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Bio

BIO

I am a fellow physician specializing in hematology and oncology. I spend my time directly caring for patients, advocating for them as a medical journalist, and researching ways to improve their lives.

My research focus is in hematological malignancies. I explore questions relating to clinical outcomes, quality of life, end-of-life communication, and novel therapeutics in acute leukemias.

As a writer, I strive to bridge the gaps between academic medicine and everyday lives. I am a former AAAS Mass Media Fellow, and as a medical student I created and wrote a blog column at Scientific American on the thoughts of a trainee. I now write the Hard Questions column at Hematology News. My writing has also appeared in Undark Magazine, Health Affairs, STAT News, Aeon Magazine, Science Progress, and The News & Observer and has been republished in The Atlantic and The Best Science Writing Online.

I have an academic interest in bioethics. I interned with the Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues, and I have done ethics research on return of incidental findings and physicians' interpretations of code statuses. My ethics papers have been published in the New England Journal of Medicine, Penn Bioethics Journal, and Ivy Journal of Ethics.

I've also done research in genomics and bioinformatics and the use of telemedicine to augment subspecialty care.

Above all else, I am passionate about providing thoughtful, compassionate, and holistic care for my patients.

CLINICAL FOCUS

- Hematology
- Oncology
- Bioethics
- Fellow

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Profiled, Department of Medicine newsletter, Stanford Health Care (2017)
- Second Place Winner, Resident Abstract Competition, ACP Northern California Chapter Meeting (2017)

- Profiled, MedTech Boston (2015)
- Invited speaker, AMA annual meeting (2014)
- Profiled, The Scientific American Incubator (2013)
- Publication, The Best Science Writing Online anthology (2013)
- Interviewed, "White Coat, Black Art," Canadian Broadcasting Corporation radio documentary series (2012)
- Profiled, newsletter, Harvard Medical School (2012)
- Mass Media Science and Engineering Fellowship, AAAS (2010)
- Fellowship for Research in Health Studies, Yale University (2009)
- Phi Beta Kappa, Yale University (2009)
- Future Scientist Fellowship, Yale-HHMI (2008)
- All-USA Academic First Team, USA Today (2006)
- Finalist, National Merit (2006)
- Semifinalist, Intel Science Talent Search (2006)
- Semifinalist, Siemens Westinghouse (2005)

BOARDS, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Associate Member, American Society of Hematology (ASH) (2017 - present)
- Associate Member, American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) (2017 - present)
- Class Representative, Stanford Internal Medicine Committee for Residency Reform (CRR) (2017 - 2018)
- Internal Medicine Representative, Stanford Women in Medicine Leadership Council (2017 - 2018)
- Resident Physician Volunteer, Arbor Free Clinic, Pacific Free Clinic (2016 - present)
- Team Leader, Resident Safety Council, Stanford Health Care (2016 - 2017)
- Founder, Lean In Circle, Stanford Medicine (2015 - present)
- Member, American College of Physicians (ACP) (2015 - present)
- Member, Ethics Committee, Stanford Hospital (2015 - present)
- Member, Biodesign and Innovation Pathway of Distinction (POD), Stanford Internal Medicine (2015 - 2018)
- Member, Women in Medicine, Stanford Internal Medicine (2015 - 2018)
- Student Co-Chair, American Medical Association / Massachusetts Medical Society, Harvard Chapter (2011 - 2012)
- Student Co-Leader, Writers' Group, Harvard Medical School (2011 - 2012)
- Student Member, Ethics Committee, Boston Children's Hospital, Harvard Medical School (2011 - 2012)
- Intern, Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues (2011 - 2011)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Residency, Stanford Health Care , Internal Medicine (2018)
- M.D., Harvard Medical School (2015)
- B.S., Yale University , Molecular, Cellular, & Developmental Biology (2010)

