. Layman, PhD	Radiation Physics Imaging Physics	CPRIT Multi-PI	Automated image quality assessment for AI applications in cancer treatment
Radhe Mohan, PhD	Radiation Physics	NCI P01 Multi PI	Integrating patient-specific clinical and biological factors towards individualizing utilization of proton and photon radiation therapy



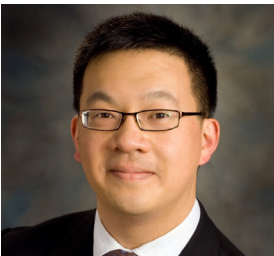
## Featured IGCT Investigator Grants in FY 2022



**James A. Bankson, PhD**  
Imaging Physics

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Following the successful launch of their  
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together once more to submit an NCI  
R01 that leverages the technology for  
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**Stephen Lai, PhD**  
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response to genotoxic stress induced by  
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FHOO FDUFLQRPD ,Q GR  
HVVDEOLVK K\SHUSRODUL



**Vlad C. Sandulache, MD, PhD**

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invasive imaging modality able to predict  
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oncology approach. Congratulations to the  
LQYHVWLJDWRUV RQ WKL  
and to their funded R01 that is slated to  
begin in early FY 2023.



**Caroline Chung, MD**  
Data Impact and Governance



**David Hormuth, PhD**  
University of Texas at Austin

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Biophysical Computational  
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Dr. Caroline Chung at MDACC partnered with Dr. David Hormuth of UT Austin Oden Institute to submit a CPRIT grant

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DQG VSDWLDOO\ PDS PRU  
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receiving radiation therapy for gliomas.

The proposal leveraged preliminary data

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Computing Center. Their CPRIT

collaboration integrates multiparametric magnetic resonance imaging

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control. Congratulations to Drs. Chung and Hormuth on the CPRIT funding awarded in February 2022.

## Featured IGCT Investigator Grants in 2022

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**Rahul Sheth, MD**  
Interventional Radiology

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delivery of immunotherapies and  
microenvironment priming lead Dr. Rahul

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carcinoma patients. His research will evaluate a novel intratumoral

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(the ImFusion system). The system allows for controlled drug delivery

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to prime the tumor microenvironment for immune activation. This

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in locoregional therapies to its application as a potential immune

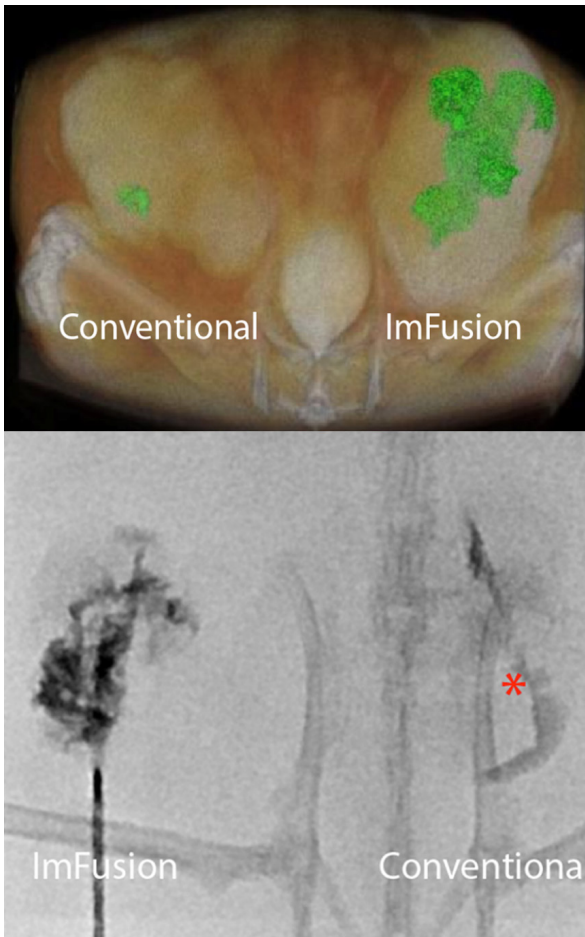
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project is anticipated in FY 2023. Congratulations to Dr. Sheth on

this outstanding research and anticipated R01 funding.

