



Kidney ~~Cancer~~ Association

The Kidney Cancer Association is a global community dedicated to serving and empowering patients, and leading change through advocacy, research, and education.

- ▶ Dr. Christopher Wood
- ▶ Board Chair

- ▶ Gretchen Vaughan, CEO
- ▶ Kidney Cancer Association

OUR FOCUS

Education

- Active role in educating both patient and medical professionals
 - Including an annual international symposium and an annual US symposium for medical professionals
- Host supportive online interactions for survivors and caregivers
- Nurses Hotline available for patients/caretakers to speak directly with a dedicated medical professional

Research

- **Young Investigators Award:**

A merit-based award that seeks to encourage promising researchers in the areas of urology and clinical oncology who are planning to pursue an investigative career in kidney cancer
- **Advanced Discovery Award:**

Promotes the collaboration between a clinician and a predominately research based collaborator to propose new research that will make an immediate impact in the field of kidney cancer

Advocacy

- Offer unified voice within the US legislative advocacy
- Patient Advocacy
 - Provide resources for patients and caretakers to advocate for their care
 - Provide updates to kidney cancer community on standard of care and treatment best practices
 - Connect patients and caretakers with clinical trials

\$1.3 MILLION IN RESEARCH THIS YEAR

- ▶ **Young Investigator Awards - \$300K**

- Four individual awards of \$75K
- Goal: to provide funding to promising young investigators to encourage and promote quality research in kidney cancer

- ▶ **Advanced Discovery Awards - \$1M**

- Two team awards of \$500K
- Goal: to promote collaboration between clinicians and translational researchers to propose novel research that will lead to a significant decrease in mortality rates amongst kidney cancer patients

- ▶ **Grant review panel of oncologists (10) and a patient advocate (1)**

- No panelists were on the KCA board or Medical Steering Committee

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▶ **2019 Young Investigators Award Recipients**
*(16 applicants in 2019,
 6 asked to submit full proposals)*

Young Investigator Recipient	Mentor	Project
Scott M. Haake, MD; Vanderbilt University Medical Center	W. Kimryn Rathmell, MD, PhD; Vanderbilt University Medical Center	Endogenous Retrovirus Expression Drives Immunogenicity of Papillary Renal Cell Carcinoma
Akash Kumar Kaushik, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center	Ralph J. DeBerardinis, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center	In vivo glutamine metabolism in VHL and FH mutant renal cell carcinoma
Ed Reznik, PhD, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center	A. Ari Hakimi, MD, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center	Metabolic Determinants of the Tumor Microenvironment and Sensitivity to Immunotherapy in ccRCC
Tian Zhang, MD, MHS; Duke Cancer Institute	Daniel J. George, MD; Duke Cancer Institute	Immune correlates of immunotherapy responses in renal cell carcinoma

▶ **2019 Advanced Discovery Award Recipients**
*(15 applicants in 2019,
 12 asked to submit full proposals)*

Investigators	Project
Eric Jonasch, MD The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center Guang Peng, PhD The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center	S-phase DNA Damage Response Links Genomic Instability Mechanisms to Anti- tumor Immunity
Kathleen M Mahoney Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Beth Israel- Deaconess Medical Center Gordon J Freeman Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Rupal S Bhatt Beth Israel-Deaconess Medical Center	HHLA2/KIR3DL3 as a novel therapeutic immune checkpoint pathway in renal cancer

APPLY FOR \$1.3 MILLION IN 2020

- ▶ **March 18, 2020:** Call for Letters of Intent
- ▶ **May 20, 2020:** Final Day to submit Letters of Intent
- ▶ **June 10, 2020:** Final Day that Meritorious Proposals will be notified to proceed with preparation and submission of a full proposal for evaluation
- ▶ **August 5, 2020:** Final Day to submit Full Proposal for academic review
- ▶ **September 16, 2020:** The Award winners will be notified and announced publicly
- ▶ **October 7, 2020:** Awards will be distributed to award winners

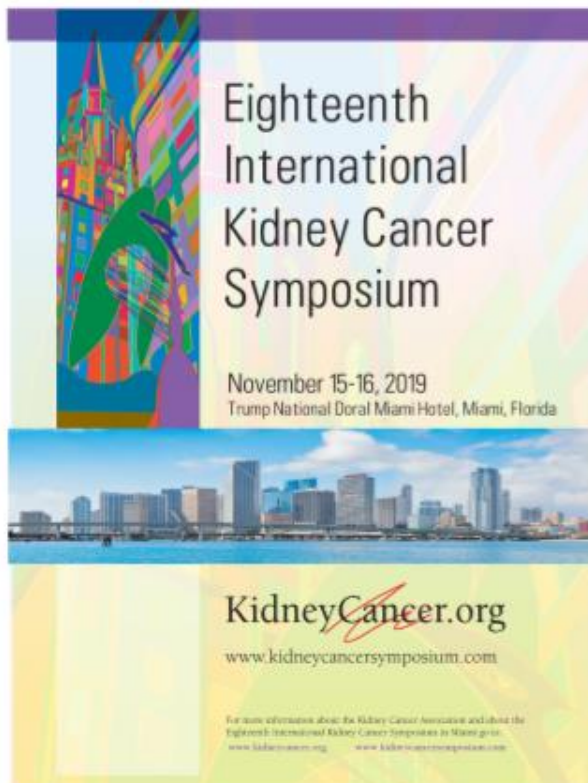
What's Next for the KCA

- ▶ The KCA is in the process of **creating a new, multi-year strategic plan** to guide the organization's future efforts with the ultimate goal that *all outcomes are for the benefit of the patient.*
- ▶ **Kidney Cancer Association's Think Tank: Coalition for a Cure (11.14.19)**
Elite group of individuals with the overarching goal of bringing together prominent experts from a variety of RCC-related and unrelated disciplines – clinical, computational sciences, patient advocacy, pharmaceutical R&D, cancer research and genetics to identify the greatest unmet needs in kidney cancer research
- ▶ Future symposium component: **mentorship program** in future IKCS

JOIN US!

The International Kidney Cancer Symposiums

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The KCA brings together researchers from across the globe in a spirit of collaboration for our yearly symposiums – one held in the United States and one in Europe.

This year marks the 14th European event and the 18th year of the US-based symposium.

- **Miami 2019: 11/15 - 11/16 (Registration Open)**
- **Antwerp 2020: 4/24 - 4/25**

All medical professionals and the entire kidney cancer community are invited to attend.

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