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# Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia

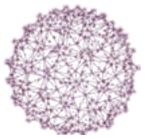
## Fellows Scholar Program

A fellows scholar program focusing on the current management and future trajectory of the treatment and care of diverse adult and pediatric patients with acute lymphoblastic leukemia



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## Message from the Activity Chair



2024 ALLFSP Emily K. Curran, MD (Chair) & Attendees

Dear Colleagues,

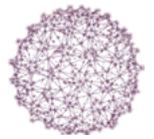
The landscape of acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) treatment has been transformed by remarkable advances in our understanding of this complex disease. As survival rates continue to improve, we've come to recognize that optimal care requires a nuanced approach that bridges traditional age-based treatment paradigms. The artificial divide between pediatric and adult oncology has begun to dissolve, revealing new opportunities to enhance outcomes across all age groups. However, significant challenges remain, particularly in treating high-risk populations and addressing the unique psychosocial needs of patients at different stages of life. As we look to the future, it is clear that continued progress depends on fostering collaboration between pediatric and adult practitioners, while supporting the next generation of clinician-researchers who will drive innovation in this field.

The 2nd Annual ALL Fellows Scholar Program (ALLFSP) aimed to do exactly that. Together with our outstanding faculty, Dr. Adam Duvall, Dr. Marlise Luskin, Dr. Luke Maese, Dr. Julie Wolfson, and myself, along with our patient advocate, Stephanie Samolovitch, MSW, we welcomed selected fellows representing both adult and pediatric hematology/oncology programs across North America. Over two intensive days, we engaged in state-of-the-science lectures, participated in dynamic small group discussions, and reviewed compelling case presentations from each fellow. We explored treatment approaches across the entire patient journey from diagnosis through relapse and into survivorship. The format fostered rich dialogue spanning the pediatric-adult interface, a valuable intersection that remains rare in traditional training environments. We learned from each other, gained fresh perspectives on ALL management, and built lasting connections that will undoubtedly shape the future of ALL care. The cross-pollination of ideas and experiences was remarkable, setting the stage for continued advances in the field.

On behalf of the faculty, we would like to thank and congratulate each of the fellows who participated in this year's program. We were inspired by your enthusiasm, dedication, and insights, and we are confident that the future of ALL research and clinical care is in excellent hands. We look forward to seeing your continued contributions to the field in the years ahead!