**“I am very much looking forward to continuing collaborations with IGCT in the new year. IGCT’s expertise in pre-, intra-, and post-procedural image guidance is second to none, and there are multiple exciting projects I can’t wait to work on together.”**

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# Featured IGCT Research



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Dr. Siewerdsen launched the Surgical Data Science (SDS) Program and Surgineering Lab at UT MD Anderson in July 2022. The SDS Program aims to gain new insights on

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predictive models based on the capture and curation of conventionally  
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surgical systems and data are vital to advancing the quality and value  
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Lab to support activities in development and translation at UT MD  
Anderson. The Surgineering Lab features advanced systems for  
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a realistic Operating Room (OR) and will form an important proving  
ground and home base for translational research. Dr. Siewerdsen and  
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**“The Surgineering Lab extends the capabilities of the IGCT Program for interdisciplinary collaborations in surgery. Dr. Brock’s leadership of the IGCT Program was the spark that helped to ignite interest in creating such a lab with cutting-edge technologies that mimic a clinical OR co-located among IGCT resources. The 6XUJLQHHULQJ DQG 6XUJLFDO 'DWD naturally with ongoing research in the IGCT, where imaging is recognized as one of the most vital forms of technology and data streams in the operating room.”**

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 Science in Oncology

# Featured IGCT Research



**Gregory P. Reece, MD**  
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**Kristy K. Brock, PhD**  
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Enhanced Biomechanical  
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Research Study The team is leveraging  
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correlative pathology to create a structurally  
accurate computer model of the breast that  
is a faithful reproduction of the anatomy.  
Their overall vision is to improve the  
accuracy of the model such that it can be  
used as a reliable tool in the diagnosis and

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period. They aim to improve the model by determining the anatomical  
and biomechanical characteristics of the fascial support system of the

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including extensive use of the Xerra CFT and CryoJane tape transfer  
system for correlative pathology.

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made the grant writing process an organized and  
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management skills, professional experience and pleasant  
personalities. For instance, they introduced us to an  
alternative grant format that helped us focus our  
thoughts, which facilitated grant writing in record time.

While much of our work together lays ahead of us, I  
know that their insight, cutting edge imaging technology,  
and modeling abilities will prove invaluable as we work  
to complete the grant.”

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# Featured IGCT Research



**Bruno C. Odisio, MD**  
Interventional Radiology

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during the Spring of 2023. Additional information about the trial can be  
found at [clinicaltrials.gov \(NCT #05361551\)](https://clinicaltrials.gov/NCT05361551).

“Through the IGCT Research Program, I was able connect with colleagues from the Neurosurgery Department to translate the use of stereotactic imaging guidance for the treatment of liver tumors, which we will evaluate soon under a sponsored clinical trial.”

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# Image Guided Cancer Therapy

## T32 Training Program

**MPIs/Program Directors: Kristy K. Brock, PhD (Imaging Physics)**  
**Stephen Lai, MD, PhD (Head and Neck Surgery)** **C. Dave Fuller,**  
**MD, PhD (Radiation Oncology)**

The **IGCT T32 Training Program** SURYLGHV LQWHJUDWHG research and training needed for tomorrow's pioneering researchers WR DGYDQFH LPDJH JXLGHG FDQFHU WKH GLDJQRVWLF UDGLRORJ\ UDGLDWLRQ RQFR

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- &URVV GLVFLSOLQDU\ 3KPHQWRULQJ 3K' RU and support from established HTXLYDOHQW ZLWKLQ clinician scientists and degree or completion of clinical investigators residency program)
- 3HUVRQDOLJHG DQG DGBSWDEOH Strong desire and interest to pursue research in image guided cancer therapies WUDLQLQJ SODQ WR 6RXUFDUHU
- ,PPHUVLYH PXOWL GLVFLSOLQDU\ 86 FLWLJHQ RU SHUPD research (NIH requirement)
- Clinical shadowing with IGCT +RZ WR \$SSO\ IDFXOW\ LQ NH\ LPDJH JXLGHG Interested candidates may submit an application to include the below cancer therapy areas
- 6FLHQWL\ F JUDQWGRFXWHQW YLD WKH OL training with faculty guidance below: and mentoring to help the trainee achieve independent funding
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  - Research/Interest statement
  - Adversity/Diversity statement
  - Contact information for three referees to provide letters of reference
- Professional development and NQRZOHGJH EXLOGLQJ ZULWLQJ development opportunities:
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To learn more, visit <http://www.mdanderson.org/IGCT-T32> or email us at [IGCT-T32@mdanderson.org](mailto:IGCT-T32@mdanderson.org).



