A CURE WITHIN REACH: GENOMICS THERAPIES FOR HEMOGLOBIN DISORDERS

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3:00 - 4:00 PM
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MURRAY SARGENT AUDITORIUM
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NEW YORK, NY

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW
WELCOME
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ALEXANDER S. WIENER LECTURE
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Q&A SESSION
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AWARD PRESENTATION
Christopher D. Hillyer, MD
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RECEPTION
Lower Level Conference Room
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Dr. Alexis Thompson is currently the Hematology Section Head at Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago in Chicago, Illinois. She holds the A. Watson and Sarah Armour Endowed Chair for Blood Diseases and Cancer at Lurie Children’s. She is also a Professor of Pediatrics at the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine.

Her clinical interests include hemoglobinopathies (thalassemia and sickle cell disease), bone marrow failure syndromes and stem cell transplantation in pediatric patients. In her current position, she is an investigator on multi-center trials and as well as her own institutional clinical studies in thalassemia, sickle cell disease and ITP. Her most significant scientific contributions are clinical and translation studies to better understand and treat hemoglobinopathies. She has been a leader in multicenter collaborations, such as the NHLBI-funded Thalassemia Clinical Research Network and the Sickle Cell Disease Implementation Consortium.

Dr. Thompson is also the Associate Director for Equity and Minority Health at the Robert H. Lurie Cancer Center and Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. She has served on regional and national on advisory committees for governmental agencies as well as nonprofit organizations focused on improving healthcare access, increasing workforce diversity and reducing health disparities. She was the President of the American Society of Hematology in 2018.
Dr. Alexander Solomon Wiener is recognized internationally for his significant contributions to medicine. He was an outstanding leader in the fields of forensic medicine, serology, and immunogenetics. His pioneering work with Dr. Karl Landsteiner led to the discovery of the Rh factor in 1937, and subsequently to the development of exchange transfusion methods that saved the lives of countless infants with hemolytic disease of the newborn. He was a Professor in the Department of Forensic Medicine at New York University School of Medicine and Serologist in the office of the Chief Medical Examiner of New York. He was the recipient of numerous honors, including the Lasker Public Service Award, Passano Award, Karl Landsteiner Award, and Kennedy International Award. Dr. Wiener died on November 6, 1976. The Alexander S. Wiener Lecture is dedicated in his memory.