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Virtual Research Seminar Launches Feb. 19

The 2021 UF Radiation Oncology Spring Seminar is going virtual! Access our latest research, wherever you are - onDemand - beginning February 19, 2021. Content highlights include outcomes in head and neck cancer, breast cancer, pediatric cancers, and more; biomarkers of radiation toxicity; proton therapy planning techniques; clinical trials in radiation oncology; and radiation oncology quality assurance. [Learn more and register now.](#)



Dr. Nancy Mendenhall Joins NAPT Physician Advisory Committee

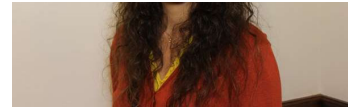
Nancy P. Mendenhall, MD, FACR, FASTRO, Associate Chair and Medical Director of the UF Health Proton Therapy Institute, has been selected by the National Association for Proton Therapy to serve on its newly created physician advisory committee. The committee will provide advice on topics such as clinical research, patient education, and insurance reimbursement.

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Jessica Kirwan Receives UFHCC Clinical Research Staff Member of the Year Award

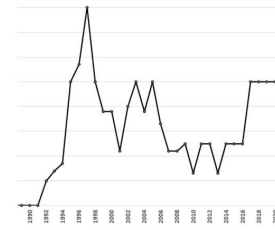
The achievements of Jessica Kirwan, Assistant Director of Research for the UF Department of Radiation Oncology, were recognized during the UF Health Cancer Center's annual Cheers to the New Year online ceremony on January 12, 2021.



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A 52-Year Journey to Diversity at UF

A recent article published in the *American Journal of Clinical Oncology* on the topic of diversity within the UF Department of Radiation Oncology has earned the attention of other institutions seeking to affect change in their own residency programs.



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Dr. Vidyasagar Receives the UF Innovate Invention of the Year Award

Associate Professor Sadasivan Vidyasagar, MBBS, PhD, was honored on September 22 with a UF Innovate Invention of the Year award during UF Innovate | Tech Licensing's Standing InnOvation virtual event. The team was recognized for the development of a potential therapeutic intervention for Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS).



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Dr. Folakemi Odedina Coordinates COVID-19 Research Collaboration

Universities and health care entities throughout the state of Florida are now providing outreach and engagement to ethnic and racial minority communities disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.. Folakemi Odedina, Ph.D., UF joint professor in radiation oncology, pharmacotherapy and translational research, will coordinate efforts in northern and central Florida.

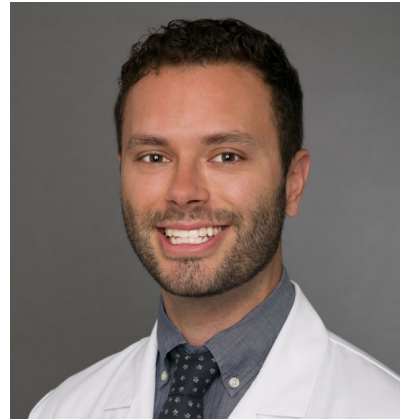


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Abstract by Dr. Raymond Mailhot Vega Named 2020 Best of ASTRO

The American Society for Radiation Oncology (ASTRO) Best of ASTRO Program Committee has selected an abstract by Raymond Mailhot Vega, MD, MPH, Assistant Professor of Radiation Oncology at the University of Florida Health Proton Therapy Institute, as a 2020 Best of ASTRO abstract.

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UF Health Experts Build Confidence in the COVID-19 Vaccine with Outreach Efforts

UF Health has produced brief video-recorded answers to commonly asked questions featuring UF Health experts, including Folakemi Odedina, Ph.D., joint professor in radiation oncology, pharmacotherapy and translational research.

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