## Investigators Joining IGCT in FY 2022

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**Peiman Habibollahi, MD**  
Assistant Professor  
Department of Interventional Radiology



**Katherine A. Hutcheson, PhD**  
Professor  
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**Yon Son (Betty) Kim, MD, PhD**  
Professor  
Department of Neurosurgery



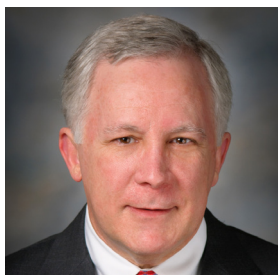
**Savitri Krishnamurthy, MD**  
Professor  
Department of Pathology



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# IGCT Seminars and Workshops

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   September 20, 2021	<u>\$QLUEDQ 0DLW</u> <del>Professor</del> % 6 Dept. of Pathology; Scientific Director, Ahmed Center for Pancreatic Cancer Research, MDACC ( X J H Q Koay, MD, PhD - Associate Professor, Dept. of GI Radiation Oncology, MDACC <u>Manoop 6 Bhutani MD</u> - Professor, Dept. of Gastroenterology, Hepatology, and Nutrition; Director, Endoscopic Research and Development, MDACC	"Pancreatic Cancer Therapy: Advances & Challenges, Radiomics Prediction in Treatment Response, and Endoscopic Guided Therapies"
 October 4, 2021	<u>Iwan Paolucci , PhD</u> - Postdoctoral Fellow, Dept. of Interventional Radiology, MDACC	"Stereotactic Image- Guided Surgery - An Introduction for Non - Engineers" Part 1 of 2 in a lecture series.
 October 18, 2021	<u>Iwan Paolucci , PhD</u> - Postdoctoral Fellow, Dept. of Interventional Radiology, MDACC	"Stereotactic Image- Guided Ablation of Malignant Liver Tumors - From Bench to Bedside" Part 2 of 2 in a lecture series.

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 <p>November 4, 2021</p>	<p><u>Vinodh A. Kumar, MD</u> - Associate Professor, Dept. of Neuroradiology, MDACC "Introduction to Pre- and Intra-Operative MRI" <u>6 X M L W 6 3 U D P</u> Professor, Dept. of Neurosurgery, MDACC "Intra-Operative Direct Cortical Simulation for Functional Mapping" <u>Kyle R. Knoll, PhD</u> Assistant Professor, Dept. of Neuro-Oncology, MDACC "Assessment of Neurocognitive Function and Outcome" <u>+ R / L Q J \$ Q W K R Q \ / L X 3 K '</u> Professor, Dept. of Imaging Physics, MDACC "Technical Challenges in Functional MRI"</p>	<p>"Functional Mapping for Brain Tumor Surgery"</p>
 <p>December 6, 2021</p>	<p><u>6 Cheenu Kappadath, PhD</u> - Associate Professor, Dept. of Imaging Physics, MDACC "Updates on Y90-Radioembolization Dosimetry and Dose-Response" <u>* U H J R U \ &amp; 5 D Y L - J A</u> Associate Professor, Dept. of Nuclear Medicine, MDACC "Current Status of Prostate Theranostics" <u>+ &amp; K D U O H V 0 D Q - Q L Q J 3 K '</u> Professor, Dept. of Cancer Systems Imaging, MDACC "Emerging Opportunities in Theranostics Research"</p>	<p>"Theranostics: Current Status and Emerging Opportunities at MD Anderson"</p>
 <p>January 19, 2022</p>	<p><u>Cynthia Rudin, PhD</u> - Professor, Dept. of Computer Science, Electrical and Computer Engineering, and Statistical Science; Director, Prediction Analysis Lab, Duke University</p>	<p>"Interpretable Neural Networks for Computer Vision: Clinical Decisions that are Computer-Aided, not Automated"</p>
 <p>February 14, 2022</p>	<p><u>3 D O O D Y L 7 L Z D U L 3 K '</u> Assistant Professor, Dept. of Biomedical Engineering, Case Western Reserve University</p>	<p>"Artificial Intelligence and Computational Imaging: Opportunities for Precision Medicine"</p>
 <p>March 29, 2022</p>	<p><u>6 ; U H Q % H Q W P H Q</u> Professor, Dept. of Epidemiology and Public Health; Professor, Dept. of Radiation Oncology; Division Director, Biostatistics and Bioinformatics, University of Maryland School of Medicine</p>	<p>"Seeing is Believing - But Where's the Evidence"</p>