All the best,

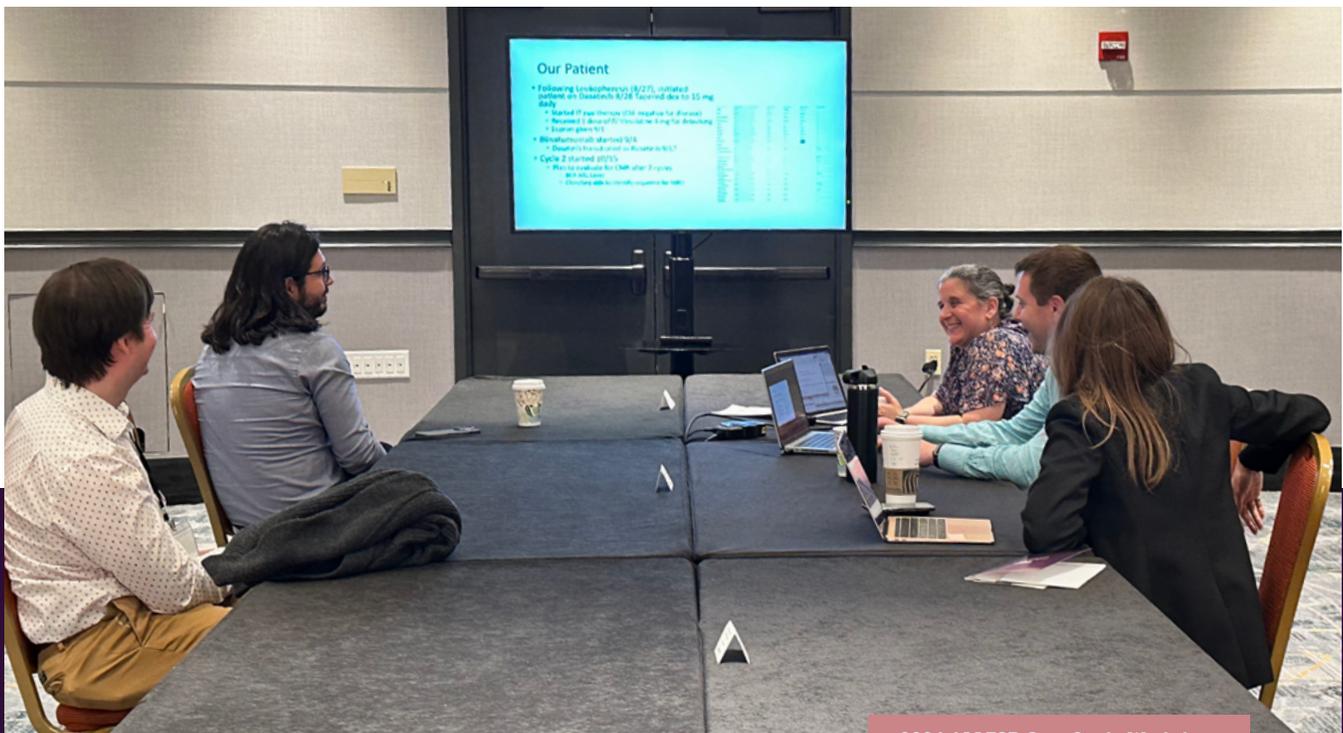
*Emily K. Curran, MD*



# About ALLFSP

ALLFSP is an intensive multi-day course designed for oncology fellows and adult and pediatric hematology/oncology fellows to expand their education and understanding of the complex and evolving therapeutic space of acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL). The fellows who are nominated to attend ALLFSP are selected by their program directors. During the meeting, fellows attend interactive learning sessions with expert faculty and patient advocates, and participate in breakout workshops in which they discuss clinical cases with colleagues from across the United States. The primary objectives of this program are to provide fellows with a thorough review of the current management for ALL across diverse patient populations and to foster discussions on the future trajectory of therapy, potential areas for refinement, and the unresolved questions that are driving research.

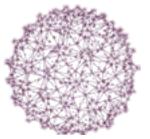
“I think in a lot of medicine, but especially hematology and oncology, there are diseases that even if you are in academic center, or even if you’re not, they are so specialized and so rare that it’s really hard to get expertise—depending on where you are or where are training. So, programs like this are a really good opportunity to bring a lot of experts together, as well as trainees, to work together—work through issues, talk through the sort of details that you may not have the opportunity to do during your day-to-day clinical duties. I think that’s what I was really looking forward to getting out of the program—have a lot of good opportunities to meet a lot of people, meet the experts in the field, meet hopefully future experts in the field, and get a chance to start working together.”



2024 ALLFSP Case Study Workshop



Click here or scan this QR code to learn more about the 2024 ALLFSP and to view the 2024 sessions.



## The Importance of Patient Advocates to ALLFSP



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“The patient advocacy representative provided great insight, especially for AYA patients who bridge pediatrics and adult care.”

**From Stephanie Samolovitch, MSW**

*Patient Advocate*

*Founder and Executive Director, Young Adult Survivors United*

As patient advocacy continues to rise as a priority among anyone diagnosed with cancer, and as a social worker who has supported cancer patients/survivors for 12 years, it will always be beneficial to include a patient advocate's voice when educating healthcare professionals. Fellows receive a wealth of education through schooling and shadowing; however, oftentimes they are not presented with the reality of what patients experience outside of the one-on-one conversations when treating them. Patients put their faith and trust in fellows yet want to be part of the team—not just a patient on the receiving end. Hearing from patient advocates will only prepare them even more for best practices and compassion toward anyone they provide medical care for.

Patient advocates like myself are most honored and appreciative of any opportunity to engage with healthcare professionals such as the fellows who attended the recent ALLFSP. It is not only about sharing personal experiences—which are indeed important, since each one is unique—but also the ability to educate fellows on how community organizations, such as Young Adult Survivors United, fulfill unmet needs sometimes not provided at cancer centers or complement existing programs, which only enhances the patient's quality of life—regardless of their prognosis and social determinants of health.

