Dr. John J. Kopchick Research Symposium
Navigating Your Early Career
Monday, November 4, 2019

9:15 am  Welcome and Opening Remarks
Deans Michelle Barton, PhD, and Michael Blackburn, PhD
John Kopchick, PhD, Charlene Kopchick and Fellows

9:30 am  Navigating the Path to an Academic Career and Early Career Funding Opportunities
Chandra Bartholomeusz, MD, PhD, Associate Professor, Breast Medical Oncology, MD Anderson

10:00 am  Steps to Finding the Right Postdoc for You
Sara Siegel, PhD, Postdoctoral Research Associate, Orth Lab, UT Southwestern

10:30 am  Lessons Learned in My Early Career and in Investigating Rothmund-Thomson Syndrome Associated Osteosarcoma
Brittany Jewell, PhD candidate, Lee Lab, MD Anderson UTHealth Graduate School

11:15 am  Single Cells: From Moonlight Experiments to a Lifelong Passion and Career
Nicholas Navin, PhD, Associate Professor, Genetics, MD Anderson

11:45 am  Microbiome, Mucus, and Nutritional Axis in Neutropenic Fever
Robert Jenq, MD, Assistant Professor, Genomic Medicine, MD Anderson

12:15 pm  Networking Lunch - Onstead Forum

1:30 pm  Panel: Early Career Decision Making
- John Kopchick, PhD, Moderator, Goll-Ohio Eminent Scholar & Professor, Ohio University
- Erin Lopez, PhD, Medical Science Liaison
- Steven Lott, PhD, Owner, Lott Consulting
- Rachel Miller, PhD, Assistant Professor, Pediatrics, McGovern Medical School at UTHealth
- Matthew Spitzer, PhD, Assistant Professor, Otolaryngology, University of California, San Francisco
- Elisa Vesely, PhD, Postdoctoral Researcher, Cramer Lab, Geisel School of Medicine

2:30 pm  2018 Dr. John J. Kopchick Research Award Recipients
Targeting Nutrient Dependency in KEAP-Mutant Lung Cancer
- Boyi Gan, PhD, Associate Professor, Experimental Radiation Oncology, MD Anderson
- Pranavi Koppula, PhD Candidate, MD Anderson UTHealth Graduate School

3:10 pm  2019 Dr. John J. Kopchick Research Award Recipients
- Michael Curran, PhD, Associate Professor, Immunology, MD Anderson
- Alex Chao-Hsien Chen, PhD Candidate, MD Anderson UTHealth Graduate School

3:30 pm  Keynote Address: Understanding Immune Responses to Cancer from Single-Cell Data
Matthew Spitzer, PhD, Werbe Assistant Professor, Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery & Microbiology and Immunology, University of California, San Francisco

4:30 pm  Closing Remarks
John Kopchick, PhD, and Charlene Kopchick

5:00 pm  Reception - Onstead Forum