

# Gulf Coast Consortia



QUANTITATIVE BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

# Houston Biotech Showcase

August 19, 2022



# Fannin Innovation Studio

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# Institute for Applied Cancer Science (IACS)

*Edith Nagy (PhD) and Lisa Mustachio (PhD)*

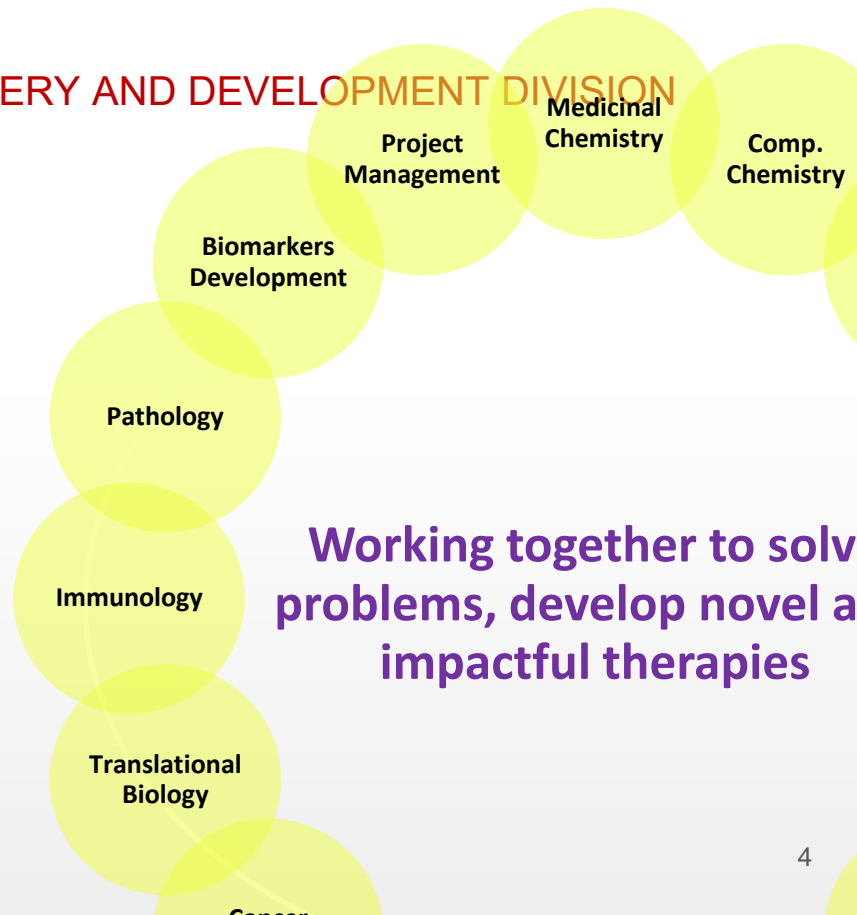
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS  
**MD Anderson**  
**Cancer Center**

Making Cancer History®

# IACS - SMALL MOLECULE DRUG DISCOVERY GROUP

## PART OF MD ANDERSON'S THERAPEUTICS DISCOVERY AND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

- IACS started in 2012 as part of MD Anderson's goal of establishing its own internal therapeutics discovery and development unit.
- Singular mission: **Develop Impactful Therapies.**
- Over 10 years, several compounds have been licensed to partners and taken into the clinic:
  - IACS-10759 - OXPHOS
  - IPN-60090 - GLS
  - BBP-398 - SHP2
  - ART-0380 - ATR
- Current pipeline includes multiple projects focused on cancer and CNS indications.



Working together to solve problems, develop novel and impactful therapies



**Edith Nagy, PhD – Research Scientist**

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Started at IACS: **February 2019**

Post-Doc: **Boston University (2017-2018)**

PhD: **Florida Atlantic University (2012-2017)**

Current role: **Project lead – Medicinal Chemistry**

Responsibilities:

- **Manage internal/external resources (chemistry team and direct reports).**
- **Work with cross-functional team members to ensure project direction and progress.**
- **Design, synthesize molecules and data analysis.**
- **Job breakdown: 40% in lab, 30% managing med chem team, 30% in project related meetings.**



**Lisa Mustachio, PhD – Research Investigator**

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Started at IACS: **February 2020**

Post-Doc: **MD Anderson Cancer Center (2017-2021)**

PhD: **Dartmouth College (2011-2016)**

Current role: **Project lead – In Vitro Pharmacology**

Responsibilities:

- **Ensure the project team makes sound, data-driven decisions.**
- **Optimize and perform assays in the drug screening funnel to uncover lead compounds.**
- **Design biology experiments to answer key questions.**
- **Job breakdown: 70% in lab, 30% in project related meetings.**

Next challenge: **Deliver *in vivo* PoC for current project**

For job openings, please visit: <https://jobs.mdanderson.org/search/searchjobs> Keyword: **IACS**

Postdoctoral position openings: Please contact us.



