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My research expertise is in cancer biomarker detection, biosensors, and in vitro and in vivo diagnostics. As an undergraduate, I created nano-electronic devices for sensitive chemical and biological sensing and gained valuable experience in the synthesis and bio-functionalization of nanotubes and nanoparticles. As a PhD student, I co-developed and patented a microfluidic device ("the blood chip") to enable on-chip cancer diagnosis from a fingerprick of blood, and initiated a clinical trial to test the device on glioblastoma patients. My early years of postdoctoral training involved applying novel micro- and nanotechnologies to cancer diagnosis in vivo. During this time, I developed an intravascular wire ("the MagWIRE") for high-throughput magnetic enrichment of circulating tumor cells (CTCs) and other rare biomarkers in vivo, which has been successfully tested in a porcine model. The goal of the project was to increase CTC capture by isolating these rare cells in vivo from the entire blood volume to enable earlier recurrence detection, more comprehensive profiling of cancers for drug resistance mutations, and improved ability to culture CTCs for drug susceptibility assays. In recent years, I have been involved in research on synthetic biomarkers and detection of volatile organic compounds for diagnosis and monitoring of cancer. Currently, I am a clinical resident in the Nuclear Medicine/Diagnostic Radiology combined pathway. My career goal is to work at the interface of medicine and technology as a physician, academic scientist, and professor at a major research university. I would like to run a productive research program in biomedical engineering, mentor junior scientists, and translate technologies and discoveries from the lab to the clinic. My research goals are to develop new synthetic cancer reporters as well as novel wearable and implantable nanotechnologies for earlier cancer detection and continuous monitoring.

CLINICAL FOCUS

- Residency
- Nuclear Medicine
- Diagnostic Radiology

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Etta Kalin Moskowitz Fund Research Award, Department of Radiology, Stanford University (2021)
- Front cover: Science Translational Medicine (28 February), Science Translational Medicine (2018)
- Poster Award - First Prize, Stanford Bio-X Symposium, Stanford, CA (2017)
- Oral Presentation Award - Best Talk, SURPAS Postdoc Symposium, Stanford, CA (2016)
- Poster Award - First Prize, Canary Early Detection Summit, Palo Alto, CA (2016)
- Poster Award - First Prize, IEEE EMBS Micro/Nanotechnology in Medicine Conference, Waikoloa, HI (2016)
- Dean's Postdoctoral Fellowship, Stanford School of Medicine (2014)
- The Gerald S. Levey, M.D., Medical Science Scholarship, UCLA (2011)
- Lemelson-MIT Caltech Invention Prize, Caltech, MIT, and Lemelson Program (2009)

- Front cover: Nature Biotechnology (16 November), Nature Biotechnology (2008)
- Caltech Graduate Research Assistantship, Caltech (2006-2010)
- Letter of Distinction: UCLA GI, Endocrine, and Reproductive Health II Bloc, UCLA (2006)
- NIH Medical Scientist Training Program, UCLA (2004-2012)
- NSF Graduate Fellowship Honorable Mention, NSF (2004)
- Departmental Honors, Stanford Chemistry, Stanford (2002)
- Advanced Placement Scholar with Distinction, The College Board (1997)
- Advanced Placement Scholar with Honor, The College Board (1996)

BOARDS, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Vice-President, American Medical Association, UCLA Chapter (2004 - 2005)
- President, American Medical Association, UCLA Chapter (2005 - 2006)

PATENTS

- Ophir Vermesh, Sanjiv Sam Gambhir, Seung-Min Park, Tianjia Jessie Ge, Amin Aalipour. "United States Patent WO2016200900A1 Intravascular Magnetic Wire for Detection, Retrieval or Elimination of Disease Associated Biomarkers and Toxins.", Leland Stanford Junior University, Dec 15, 2016
- Ophir Vermesh, Brian KH Yen, James R. Heath. "United States Patent US20090053732A1 Microfluidic Devices, Methods and Systems for Detecting Target Molecules.", California Institute of Technology, Feb 26, 2009

Research & Scholarship

CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

My interests lie at the interface of medicine and technology, engineering new wearable and implantable technologies for earlier cancer detection and continuous monitoring. I am particularly interested in moving promising diagnostic technologies past the proof-of-concept phase and into the clinic.

LAB AFFILIATIONS

- Sanjiv Gambhir (9/23/2013)

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

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- **High-Density, Multiplexed Patterning of Cells at Single-Cell Resolution for Tissue Engineering and Other Applications** *ANGEWANDTE CHEMIE-INTERNATIONAL EDITION*

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- **Integrated barcode chips for rapid, multiplexed analysis of proteins in microliter quantities of blood** *NATURE BIOTECHNOLOGY*
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2008; 26 (12): 1373-1378
- **Toward large arrays of multiplex functionalized carbon nanotube sensors for highly sensitive and selective molecular detection** *NANO LETTERS*
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2003; 3 (3): 347-351
- **Hysteresis caused by water molecules in carbon nanotube field-effect transistors** *NANO LETTERS*
Kim, W., Javey, A., Vermesh, O., Wang, O., Li, Y. M., DAI, H. J.
2003; 3 (2): 193-198
- **Molecular Imaging of Lymphoma: Future Directions and Perspectives.** *Seminars in nuclear medicine*
Pomykala, K. L., Fendler, W. P., Vermesh, O., Umutlu, L., Herrmann, K., Seifert, R.
2022
- **Engineering genetically-encoded synthetic biomarkers for breath-based cancer detection**
Vermesh, O., D'Souza, A., Alam, I., Wardak, M., McLaughlin, T., El Rami, F., Sathirachinda, A., Bell, J., Pitteri, S., James, M., Hori, S., Gross, E., Gambhir, et al
AMER ASSOC CANCER RESEARCH.2022
- **Multi-tracer PET Imaging Using Deep Learning: Applications in Patients with High-Grade Gliomas**
Wardak, M., Hooper, S. M., Schiepers, C., Chen, W., Aparici, C., Davidzon, G. A., Vermesh, O., Cloughesy, T. F., Huang, S., Gambhir, S., Rekik, Adeli, E., Park, S. H., et al
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