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Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia

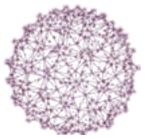
Fellows Scholar Program

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



2025 ALLFSP Emily K. Curran, MD (Chair) & Attendees

Dear Colleagues,

The field of acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) continues to evolve rapidly, driven by scientific advances and deeper understanding of disease biology. While we have achieved impressive improvements in patient outcomes, important challenges remain in optimizing care across different age groups. The traditional boundaries between pediatric and adult ALL are increasingly recognized as barriers to progress. The future requires collaborative approaches that draw on the complementary strengths of both communities and depends on training the next generation of clinician-researchers who can bridge these historically separate disciplines.

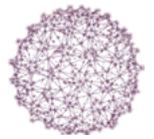
This year's 3rd Annual ALL Fellows Scholar Program (ALLFSP) was designed to foster exactly this type of collaboration. We gathered in Orlando, Florida, and welcomed fellows from adult and pediatric hematology/oncology programs across North America for an intensive, multi-day educational experience. Our distinguished faculty, including myself, Dr. Adam Duvall, Dr. Marlise Luskin, Dr. Julie Wolfson, and Dr. Luke Maese, along with patient advocate Stephanie Samolovitch, MSW, guided participants through comprehensive discussions spanning the full spectrum of ALL care.

The program covered essential topics, including treatment approaches across pediatric, adolescent and young adult (AYA), and older adult populations, with emphasis on comparing and contrasting the unique considerations for each age group. We explored management strategies for both newly diagnosed and relapsed/refractory disease, reviewed approaches to toxicity management, and discussed transplant and novel cellular therapy options. Importantly, we addressed topics critical to the AYA population, including survivorship, fertility preservation, treatment adherence, and health disparities. Through interactive didactic lectures and small group case presentations prepared by each fellow, participants engaged in rich dialogue that bridged the pediatric-adult interface. The format fostered meaningful knowledge exchange and established professional networks that will strengthen the field for years to come.

On behalf of the entire faculty, I want to thank and congratulate each fellow who participated in this year's program. Your thoughtful engagement, clinical insights, and dedication to advancing ALL care were truly inspiring. We are confident that the future of this field is in excellent hands and look forward to seeing your continued contributions to research and patient care.

All the best,

Emily K. Curran, MD



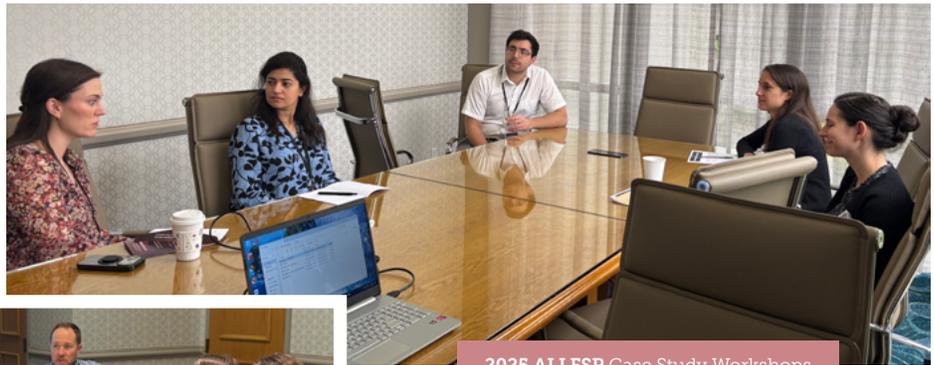
About ALLFSP

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 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.



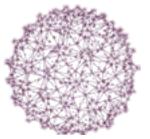
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"I really enjoyed the case presentation workshop, as it was great to hear about interesting cases with a faculty member to discuss them."



2025 ALLFSP Case Study Workshops





The Importance of Patient Advocates to ALLFSP



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From Stephanie Samolovitch, MSW

Patient Advocate

Founder and Executive Director, Young Adult Survivors United

Involving patient advocates in meetings with fellows is essential for delivering quality patient-centered cancer care. While fellows receive adequate training and mentorship, learning and implementing firsthand experiences from advocates only better prepares them to be more compassionate, team-oriented, and cognizant of the patient's physical, mental, and emotional well-being.