# Hope Biosciences

Hosu Kim

Christopher Lewis

Nader Lotfi





# Developing Precision Therapies Against Hard- to-Drug Targets

August 2022 | Leah DiMascio, Chief Development Officer





# Our Approach | Data science and systems biology underpin our ability to discover and develop potential important new drugs

## RIGHT TARGET

*Data-driven systems biology helps us identify and validate clinically relevant targets*

- Our state-of-the-art computational analysis of patient data sets allows us to identify clinically relevant targets
- Our rigorous systems approach helps us to validate the clinical opportunity and identify predictive biomarkers

## RIGHT MOLECULE

*Computational biology & machine learning enables design of precision biologics*

- **mAbPredict** protein structure prediction, epitope modeling, and selection help identify key epitopes to target
- **mAbHits** platform enables engineering of specific antibodies against key functional epitopes

## RIGHT PATIENTS

*Data analysis and deep clinical expertise allows us to design precision clinical trials*

- Mechanistic and patient data help us design relevant disease models and inform our biomarker-based strategy
- Our world class clinical team intends to leverage biomarkers to design faster & more effective clinical trials.



## Open Positions

- Director, Biostatistics
- Research Scientist, Pharmacokinetics
- Research Scientist, Bioconjugation
- Internship, Structural Bioinformatics
- Internship, Genomics



