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**To: Cancer Clinical Researchers and Staff**

**RE: Faculty Clinical Research Officers (FCROs)**

Masonic Cancer Center (MCC) leadership has appointed Faculty Clinical Research Officers (FCROs) to assist the Clinical Trials Office (CTO) and cancer center members in the conduct of interventional clinical trials. These faculty are experienced clinical trialists and will assume responsibility of all interventional research in their area of expertise including prioritizing, start-up, accrual, conduct, and close-out.

FCROs:

- Heme malignancy: Veronika Bachanova
- Adult BMT: Claudio Brunstein
- Peds BMT: John Wagner
- Solid Tumor (Breast, Gyn Onc, Sarcoma): Melissa Geller
- Solid Tumor (Melanoma, Brain, GI, Thoracic, Head and Neck): Emil Lou
- Solid Tumor Phase 1 and GU: Shilpa Gupta
- Surgical and Radiation: Robert Madoff

The FCROs will have the responsibility of:

- Liaising with Clinical Trial PIs to assist with trial prioritization, regulatory issues, accrual review, and closeout of trials in their portfolio
- Reviewing their entire portfolio of trials weekly
- Identifying progress and delays in trial timeline
- Developing and assigning tasks to enhance trial opening
- Managing faculty and CTO issues, taking the lead to reach out to the PI and representing the interests of both parties
- Serving on the Trial Resource Utilization Committee (TRUC)

FCROs will also assist CTO project managers by providing support for their entire portfolio of trials; supplementing the individual investigator/CTO project manager support for individual trials, mentor new PIs with experienced faculty member support, and create a structure for portfolio oversight to influence the Protocol Review, Opening, and Accrual process.

Sincerely,

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