INTERNET LINKS

- Personal Website: <http://www.ilanayurkiewicz.com/>

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Effect of Fitbit and iPad Wearable Technology in Health-Related Quality of Life in Adolescent and Young Adult Cancer Patients.** *Journal of adolescent and young adult oncology*
Yurkiewicz, I. R., Simon, P., Liedtke, M., Dahl, G., Dunn, T.
2018
- **Paper Trails: Living and Dying With Fragmented Medical Records**
Yurkiewicz, I.
Undark Magazine.
2018
- **Inotuzumab ozogamicin: a CD22 mAb-drug conjugate for adult relapsed or refractory B-cell precursor acute lymphoblastic leukemia** *DRUG DESIGN DEVELOPMENT AND THERAPY*
Yurkiewicz, I. R., Muffly, L., Liedtke, M.
2018; 12: 2293–2300
- **Complicated: Medical Missteps Are Not Inevitable.** *Health affairs (Project Hope)*
Yurkiewicz, I. R.
2018; 37 (7): 1178–81
- **Anaplastic Thyroid Cancer With Extensive Skeletal Muscle Metastases on 18F-FDG PET/CT.** *Clinical nuclear medicine*
Yurkiewicz, I. R., Ganjoo, K. N., Iagaru, A.
2018
- **Institutional review board perspectives on obligations to disclose genetic incidental findings to research participants** *GENETICS IN MEDICINE*
Gliwa, C., Yurkiewicz, I. R., Lehmann, L. S., Hull, S. C., Jones, N., Berkman, B. E.
2016; 18 (7): 705-711
- **Prenatal Whole-Genome Sequencing - Is the Quest to Know a Fetus's Future Ethical?** *NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL OF MEDICINE*
Yurkiewicz, I. R., Korf, B. R., Lehmann, L. S.
2014; 370 (3): 195-197
- **Telemedicine applications Report of the Telemedicine Work Group of the American Academy of Neurology** *NEUROLOGY*
Wechsler, L. R., Tsao, J. W., Levine, S. R., Swain-Eng, R. J., Adams, R. J., Demaerschalk, B. M., Hess, D. C., Moro, E., Schwamm, L. H., Steffensen, S., Stern, B. J., Zuckerman, S. J., Bhattacharya, et al
2013; 80 (7): 670-676
- **Outcomes from a US military neurology and traumatic brain injury telemedicine program** *NEUROLOGY*
Yurkiewicz, I. R., Lappan, C. M., Neely, E. T., Hesselbrock, R. R., Girard, P. D., Alphonso, A. L., Tsao, J. W.
2012; 79 (12): 1237-1243
- **Rare Copy Number Variants in Tourette Syndrome Disrupt Genes in Histaminergic Pathways and Overlap with Autism** *BIOLOGICAL PSYCHIATRY*
Fernandez, T. V., Sanders, S. J., Yurkiewicz, I. R., Ercan-Sencicek, A. G., Kim, Y., Fishman, D. O., Raubeson, M. J., Song, Y., Yasuno, K., Ho, W. S., Bilguvar, K., Glessner, J., Chu, et al
2012; 71 (5): 392-402
- **Enhanced Left-Finger Dexterity Following Dominant Upper- and Lower-Limb Amputation** *NEUROREHABILITATION AND NEURAL REPAIR*
Swanberg, K. M., Clark, A. M., Kline, J. E., Yurkiewicz, I. R., Chan, B. L., Pasquina, P. F., Heilman, K. M., Tsao, J. W.
2011; 25 (7): 680-684
- **Multiple Recurrent De Novo CNVs, Including Duplications of the 7q11.23 Williams Syndrome Region, Are Strongly Associated with Autism** *NEURON*
Sanders, S. J., Ercan-Sencicek, A. G., Hus, V., Luo, R., Murtha, M. T., Moreno-De-Luca, D., Chu, S. H., Moreau, M. P., Gupta, A. R., Thomson, S. A., Mason, C. E., Bilguvar, K., Celestino-Soper, et al
2011; 70 (5): 863-885
- **Army Programs Related to Warriors in Transition** *Warrior Transition Leader Medical Rehabilitation Handbook*
Yurkiewicz, I. R., Pasquina, P. F., Drach, R.

edited by Cooper, R. A., Pasquina, P. F., Drach, R.
Borden Institute.2011

PRESENTATIONS

- Improving Advance Care Planning in Hospitalized Patients with a Letter Project - Society of Hospital Medicine (May 3, 2017)