# Ridgeline Therapeutics

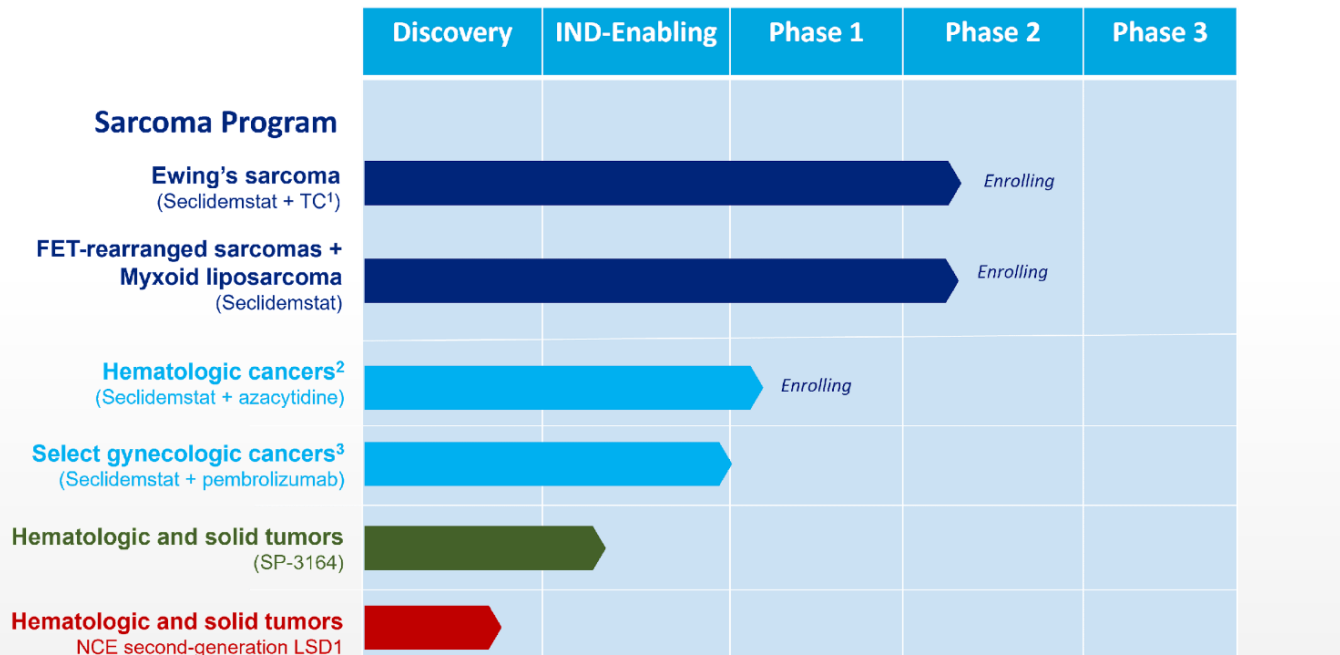
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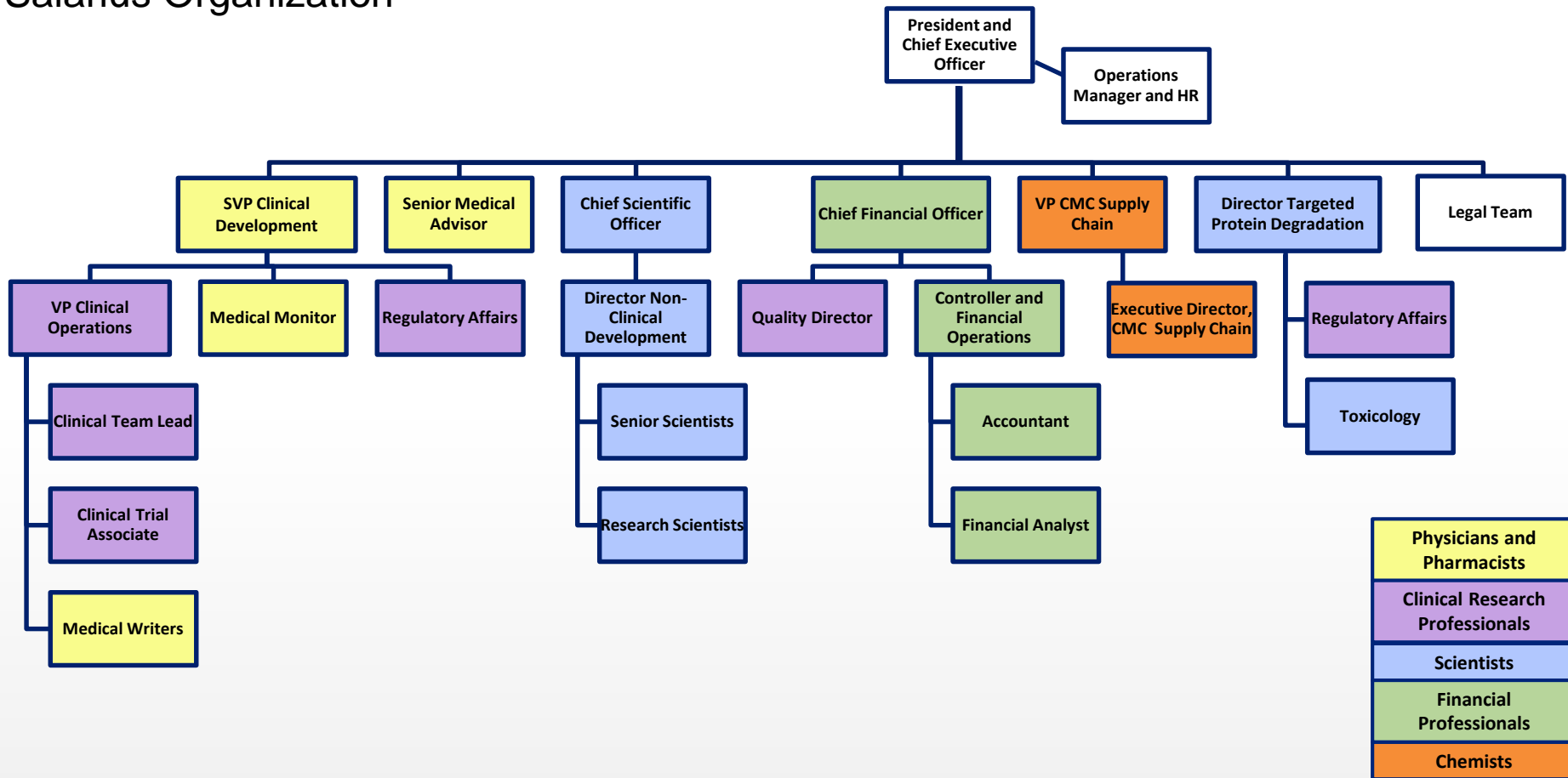
**Tremaine Brown, CCRP – Clinical Team Lead**  
**Aundrietta Duncan, PhD – Director, Non-clinical Development**  
**Annie Yan, CPA – Corporate Controller**

An emerging biotech developing targeted therapies to treat pediatric and other cancers, including advanced solid tumors.



<sup>1</sup> Topotecan and cyclophosphamide <sup>2</sup> Investigator initiated trial active at MD Anderson Cancer Center treating patients with Myelodysplastic Syndromes and Chronic Myelomonocytic Leukemia <sup>3</sup> Investigator initiated trial – Clinical trial agreement not yet finalized.

# Salarius Organization



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