9th Annual Conference and Retreat
“Stem cells in development, inflammation and cancer”

Co-Sponsored by:
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Monday, June 2, 2008
Penn Museum
Rainey Auditorium
3620 South Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104

8:00 – 8:30 Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:30 – 8:45 Welcome and Introduction:
   Anil K. Rustgi, M.D.
   T. Grier Miller Professor of Medicine and Genetics
   Chief, Division of Gastroenterology
   Director, Center for Molecular Studies in Digestive and Liver Diseases

8:45 – 9:30 Benjamin Ohlstein, M.D., Ph.D.
   Assistant Professor, Department of Genetics and Development
   Columbia University Medical Center
   “Similar stem cells in human and insect intestines”

9:30 – 10:15 Thaddeus Stappenbeck, M.D., Ph.D.
   Assistant Professor, Pathology, Immunology & Developmental Biology
   Departments of Medicine, Pathology & Immunology
   Washington University School of Medicine
   “Adaptation of the intestinal epithelial stem cell niche during injury”

10:15 – 10:30 Break

10:30 – 11:15 Deborah L. Gumucio, Ph.D.
   Professor, Cell and Developmental Biology
   Director, Center for Organogenesis
   University of Michigan Medical School
   “Gastric epithelial progenitors: links to the inflammation-metaplasia-carcinoma sequence?”

11:15 – 12:00 Timothy C. Wang, M.D.
   Dorothy L. and Daniel H. Silberberg Professor of Medicine
   Chief of Gastroenterology
   Columbia University, Irving Cancer Research Center
   “Inflammation, stem cells and gastric cancer”

12:00 – 1:30 Lunch and Poster Session
   Location: Lower Egypt Gallery

1:30 – 2:30 Keynote Speaker:
   Nancy A. Speck, Ph.D.
   Professor of Biochemistry
   James J. Carroll Professor in Oncology
   Associate Director for Basic Science
   Dartmouth-Hitchcock Norris Cotton Cancer Center
   “Hematopoietic stem cell formation - where does it all begin?”

2:30 – 3:00 Panel Discussion and Conclusion
   Closing Remarks:
   Anil K. Rustgi, M.D.
   Adjourn

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