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Honoring Dr. Matthew Riese's Contributions to Science and Medicine

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The Versiti community was saddened to learn of the passing of Associate Investigator Matthew Riese, MD, PhD, in December following an acute illness. At Versiti Blood Research Institute, Dr. Riese studied the immune system and cancer cells, with a goal of figuring out how a patient's own immune system could be used to fight cancer.



“Dr. Riese was a brilliant clinician and scientist who was on the cusp of becoming a leader in his field of immune-oncology in the context of bladder and prostate cancer,” said Interim Director and Senior Investigator Roy Silverstein, MD. “He was beloved by his colleagues and his patients. Most importantly, he personified what it means to be humble, kind and present. When talking with Dr. Riese, he listened intently and with purpose, a trait his patients and colleagues greatly valued. He was never an individual who sought the spotlight and rarely talked about his own accomplishments. Instead, he deflected attention to others, often using his characteristic wit in the process. As dedicated as he was to his patients and his research, his family and his two boys were the world to him. He was their biggest cheerleader, supporting them in all of their athletic and academic pursuits.”

Dr. Riese left us too soon and will be greatly missed.

Schedule

9:00 - 9:05 am	Welcome	Chris Miskel President and CEO, Versiti
9:05 - 9:10 am	Opening Remarks	Roy Silverstein, MD John and Linda Mellows Professor and Chair, Department of Medicine, Professor of Physiology and Cell Biology, Medical College of Wisconsin; Senior Investigator, Blood Research Institute, Versiti
9:10 - 9:55 am	Speaker Introduction by Jose Rosas Graduate Student	Joseph T. Barbieri, PhD Professor of Microbiology & Immunology; Director, Medical Scientist Training Program, Medical College of Wisconsin <i>The Clostridial Neurotoxins: Two Edged Swords</i>
9:55 - 10:40 am	Speaker Introduction by Dandan Wang Graduate Student	Bryon D. Johnson, PhD Professor of Medicine, Division of Hematology/Oncology, Medical College of Wisconsin <i>Engineering T Cells for Resistance to Immune Checkpoints</i>
10:40 - 11:25 am	Speaker Introduction by Jian Shen Graduate Student	Debra Newman, PhD Senior Investigator, Blood Research Institute, Versiti <i>T cell regulation of, and by, PECAM-1</i>
11:25 am - 1:00 pm	Break	

1:00 - 1:45 pm	Speaker Introduction by Kyle Stoltz Graduate Student	Subramaniam Malarkannan, PhD Senior Investigator & Gardetto Chair for Immunology and Immunotherapy, Blood Research Institute, Versiti Professor of Medicine, Divisions of Hematology/Oncology, Microbiology & Molecular Genetics, and Pediatrics, Medical College of Wisconsin <i>Matt'reology: Single-cell Transcriptome Reveals Altered TME in Pancreatic Cancer Patients</i>
1:45 - 2:30 pm	Speaker Introduction by Elaheh Hashemi Graduate Student	Weiqing Jing, PhD Research Scientist II, Blood Research Institute, Versiti <i>T Cells Deficient in Diacylglycerol Kinase ζ Are Resistant to PD-1 Inhibition and Help Create Persistent Host Immunity to Leukemia</i>
2:30 - 3:15 pm	Speaker Introduction by Moujtaba Kasmani Graduate Student	Erin Wesley, PhD Post-Doctoral Fellow, University of Minnesota <i>Evaluation of NK Cells in Ovarian Cancer Patients with Cytomegalovirus Reactivation and Systemic Inflammation</i>