

Celebrating Black History Month & Liver Cancer Awareness

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Mayo Clinic SPORE in Hepatobiliary Cancer

Successes

Drs. Vijay Shah and **Ningling Kang** (DRP Awardees 2021) recently had their manuscript accepted in *Cell Reports*!

[L Sun, Y Wang, X Wang, A Navarro-Corcuera, S Ilyas, N Jalan-Sakrikar, C Gan, X Tu, Y Shi, K Tu, Q Liu, Z Lou, H Dong, A H Sharpe, V H Shah, N Kang. PD-L1 Promotes Myofibroblastic Activation of Hepatic Stellate Cells by Distinct Mechanisms Selective for TG. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.celrep.2022.110349>](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.celrep.2022.110349)

Key Dates

- **Monday February 21, 2022**
9:00 – 11:30 a.m. (CST)

Mini-retreat focusing on advocate engagement with HB SPORE Projects (by Zoom)

- **Monday March 14, 2022**

Core competitive renewal initial drafts due to SPORE Admin Core A

- **Monday April 18, 2022**

Core and Translational Project competitive renewal final drafts due to SPORE Admin Core A



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Stacie Lindsey
Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation

Stacie is the chair of our advocacy group and stays actively engaged in strengthening SPORE advocacy support.

Announcements



Preparation of the Competitive Renewal is underway!

We need your help now. Please begin summarizing your accomplishments, send us your updated biosketch, and be on the look out for requests from SPORE Admin Core A to submit your reports.

Our Zoom link for most meetings has been updated!

<https://mc-meet.zoom.us/j/93875370142?pwd=L0w1TXlTcEpRS2tVNnZCNW82UjNGZz09>

Meeting ID 938 7537 0142
Passcode 703921
Join by phone 1 (312) 626 6799

Project Spotlights

Each quarter we want to highlight a SPORE project.

Did you know? Since the SPORE's beginning in September 2018, **5 Career Enhancement Program projects** and **9 Developmental Research Program projects** have been supported by the Liver SPORE!

Supporting our 4 main Translational Projects remains a top priority.



Liver SPORE Contacts:

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John Henley, Ph.D. & Michelle Van Hee, Co-Administrators

Chen Wang, Ph.D., Director, Bioinformatics Core
Vivien Yin, Ph.D., Director, Biostatistics Core

Cancer Stress in our Patients



Shawna Ehlers, Ph.D.,
L.P.

[\(Psychiatry & Psychology\)](#)

Shawna leads efforts and partners with our Liver SPORE to address this important need!

Diversity in our Research

A new high-priority initiative is a **Community Engagement** group to increase diversity of patients enrolling in our clinical trials and our specimen biobank. We welcome your ideas and participation!

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Michelle Van Hee, Biospecimen Requests

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