Over the years, it has been exciting to see the rise in advocacy and the difference it is making in the patient's quality of life. When diagnosed in 2005 at age 20, advocacy did not exist—or at least it wasn't a commonly used term. Social workers were the primary liaisons and connections to resources. Fortunately, multidisciplinary teams include nurse navigators as well. Collectively, everyone plays a role to ensure that the patient has a trustworthy team to assist during every transition—from diagnosis to survivorship. Advocates, like me, share helpful information that fellows typically do not learn throughout their education. We have the honor and pleasure of highlighting the importance of the caregiver role, the fear that rises when treatment ends, why community resources make a significant impact, that it is OK if patients wish to seek a second opinion, etc. Patient advocates remind fellows that they are the heroes through the eyes of the patient and caregiver, and sometimes even the smallest acts of compassion make a lifelong impact (i.e., building relationships with the patient's support system, calling the patient by their preferred name, remembering that they likely won't understand medical jargon but will appreciate explanations in terms they will remember). It is the advocate who enhances the fellow's future impact on the patient he or she has the pleasure of caring for.

When reflecting on the ALLFSP and sitting in the meetings led by faculty throughout the day, I was inspired to see and hear the information presented and questions asked. It was clear that the only thing missing was someone who had the chemotherapy they referenced, the toxicities it presented, and how it impacted their quality of life. Having an advocate speak to fellows closes the gap and best prepares them for their futures. CE Concepts recognizes the importance of collaborative, patient-centered care, and I am forever grateful for the opportunity to engage with and inform the practices of these fellows.

Faculty



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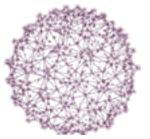


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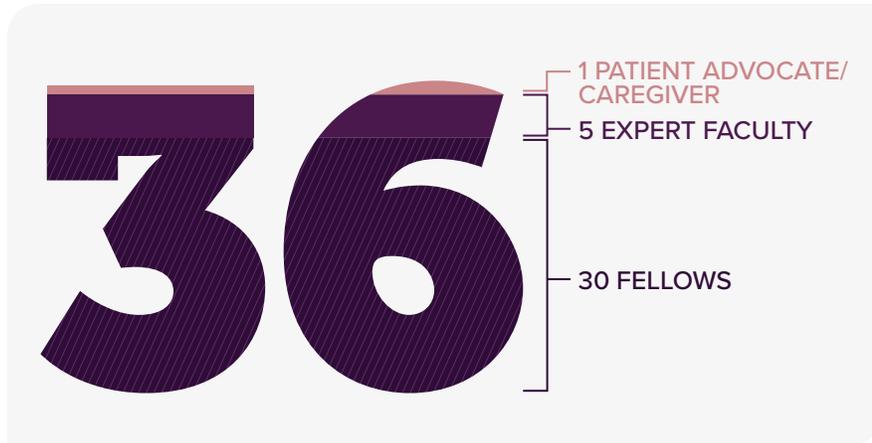
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I really appreciate how kind and approachable all the attendings were and how easy it was to come up to them and ask any questions and get feedback.”



ALL Fellows Scholar Program

Summary Highlights



100%

Of participants will change their practice based on this program



"[I like] how detail oriented the meeting was and how it covered every topic in enough depth to make it easy to grasp."



"[This meeting] will help me see the AYA group in a completely different light. I will offer different support groups to my patients."

"[Attending ALLFSP] gives me more of a foundational background for my care of patients."

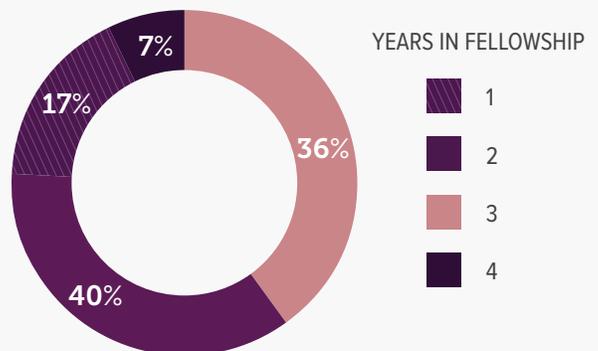
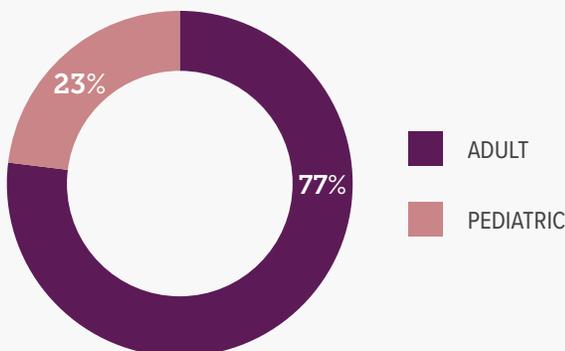
"This was a very well structured conference; I learned so much and felt like it covered every single aspect of ALL."