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<div></div> <p>April 11, 2021</p>	<p><u>J. Q. D. F. L. R. V. W. X. M. D.</u> - Professor, Dept. of Translational Molecular Pathology, MDACC "MD Anderson Moon Shot APOLLO Platform" <u>Alda L. Tam, MD</u> - Professor, Dept. of Interventional Radiology, MDACC "Image-Guided Research Biopsies: Best Practices"</p>	<p>"Advances in Image Guided Biopsy"</p>
<div></div> <p>May 19, 2021</p>	<p><u>Toby C. Cornish, MD, PhD</u> Associate Professor, Dept. of Pathology, School of Medicine, University of Colorado - Anschutz Medical Campus</p>	<p>"Quantitative Analysis of Ki67, a Prognostic Biomarker in Gastroentero - pancreatic Neuroendocrine Tumors"</p>
<div></div> <p>June 1, 2022</p>	<p><u>&amp; D O H E 2 &amp; R Q Q M E D I C A L P H Y S I C S</u> Assistant, Dept. of Imaging Physics, MDACC <u>Yuan Q D R</u> * D U \ / L - Q 0 ' Postdoctoral Fellow, Dept. of Interventional Radiology, MDACC <u>Iwan Paolucci , PhD</u> - Postdoctoral Fellow, Dept. of Interventional Radiology, MDACC <u>Bruno C. Odisio, MD</u> Associate Professor, Dept. of Interventional Radiology, MDACC</p>	<p>"Anatomical Modeling to Improve the Precision of Image Guided Liver Ablation: A COVER-ALL Clinical Trial Update"</p>
<div></div> <p>August 9, 2022</p>	<p>2022 Awardees: % H V W ' H V L J Q * U D S K L F V \$ Z D U G 5 D F K H O , Y \ (Mentor: Dr. Caroline Chung) % H V W 2 Y H U D O O 3 U H Q H Q W D W L B O Zha (Mentor: Dr. Kristy Brock) Best Potential for Clinical Impact - ( O O D \$ O G U L G J H (Mentor: Dr. Kate Hutcheson)</p>	<p>"IGCT Summer Undergraduate Student Showcase"</p>



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"Getting Started with AI -  
Day 1 - AI Resources and  
Tools"

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"An XNAT Overview"  
& D U R O L Q H & K X i C President and Chief Data  
Officer, MDACC

"Using Docker for AI Research"  
- R K Q : R R G Computational Scientist, Dept. of Imaging  
Physics, MDACC

"Enterprise Data Science Environments"  
- D P H V / R P D [ Data Scientist, MD Anderson

"HPC at MD Anderson"  
Bradley Broom, PhD Professor, Dept. of Bioinformatics  
and Computational Biology, MD Anderson

"Texas Advanced Computing Center (TACC)"  
: L O O L D P - R H \$ Research Associate, Texas  
Advanced Computing Center, University of Texas at Austin

"AI Tools, Tips, and Tricks"  
Brian M. Anderson, PhD Medical Physics Resident,  
University of California-San Diego

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Dept. of Imaging Physics, MDACC

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Dept. of Imaging Physics, MDACC

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Physics, MDACC

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Dept. of Radiation Physics, MDACC

"Getting Started with AI -  
Day 2 - Leveraging  
Resources and Tools for  
Research in AI"

