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BIO

Dr. Tsai received his undergraduate training at the University of California, Los Angeles (B.S., Biochemistry, summa cum laude), followed by combined medical and graduate training at the University of Southern California (M.D., Ph.D., Biochemistry). He completed anatomic and clinical pathology (AP/CP) residency and hematopathology fellowship at Stanford University, receiving board certification in AP/CP and hematopathology. As an instructor, he performed clinical diagnostic duties on the hematopathology service while doing postdoctoral training in the laboratory of Dr. Sean Bendall, with funding from the Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation.

As a physician and hematopathologist, he seeks to mechanistically dissect myelodysplastic syndromes (MDS) using highly-multiplexed immunophenotyping — mass cytometry / cytometry by time-of-flight (CyTOF) and multiplexed ion beam imaging (MIBI). MDS is an especially complex and heterogeneous disease of abnormal blood cell development with increasing prevalence and few treatments. By combining practical experience clinically diagnosing MDS, next generation single cell proteomic approaches, fundamental discoveries in the biology of MDS, and knowledge of clinical laboratory testing, we hope to develop new clinical diagnostics for personalizing MDS therapies and therapeutic monitoring.

His clinical diagnostic duties are on the hematopathology service, primarily in the diagnosis of MDS, leukemias, lymphomas, and other hematopoietic diseases from blood, bone marrow, and tissue samples.

CLINICAL FOCUS

- Hematopathology
- Anatomic and Clinical Pathology

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Assistant Professor-Univ Med Line, Pathology

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Fellow, Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation (2016-2019)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Fellowship: Stanford University Hematopathology Fellowship (2015) CA
- MD, University of Southern California Keck School of Medicine , Medicine (2010)
- PhD, University of Southern California Keck School of Medicine , Biochemistry (2008)
- Pathology, Stanford University School of Medicine, Department of Pathology , Anatomic and Clinical Pathology (2014)
- Hematopathology, Stanford University School of Medicine, Department of Pathology , Hematopathology Fellowship (2015)
- Board Certification: Hematology, American Board of Pathology (2015)
- Board Certification: Anatomic and Clinical Pathology, American Board of Pathology (2014)

LINKS

- Tsai Laboratory: <https://tsai.stanford.edu/index.php>

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

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- **Author Correction: Advances and prospects for the Human BioMolecular Atlas Program (HuBMAP).** *Nature cell biology*

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