# Faculty



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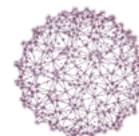
“One of the strengths of this program is that fellows really make some connections that will be colleagues they will have moving forward in the future.”



“One of the favorite parts [of the meeting] for me, and I think for a lot of our fellows, were those discussions that happen either in between sessions or during sessions.”



“One of the reasons this is such a powerful meeting is because [faculty treat patients] across the age spectrum.”



# Patient Advocate



**Stephanie Samolovitch, MSW**  
 Founder and Executive Director  
 Young Adult Survivors United (YASU)  
 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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“Being the only patient advocate in the room was most rewarding and appreciated. As a 19-year ALL survivor who turned 20 years old just 2 weeks after receiving my diagnosis, I have made it a personal journey and determination to ensure that other young adult cancer patients are best supported with age-appropriate resources and a community who can relate to their challenges and needs. The opportunity to engage with the fellows was a reminder that collaboration is key when supporting patients. Individually, we can’t support the wealth of unmet needs. Creative Educational Concepts recognizes the importance of uniting us all, which is leading the path toward providing the best quality care and compassion. We, as patient advocates, only hope more awareness is raised by giving us more opportunities to share our voice to fellows and other healthcare professionals in the field of oncology.”

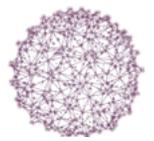
## The Fellows' Points of View

What do you hope to learn at ALLFSP?



What are challenges to managing treatment for patients with ALL?





# ALL Fellows Scholar Program

## Summary Highlights



# 100%

Of participants will change their practice based on this program

“This was a great program for fellows! As a peds fellow it was interesting to see an adult perspective.”

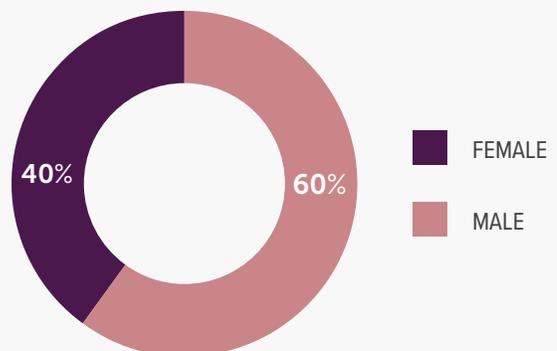
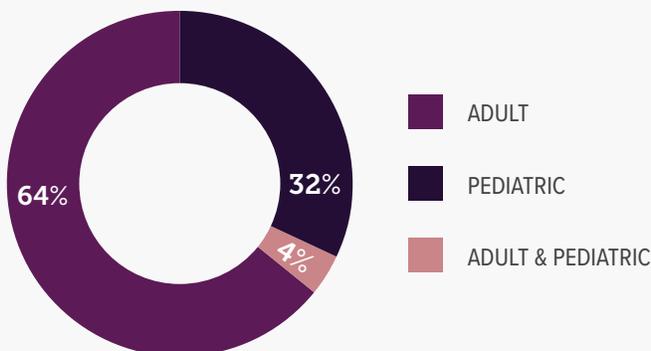
“The networking opportunity was incredible, in addition to all of the incredible education.”

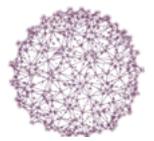
“This was an excellent activity for learners interested in leukemia, for the ability to discuss one-on-one with content experts, participate in group discussions, critically appraise data firsthand, and network with colleagues and establish new mentoring and collaboration opportunities.”



\*5-point Likert Scale, 5=strongly agree/excellent

## Participant Demographics





# Fellowship Reach

22 Institutions & 15 States Represented

Children's Mercy  
*Kansas City, Missouri*

University of Wisconsin–Madison  
Carbone Cancer Center  
American Family Children's Hospital  
*Madison, Wisconsin*

Dana Farber Cancer Institute  
*Boston, Massachusetts*

Temple University Hospital/  
Fox Chase Cancer Center  
*Philadelphia, Pennsylvania*

Duke University Medical Center  
*Durham, North Carolina*

Cook County Health  
System–John H. Stroger Hospital  
*Chicago, Illinois*

University of Rochester Medical Center  
*Rochester, New York*

Johns Hopkins University  
School of Medicine  
*Baltimore, Maryland*

Vanderbilt University Medical Center  
*Nashville, Tennessee*

The University of Chicago  
Comer Children's Hospital  
*Chicago, Illinois*

University of South Florida  
Moffitt Cancer Center  
*Tampa, Florida*

Case Western Reserve University  
University Hospitals  
Seidman Cancer Center  
*Cleveland, Ohio*

UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh  
*Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania*

Geisinger Medical Center  
*Danville, Pennsylvania*

UCSF Fresno  
*Fresno, California*

SUNY Upstate Medical University  
*Syracuse, New York*

Baystate Medical Center  
*Springfield, Massachusetts*

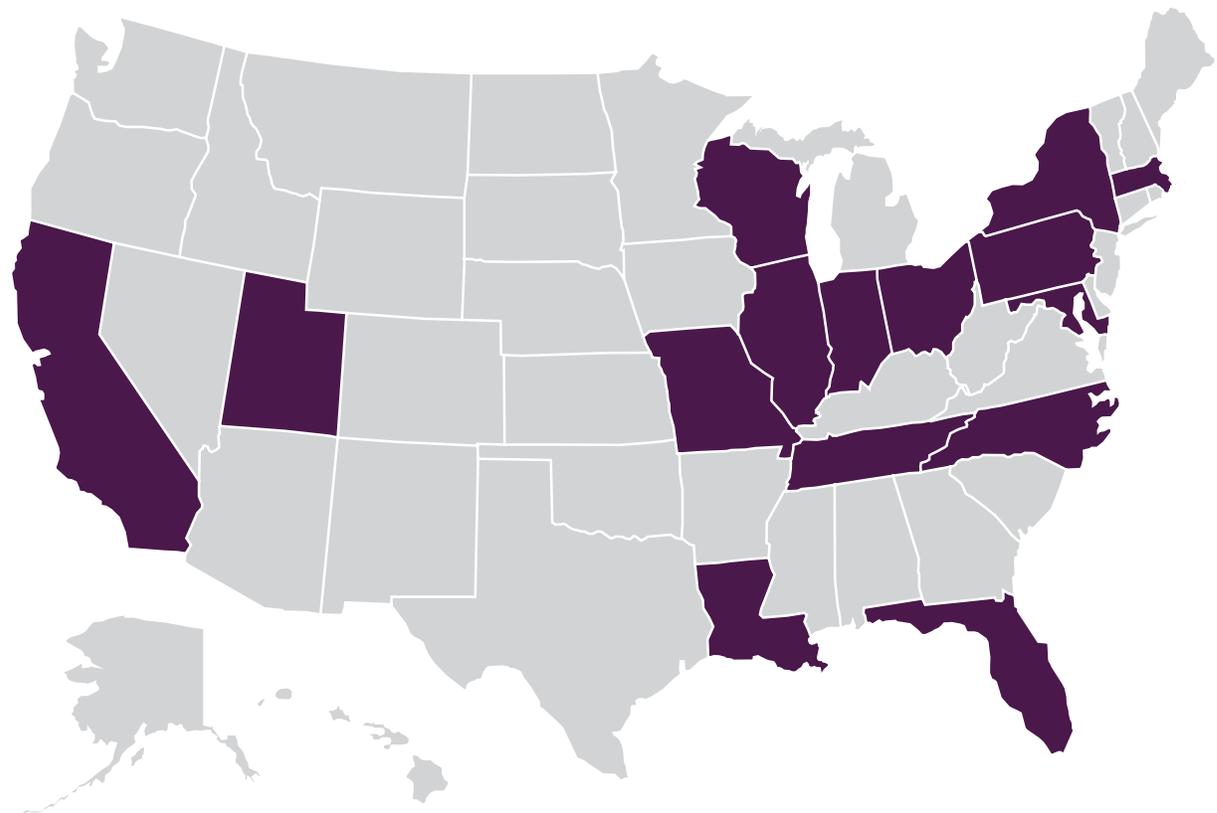
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*Cleveland, Ohio*

University of Cincinnati Medical Center  
*Cincinnati, Ohio*

Indiana University  
Riley Hospital for Children  
*Indianapolis, Indiana*

Tulane University  
*New Orleans, Louisiana*

University of Utah  
Huntsman Cancer Institute  
*Salt Lake City, Utah*





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