Peter Michael Foundation is continuously identifying, developing and advancing new, more effective diagnostic and therapeutic tools and techniques for prostate cancer.

Equally important to what we do is how we do it. The artwork on the cover depicts our embracement of a philosophy of interconnectedness and quality of life.

The Peter Michael Winery donates all of the wine poured and auctioned at the events in support of the Foundation’s mission and work. The acclaimed wines and the Foundation’s charitable focus allow us to engage the best chefs in America for our dinners and auctions. The chefs have become true partners in the cause.

Our dinners attract passionate supporters from all walks of life and locations. Those guests are not only donors, but friends who we have come to know and deeply appreciate. Quite a few take on expanded roles within the Foundation as advisors, committee members, donors of auction lots, volunteers, table hosts and all around networkers.

Thanks to the support of friends, funds raised at our dinners are used to underwrite talented physician scientists working on breakthrough prostate cancer diagnostics and treatments. The articles on Stanford and Memorial Sloan-Kettering on the following pages are examples of the noteworthy progress being made as a result of the passion and perseverance of visionary doctors.

Many of those doctors attend the dinners, speak about their work, and enjoy the camaraderie of the evening. In turn, each and every one of them have become critical connections as advisors and even providers of cancer care for Foundation friends and family.

Peter Michael Foundation believes in enhancing quality of life in all of its components.

Thank you enormously for being a very important part of that circle. We couldn’t do it without you.

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Passion, Perseverance & Teamwork

Sanjiv Sam Gambhir, M.D., Ph.D
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Director, Molecular Imaging Program of Stanford Medicine

In Fall 2008, Sir Peter, Scott Rodde, and Walter Menzel visited Dr. Sanjiv Sam Gambhir at his laboratory at Stanford University. By age 18, Sam had already earned his BA and was in UCLA Medical School where he earned his MD and PhD degrees. At the time we met, Dr. Gambhir was, and still is, the Chair of Radiology at Stanford School of Medicine with over 200 physicians, scientists and researchers working under his leadership.

The Peter Michael group was taken with Sam’s intellect as well as his visionary curiosity, humility, collaborative skills, and passion to conquer cancer. Dr. Gambhir and Dr. Raj Kothapalli, PhD, proposed photoacoustic imaging and nanotechnology, a novel approach to diagnose and treat prostate cancer with greater accuracy, better outcomes and less invasive actions.

“Nanotechnology offers an exquisite sensitivity and precision that is difficult to match with any other technology” says Dr. Gambhir. “Within the next decade, nanomedicine will change the path of cancer diagnosis and treatment in this country.”

Photoacoustic imaging works by turning light into sound. In simplest terms, an imaging agent of custom designed nanoparticles is injected into the body. The nanoparticles attach themselves to prostate cancer cells wherever they are in the gland or outside of it. Then a transrectal probe emitting a laser light is used to activate the nanoparticles on the cancer cells. The laser light causes them to vibrate, emitting ultrasound which is then imaged outside the body. Besides imaging the cancer, in the final step an ultrasound signal can be sent back into the body activating the nanoparticles to release drugs and kill the cancer cells.

Photoacoustic imaging has the potential to revolutionize prostate cancer management with its targeted treatment. Rather than radiating or surgically removing tissue mass, it is a non-invasive procedure treating cancer at the cellular level and only those cells that are cancerous.

Under Dr. Gambhir’s guidance, Dr. Kothapalli has led a multi-disciplinary team in urology, radiology, biology, bio-engineering, and optical and ultrasound engineering. Peter Michael Foundation and Drs. Gambhir and Kothapalli have persevered for seven years turning vision into reality.

Photoacoustic imaging is being tested in live human prostate cancer patients at Stanford. Dr. Kothapalli expects to publish the “whole story” in one of the prestigious scientific journals in 2016. Further validation is that Dr. Kothapalli received his first NIH grant for further improving the photoacoustic imaging device as a result of PPF funding that supported his initial postdoctoral fellowship in Dr. Gambhir’s lab.

We are seeing the benefits of sticking with an idea and working with people we believe in. Innovative translational research takes time. But we firmly believe in supporting the doctors and scientists, and letting them know we value their work.

This project has been funded jointly by the Peter Michael Foundation and a private supporter in Los Angeles. There is still an opportunity for a donor to fund the fellowship and have it named in their honor. Please contact us for details.

“Photoacoustic imaging has the potential to revolutionize prostate cancer management”
PMF fellows from the United States and Europe gathered with MSK faculty and staff in Dubrovnik, Croatia. The fellows resoundingly could discuss the impact of their fellowships on their careers, share their research results, and discuss possible collaborations. Six former Dr. Hricak has also used her PMF fellowships to attract the best and brightest young people to the field of prostate cancer imaging and polarized MRI to assess prostate cancer aggressiveness and treatment response.

Recently, the MSKCC team began human studies with a novel and potentially revolutionary device—the GE SpinLab hyperpolarizer. This device alters the nuclear spin of a chemical agent so that, once the agent is injected into a patient, its metabolic transformation can be viewed by MRI. PMF fellow Dr. Kristin Granlund, a trained electrical engineer, is responsible for the technical development of the device. This initial study will lay the foundation for future clinical trials evaluating the use of hyperpolarized MRI to assess prostate cancer aggressiveness and treatment response.

For example, the MSKCC team was the first to examine how tumor size and aggressiveness affect tumor detection on MRI. They revealed that a combination of anatomic and functional MRI sequences could detect aggressive tumors as small as half a cubic centimeter but not small, non-aggressive tumors. MRI could be used to identify aggressive tumors that might be missed by blind biopsy or to rule out clinically significant cancer, their work showed.

As a direct result of the team’s research, the Foundation and Dr. Hricak have been strong, consistent supporters of Active Surveillance for men with low-risk prostate cancer. They believe MRI should be used before the choice of Active Surveillance and regularly prior to biopsies.

With the Foundation’s support, Dr. Hricak’s team at MSKCC has conducted long-term, pioneering research exploring the strengths and limitations of MRI for evaluating prostate cancer. Their body of work has had an enormous impact on how prostate MRI is used at centers around the world.

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Future Translational Research

The Foundation is awaiting proposals from UCSF & Duke on new patient-centric prostate cancer diagnostic and therapeutic research challenges. The Foundation has been in discussion about translational projects that have opportunities to get to clinical practice swiftly.

Kevin & Gabriela York

Kevin and Gabriela’s charitable interests other than the Peter Michael Foundation include permanent conservation of over 1,700 acres of forest with the Athens Land Trust, volunteering and capital funding for Athens Academy, funding for the restoration of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, and financial support for Project Safe.

Their first involvement with the Foundation was the inaugural Stars dinner event at the Peter Michael Winery in 2006. They are happy to support such a worthy cause and have enjoyed attending a number of the events in California and New York over the last decade. They have also introduced the Foundation to many of their friends who have become supporters as well.

Stars Knights Valley

Partner Profile: Kevin & Gabriela York

Kevin, Gabriela, and their daughters Isabella and Ava reside in Athens, Georgia. Gabriela is a registered nurse and full-time mother. Kevin, formerly a Healthcare Technology executive, is a real estate developer and part-time tree farmer.
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