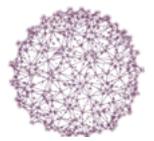
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*5-point Likert Scale, 5=strongly agree/excellent

Participant Demographics





Fellowship Reach

25 Institutions & 15 States Represented

Children’s Hospital Los Angeles
Los Angeles, California

Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Children’s Mercy
Kansas City, Missouri

Cleveland Clinic
Cleveland, Ohio

Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
Boston, Massachusetts

Emory University/
Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia

Fox Chase Cancer Center
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center
and Research Institute
Tampa, Florida

Icahn School of Medicine
at Mount Sinai Hospital
New York, New York

Johns Hopkins Hospital
Baltimore, Maryland

Long Island Jewish Medical Center
New Hyde Park, New York

Loyola University Medical Center
Maywood, Illinois

Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital
Palo Alto, California

Manning Family Children’s Hospital
New Orleans, Louisiana

MD Anderson Cancer Center
Houston, Texas

Michigan State University/
Karmanos Cancer Institute
Lansing, Michigan

New York–Presbyterian/
Weill Cornell Medical Center
New York, New York

Roswell Park Comprehensive
Cancer Center
Buffalo, New York

UCSF Fresno
Fresno, California

UF Shands Hospital
Gainesville, Florida

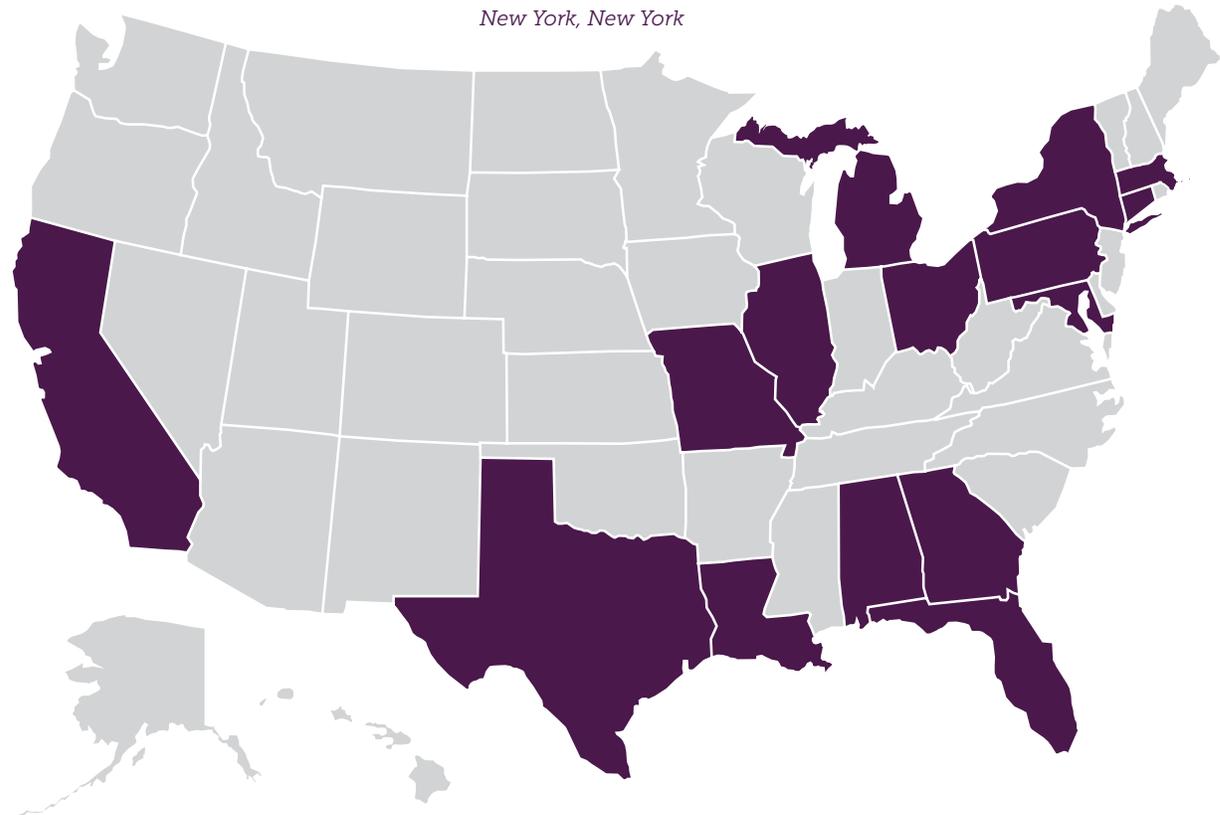
UMass Chan Medical School–Baystate
Springfield, Massachusetts

University of Alabama–Birmingham
Birmingham, Alabama

University of Cincinnati
Cincinnati, Ohio

Yale Cancer Center/
Yale School of Medicine
New Haven, Connecticut

Yale New Haven Children’s Hospital
New Haven, Connecticut





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