

# Staff News at CCR

## Announcement

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### Mark Gilbert, M.D.

Mark Gilbert joins CCR as Chief of the Neuro-Oncology Branch (NOB). His appointment is in partnership with the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS) where he will have an adjunct appointment to facilitate close collaborations. Gilbert received his M.D. from The Johns Hopkins University, where he also completed residencies in internal medicine and neurology, and fellowship training in both neurology and neuro-oncology. He has served on the faculties of the University of Pittsburgh, Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, and the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. In 2005, he was appointed as Director of the Brain Tumor Trials Collaborative, a multicenter clinical trials consortium. Recently, Gilbert was named the Co-Chair of the Brain Tumor Committee in the Radiation Therapy Oncology Group. He is also the founder and leader of the Collaborative Ependymoma Research Network, a consortium studying ependymoma, a rare central nervous system cancer, by supporting basic research, clinical trials, patient outcomes research, and educational efforts in North America and Europe. Gilbert arrived at the

NIH Intramural Program with a vision to build a highly collaborative, robust translational research program centered on finding treatments for central nervous system tumors where basic research observations will be rapidly translated into preclinical testing and then hypothesis-based clinical research trials, including important correlative studies. His clinical trials will focus on early-stage testing of novel agents and evaluation of novel clinical trial designs and imaging paradigms, as well as examination of the impact of disease and treatment on cognitive function, symptom burden, and quality of life.

## New Tenure-Track Scientists

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### Andrea Apolo, M.D.

Andrea Apolo is now a Tenure-Track Investigator in CCR's Genitourinary Malignancies Branch. She is also a Lasker Clinical Research Scholar. She received her M.D. from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York and completed clinical training in internal medicine at New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center. Following her residency, she completed a medical oncology fellowship at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. Apolo then joined CCR as an Assistant Clinical Investigator. Her research focuses on developing and designing clinical trials to test novel agents for the treatment of urologic cancers, primarily bladder cancer and prostate cancer. Other research focuses on improving tumor detection by using new imaging modalities in bladder and prostate cancer and identifying molecular alterations in bladder tumors that will serve as targets for individualized treatment strategies in patients with this disease.

(Photo: Courtesy of C. Nagao)



### Keisuke (Chris) Nagao, M.D., Ph.D.

Chris Nagao joins CCR's Dermatology Branch as an NIH Earl Stadtman Tenure-Track Investigator. He obtained his M.D. from Keio University School of Medicine in Japan and joined the Dermatology Department. After completing his residency, he worked at two Keio-affiliated hospitals known for performing intensive care. He then returned to Keio University and started his research career in the field of medical mycology. After obtaining a Ph.D. in 2005, he conducted his postdoctoral research on skin dendritic cells in the laboratory of Mark Udey, M.D., Chief of CCR's Dermatology Branch. He then started his independent research at Keio University, where he served as a faculty member. His research focuses on how immune cells are regulated in skin, particularly by the hair follicles, and on how dysbiosis drives eczematous inflammation in mice.

## Newly Tenured CCR Scientists

### Avinash Bhandoola, Ph.D.

Laboratory of Genome Integrity

### Christopher Buck, Ph.D.

Laboratory of Cellular Oncology