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Bio

BIO

As a research scientist at the Radiation Therapy Division at the Department of Radiation Oncology, I am focusing on the investigation of the biological effect of ultra-high dose-rate (FLASH) radiation, and the development of the first FLASH radiotherapy cabinet for small animal irradiation. I am also a collaborative member in the clinical vision of PHASER, a new technology for clinical FLASH irradiation of patients. As a post-doctorate fellow at the Department of Radiation Oncology, Stanford University, the previous years I have dedicated my work on the development of primary cancer and metastatic tumor-mouse models, for the purpose of investigating immune cell migration, early detection of disease, and clinically relevant therapy combining radiation with novel drugs. My training as a doctorate candidate and during my brief post-doctorate appointment in the Department of Radiation Oncology, Oxford University UK has equipped me with a deep understanding of the molecularly targeted in vivo imaging with the use of contrast agents for early detection of metastasis. As a physics undergraduate and graduate student at the Department of Physics, Liverpool University UK, I have developed deep knowledge in all types of radiation and their implication in the entire spectrum of imaging modalities and medical radiation treatment.

CURRENT ROLE AT STANFORD

I am currently responsible for the design and delivery of the pre-clinical in-vivo irradiations with ultra-high dose-rate (FLASH), using a clinical Linac at the Cancer Center. I deliver irradiation for collaborators but also managing animal experiments for our group; from the development of tumors models and handling of the animals to the design of 3D printed shields for radiation and radiotherapy dosimetry.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Invited presentation, Oxford Cancer Imaging Center Retreat (2013, 2014)
- Invited presentation, Oxford Institute Metastasis Symposium (2014)
- Poster Prize, Aegean Conferences - 3rd International Conference for Tumour Microenvironment and Cellular Stress (2014)
- Recognition of excellent research, Aegean Conferences - 12th International Conference on Complement Therapeutics (2019)

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

- DPhil, University of Oxford , Radiation Biology (2014)
- MSc, University of Oxford , Radiation Biology (2010)
- MSc, University of Liverpool , Radiometrics: Instrumentation and Modelling (2009)
- BSc, University of Liverpool , Physics with Medical Applications (2008)

- Associate in Engineering, IIEK Neapoleos, Greece (2000)

PATENTS

- Stavros Melemenidis. "United States Patent DOCKET S19-514B/PROV A WATER-MEDIATED DEVICE AND METHOD", Leland Stanford Junior University

Publications

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2022
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