November 12, 2021

Ankit B. Patel, PhD - Assistant Professor, Dept. of  
Neuroscience, Baylor College of Medicine; Assistant Professor,  
Electrical and Computer Engineering, Rice University

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Physics, MDACC

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"Navigating Team Science - Day 1: Building the Right Teams"  O D U F K	Opening Remarks given by Peter WT Pisters, M.D. - President of MD Anderson
	"Building Strong Team Foundations" ' D U U H O O 6 L P P R Q Leadership Practitioner, Leadership Institute, MDACC
	"Building Collaborative Research Teams" Andrew Futreal, PhD Professor and Chair, Dept. of Genomic Medicine; Vice President for Strategic Translational Research Programs, MDACC
	"Successful Team Science Collaborations: U54 Grants" ( X J H Q H K o a y , M D , P h D Associate Professor, Dept. of Radiation Oncology, MDACC
	"Successful Team Science Collaborations: P01 Grants" & ' D Y H ) X O O H U Associate Professor, Dept. of Radiation Oncology; Research Director, Radiation Oncology, MDACC
	"Successful Team Science Collaborations: Multi - Institutional Clinical Trials" Jennifer K. Litton, MD Professor, Dept. of Breast Medical Oncology; Vice President of Clinical Research, MDACC
	"Successful Team Science Collaborations: SPORE Grants" Juan Fueyo, MD Professor, Dept. of Neuro-Oncology, MDACC

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"Navigating Team  
Science - Day 2:  
Resolving Conflict and  
Working Through  
Challenging Discussions"

March 2, 2022

"Ideal Team States: What if Reality Isn't Ideal?"  
Dustin E. Bennett, BA - LI Training Specialist, Leadership  
Institute, MDACC

"Conflict Resolution in Team Science"  
6 F R W W % & D Q W R S S - Professor, Dept. of Health Services  
Research; Ombudsman, MDACC

"Challenges in Team Science and Steps to Resolution"  
\$ Q L U E D Q 0 D L W 0 - Professor, Depts. of Pathology and  
Translational Molecular Pathology; Scientific Director, Ahmed  
Pancreatic Cancer Center; Deputy Division Head for  
Academic Science, MDACC

"Authorship Conflicts"  
Varsha Gandhi, PhD - Professor and Chair Ad Interim, Dept.  
of Experimental Therapeutics, MDACC

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MD Anderson Panelists:  
Dustin E. Bennett, BA - LI Training Specialist, Leadership  
Institute

6 F R W W % & D Q W R S S - Professor of Health Services  
Research & Ombudsman

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Translational Molecular Pathology; Scientific Director, Ahmed  
Pancreatic Cancer Center; Deputy Division Head for  
Academic Science

Varsha Gandhi, PhD - Professor and Chair Ad Interim of  
Experimental Therapeutics

Robert C. Bast, Jr., MD - Vice President for Translational  
Research

6 W H S K H Q < / D L - Professor of Head & Neck  
Surgery

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James A. Bankson, PhD - Professor of Imaging Physics

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Oncology

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“Deformable Image Registration Workshop - Day 1: Fundamentals of Deformable Image Registration”  0 D \	“Fundamentals of DIR and Similarity Metrics” <u>: L O O L D P 6 D Q G \</u> : Professor, Dept. of Radiology, Brigham and Women’s Hospital and Harvard University
	“Demons Algorithms” <u>* U H J R U \ &amp; 6 K D - A S S A K E</u> : Associate Professor and Medical Physicist, Dept. of Radiation Oncology, Massachusetts General Hospital
	“Free -Form Deformable Algorithms” <u>Jamie McClelland, PhD</u> – Associate Professor, Dept. of Medical Physics and Bioengineering, University College London
	“Fluid -Flow and Elastic Algorithms” <u>Gary E. Christensen, PhD</u> - Professor, Depts. of Electrical and Computational Engineering and Radiation Oncology, University of Iowa
	“Deep Learning -Based Algorithms” <u>Jayashree Kalpathy Cramer, PhD</u> – Associate Professor, Dept. of Radiology, Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard University
	“Biomechanical Model -Based Algorithms” <u>Kristy K. Brock, PhD</u> - Professor, Dept. of Imaging Physics, MDACC

