Innovation & Implementation: Medical Physics in Cancer Care

A Science Day in Honor of C. Clifton Ling, Ph.D.

Monday, April 7, 2008

A CME Course Sponsored by Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center

Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center
Rockefeller Research Laboratories
430 East 67th Street, New York, NY 10021
COURSE DIRECTOR’S MESSAGE

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

We are pleased to invite you to attend a special continuing medical education course held in recognition of the accomplishments of C. Clifton Ling, Ph.D. The course will be held on April 7, 2008 at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. The educational objectives of the course are to review recent advances in cancer research and treatment, particularly as they relate to medical physics, tumor radiobiology, imaging sciences and radiotherapy.

We hope that you will join our esteemed guest faculty and Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center staff for this superb educational opportunity. 5.0 Category 1 CME credits will be awarded for participation, and registration is complimentary.

We look forward to seeing you in New York.

Sincerely,

Jean St. Germain, M.S.
Acting Chair
Department of Medical Physics

CAMPEP credits will be available.

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Professor of Radiation Oncology, Emeritus
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Professor of Radiation Oncology (Biophysics) Emeritus
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Samuel Hellman, M.D.
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University of Chicago

Gerald Kutcher, Ph.D.
Dean's Professor of the History of Medicine
Binghamton University, Department of History

Radhe Mohan, Ph.D.
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Dr. Clifton Ling

was born in China and received his primary and secondary education in Hong Kong. He attended universities in the USA, and obtained his Ph.D. in nuclear physics from the University of Washington, Seattle in 1971. He then entered radiation biophysics as a Research Fellow at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. Since then, he has held academic appointments at the Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School, George Washington University Medical Center, and the University of California, San Francisco. In 1989, he returned to MSKCC as the Enid A. Haupt Professor and Chairman of the Department of Medical Physics and Professor of Radiology (Physics), Weill Cornell Medical College of Cornell University. In 2007, Dr. Ling stepped down as Chair of Medical Physics and is at present working at MSKCC and Varian Medical Systems.

Dr. Ling has been an active participant in many professional societies such as the AAPM, the Radiation Research Society, and ASTRO. In AAPM, he served on the Board of Directors (1982-1987), chaired the Scientific Program Committee (1983-87) and Science Council (1991-93). He chaired the ASTRO Radiation Physics Committee, and was a councilor in physics in the Radiation Research Society. He was on grant review panels of both the U.S. and Canadian National Cancer Institutes, and is on the Nuclear and Radiation Studies Board of the National Academies. He has been on the editorial boards of Medical Physics, the International Journal of Radiation Oncology/Biology Physics, Radiotherapy Oncology, Seminars in Radiation Oncology, and Radiation Research.

Dr. Ling has received numerous honors and awards, including Honorary Member of ESTRO, the Ray Bush Visiting Professor of Princess Margaret Hospital, the Suntharalingam Lecturer of Thomas Jefferson University, Speaker of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, the Ira Spiro Visiting Professor of Harvard Medical School, the Franz Buschke Lecturer of the UCSF, and the James Purdy Lecturer of the Washington University, St. Louis. He received the AAPM Coolidge Award in 2004, the Gold Medal from ASTRO in 2006, and the Lifetime Achievement and Contribution Award, Radiation Oncology Society, Republic of China, 2007.

Dr. Ling’s research interests range from the fundamentals of cancer radiation biology to optimized radiation treatment planning and delivery, and more recently biological imaging as applied to cancer management. He has contributed to brachytherapy dosimetry, particularly of 1-125 seeds. In collaboration with other scientists and clinicians, he has participated in the development of 3D-CRT and IMRT, and ushered in the widespread use of these advanced techniques. In biological research, Dr. Ling has studied oxygen effect, dose rate effects and the repair of sublethal damage, hypoxic cell radiosensitization, radiation induced carcinogenesis and apoptosis, and the effects of oncogenes on radiosensitivity. At present, his laboratory is focusing on the biological basis of molecular and functional imaging. Dr. Ling has authored nearly 250 peer-reviewed papers and over 30 chapters in books and proceedings. He has been the principal investigator on numerous grants from the National Institutes of Health, the Department of Energy, the Department of Defense, and the American Cancer Society.
8:15-8:45am  Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:45-9:00am  Introduction
Jean St. Germain, M.S.
Robert Wittes, M.D.

9:00-9:10am  Edward R. Epp, Ph.D. – Session Chair

9:10-9:30am  Discovering the Past, Inventing the Future
Samuel Hellman, M.D.

9:30-9:50am  Linking Hypoxia-Induced Pathway, Radioresistance and Molecular Imaging
Gloria C. Li, Ph.D.

9:50-10:10am  The Patient’s-Eye View
Michael Goitein, Ph.D.

10:10-10:30am  Coffee Break

10:30-10:40am  William Dewey, Ph.D. – Session Chair

10:40-11:00am  The Clinical Role of Particle Therapy in Radiation Oncology
Lynn Verhey, Ph.D.

11:00-11:20am  Proton Therapy for Ocular Melanoma — the 1st and Ultimate AIGRT
Theodore Phillips, M.D.

11:20-11:40am  Proton Therapy – Is Current Exuberance Irrational?
Rahul Mohan, Ph.D.

11:40am-noon  Managing Geometric Uncertainties in High Precision RT
Gig S. Mageras, Ph.D.

12:00-1:15pm  Lunch

1:15-1:25pm  Peter J. Biggs, Ph.D. – Session Chair

1:25-1:45pm  Normal Tissue Complication Probability in the IG-IMRT World
Ellen D. Yorke, Ph.D.

1:45-2:05pm  Treatment Planning for PRX302: A Biological Agent Against Prostate Cancer
Arthur L. Boyer, Ph.D.

2:05-2:15pm  Howard Amols, Ph.D. – Session Chair

2:15-2:35pm  MR Studies as Predictors of Outcomes in Oncology
Jason A. Koutcher, M.D., Ph.D.

2:35-2:55pm  Towards Non-Invasive Hypoxia Imaging by PET Scanning
John L. Humm, Ph.D.

2:55-3:10pm  Coffee Break

3:10-3:20pm  Gerald Kutcher, Ph.D. – Session Chair

3:20-3:40pm  From IMRT to IGRT: Ling’s Journey at MSKCC
Zvi Fuks, M.D.

3:40-4:00pm  Remarks
C. Clifton Ling, Ph.D.
COURSE OVERVIEW
The course is designed to review recent advances in cancer research and treatment, particularly as they relate to medical physics, tumor radiobiology, imaging sciences and radiotherapy. The course will examine laboratory research and clinical application, especially the development and implementation of new methods of treatment planning and delivery.

TARGET AUDIENCE
The following professionals should be broadly interested in this course: medical physicists, radiation oncologists, cancer biologists, imaging scientists and other allied professionals.

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES
By attending this course the participants will learn about
- translational research in radiation and imaging sciences
- advances in radiotherapy planning and treatment
- intensity-modulated and image-guided radiotherapy

COURSE DESIGN
This course is comprised of lectures and discussions, encouraging exchange of ideas between faculty and participants.

ACCREDITATION
Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

CME CREDIT
Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center designates this educational activity for a maximum of 5.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

This seminar series has been approved by CAMPEP for up to 5.0 hours of Medical Physics Continuing Education Credit (MPCEC) for qualified medical physicists.

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Hotel options can be found at the following link:
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☐ Yes. I will attend the symposium on April 7, 2008.

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Pre-Registration is required to ensure adequate seating.
The favor of a reply is requested by March 28, 2008.
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