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Tuesday, November 23, 2021

“Striving for Cultural Change in Academic Pediatric Oncology”

Presenters:

Tabitha M. Cooney, MD, Attending Physician, Dana-Farber/Boston Children's Cancer and Blood Disorders Center; Director, Stop & Shop Family Pediatric Neuro-Oncology Outcomes Clinic, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Harvard Medical School

Jessica Tsai, MD

Learning Objectives:

- Identifying workplace culture
- Highlighting literature on implicit bias and its effects on healthcare providers
- Approaching a more inclusive basic science laboratory workforce through recruitment
- Assembling a departmental DEI task force

Meet the Presenters:



Tabitha M. Cooney, MD, research interests include early phase clinical trial development for pediatric central nervous system (CNS) tumors, developmental therapeutics, disparities, and diversity. She has presented her findings, including initial results from a Phase I trial in Panobinostat for children with diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma (DIPG) and a DIPG historical cohort, at

international and national meetings. Dr. Cooney is actively involved in several pediatric brain tumor consortia, holds leadership committee positions in the Pediatric Neuro-Oncology Consortium (PNOC) and Response Assessment in Pediatric Neuro-Oncology (RAPNO), and is a rising leader in her field.

Jessica Tsai, MD, is an Instructor in Pediatrics at Harvard Medical School and post-doctoral scholar in the Department of Pediatric Oncology at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, in the laboratory of Pratiti Bandopadhyay. She is also an attending physician in Pediatric Hematology, Oncology, and Stem Cell Transplant at the Dana-Farber/Boston Children's Hospital Cancer and Blood Disorders Center. As a graduate student with Tom Clandinin at Stanford, she



identified a novel transcriptional feedback pathway critical for synapse maintenance, revealing a critical role for the interaction of presynaptic proteins and phospholipids to maintain neuronal networks. Jess completed her MD/PhD in the Medical Scientist Training Program at Stanford University School of Medicine, then subsequently completed her residency at the Boston Combined Residency Program in Pediatrics and her fellowship in Pediatric Hematology/Oncology at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. She is dedicated to a career as a physician-scientist, with an interest specifically in pediatric brain and solid tumors.