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“Deformable Image  
Registration Workshop -  
Day 2: Successes and  
Future Work in  
Deformable Image  
Registration”

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“Physician’s Perspectives”  
Cynthia Menard, MD – Head – Radiation Oncology Service,  
CHUM; Professor, Université de Montreal

“Brain”  
0 L F K D H O 0 L J Professor, Depts. of Biomedical  
Engineering and Radiology, Vanderbilt University

“Spine”  
- H I I U H \ + 6 L H Z H U - P H D Professor, Dept. of  
Biomedical Engineering, Johns Hopkins University

“Head and Neck”  
Jan Jakob 6 R Q J P H D - Professor, Dept. of Radiation  
Oncology, Netherlands Cancer Institute

“Lung”  
\* H R I I + X J R - P H D Professor, Dept. of Radiation Oncology,  
Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis

“Liver”  
- R Q 6 + H L V H O P D O C T O R Postdoctoral Research Scholar,  
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

“Pelvis”  
Bastien Rigaud, PhD – Research Scientist, University of  
Rennes

## Our IGCT Staff and Resources are Growing

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**\$XVWLQ & DVWHOR** %6 joined the IGCT in

Spring 2022 as an Associate Systems Analyst.

Austin is a graduate from the University

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**Mais Al Taie, MD, PhD** joined IGCT

as a Research Investigator in the Spring

of 2022. Dr. Al Taie received her PhD

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Medical and Dental University and her MD

from the University of Mustansiriyah in Iraq.

Dr. Al Taie's projects include manual and AI

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developing robust AI segmentation algorithms and vessel annotation

detection on CT and ultrasound images toward the development of a

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**1LKLO 3DWHO 00** joined the IGCT as a

Research Assistant II in October 2022. Nihil

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where he earned an MS in Computer Science.

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and at Gottingen University. Nihil's primary

project is to retrain the Morfeus Lab's deep learning CT segmentation

algorithms on newer data with the eventual goal of evaluating their

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joined the IGCT in Fall 2020 and serves as the

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Chemistry from Hillsdale College and a PhD

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She previously served as Assistant Professor

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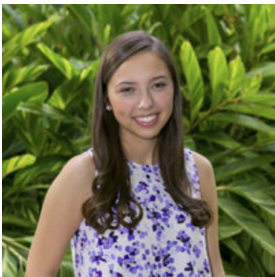




**&DOHE 21&ROQRU 06** joined the IGCT

as a Physics Assistant in Summer 2021. Caleb HDUQHG KLV %6 DQG 06 LQ University of Louisiana at Lafayette. In his UROH LQ WKH , \* & 7 &DOHE automation of existing algorithms for clinical UHVHDFK DQG GHSOR\PHQV LPDJH DQDO\VLV DQG UHJLV

additional computational areas.



**(PPD 0F&ROOX P %6** joined the

IGCT as a Research Assistant I in June of (PPD LV D JUDGXDWH I 8QLYHUVLV\ LQ 6W /RXLV D %6 LQ %LRPHGLFDO (QJL

projects include assessing accumulated dose delivery of intensity modulated photon therapy in prostatic adenocarcinoma patients

DQG RQJRLQJ FROODERUDWLRQV ZLWK Innovation Program at MD Anderson. Prior to joining the IGCT full WLPH (PPD VSHQW VXPPHUV LQ DQO researcher with IGCT.



**\$QGURQLNL 0LVWRX** joined the

IGCT as a Physics Assistant in Fall 2021 after completing her MS in Medical Physics at the University of Massachusetts Lowell. Her projects include dose accumulation using deformable image registration in head DQG QHFN FDQFHU SDWLH pathology. She has expertise in image

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# How Can the IGCT Help You as an IGCT Investigator?

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Please contact the IGCT Program (IGCTR@mdanderson.org) or reach out to IGCT Director Dr. Kristy Brock to learn more about IGCT-based resources or discuss options and resource availability.

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| Image analysis                          | Scaling code/building pipelines |
| Image registration                      |                                 |
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