MSKCC SEMINAR in Salzburg

"Oncology B: Soft Tissue, Bone, and Skin Malignancies"

December 9 – 15, 2018
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SALZBURG MSKCC ONCOLOGY B: SOFT TISSUE, BONE, AND SKIN MALIGNANCIES SEMINAR

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- 31 fellows from 19 different countries and regions
- 5 faculty members from the United States
- 22 lectures given by faculty
- 27 interesting case presentations by fellows
- Six excellent case presentations selected by faculty

Faculty Photo (L-R)
Alexander N. Shoushtari, MD; Mark A. Dickson, MD; David G. Pfister, MD; Daniel Coit, MD, FACS; Christopher A. Barker, MD
Group Photo of Faculty and Fellows
### Schedule:

#### 2018 Salzburg MSKCC Seminar in Oncology B:
**Soft Tissue, Bone, and Skin Malignancies**  
**Sunday 9 December - Saturday 15 December 2018**

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<td><strong>Introduction to Immune Therapy</strong></td>
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**Free Afternoon**
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- Co-facilitators: Mark A. Dickson, MD, Alexander N. Shoushtari, MD, and Christopher A. Barker, MD

**Workshop Case Presentations by Faculty to Fellows**
- Facilitator: Alexander N. Shoushtari, MD
- Co-facilitator: Daniel Coit, MD, FACS
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David G. Pfister, MD (Course Director) received his MD from the University of Pennsylvania, where he completed a residency in internal medicine at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. He was a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar and trained in clinical epidemiology at Yale University, and did a fellowship in medical oncology and hematology at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC). Dr. Pfister holds the ranks of Professor of Medicine at Weill Cornell Medical College and Member at MSKCC, where he is Chief of the Head and Neck Oncology Service within the Department of Medicine and Co-leader of the Head and Neck Cancer Disease Management Team. He is also Associate Deputy Physician-in-Chief for Strategic Partnerships at MSKCC. Dr. Pfister is an internationally-recognized expert in the management of head and neck tumors, and has pioneered the development of combined modality, “organ preservation”, treatment programs, intended to preserve function and cosmesis without compromise in survival. He is the 2011 recipient of the Willet F. Whitmore Award for Clinical Excellence at MSKCC. Dr. Pfister has previously served in an editorial capacity for both Clinical Cancer Research and the Journal of Clinical Oncology. In addition to the development of combined modality-organ preservation therapies, his current research focuses on the evaluation of targeted therapies, the development of innovative therapies for rare tumors, and healthcare outcome assessments. Dr. Pfister is a member of the Board of Directors for the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) and is Chair of the NCCN’s Head and Neck Cancer Practice Guidelines Panel. He serves as Chair of the Protocol Committee for the International Thyroid Oncology Group (ITOG), and is a member of the Executive Committee of the Board for that organization. He is former Co-chair of the Head and Neck Cancer Recurrent/Metastatic Disease Task Force at the National Cancer Institute (NCI). He is a member of the Medical Advisory Board for Support for People with Oral and Head and Neck Cancer (SPOHNC).

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Daniel Coit, MD, FACS (Co-Course Director) received his medical degree in 1976 from the University of Cincinnati. After completing a surgical residency at the New England Deaconess Hospital, and surgical oncology fellowship at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, he joined the MSKCC faculty in 1985. Since that time, he has developed a specific academic, research and clinical interest in the care of patients with melanoma, gastric cancer, and sarcoma, publishing over 250 peer reviewed articles, reviews, and book chapters on those subjects. Dr. Coit's interest in melanoma is focused primarily on the clinical significance of regional lymph nodes, both clinical nodal metastasis, and those found in sentinel lymph nodes, either microscopic or submicroscopic. In gastric cancer, his interest is focused on optimal pre-treatment risk assessment, with an emphasis on the important role of laparoscopy and examination of peritoneal cytology prior to surgical resection. In sarcoma, he is interested in the optimal integration of multimodality therapy with function-preserving surgery. Dr. Coit has an abiding interest in surgical education, having been nominated as the outstanding teacher at MSKCC by surgical fellows on two separate occasions. He chaired the SSO training committee, responsible for overseeing all surgical oncology fellowship training programs. He served on the Surgical Oncology Advisory Committee to the American Board of Surgery. He was the Chief of the Gastric & Mixed Tumor Service at MSKCC from 1997-2003. He currently serves as the Co-Leader of the Melanoma Disease Management Team, and Chairs the NCCN Melanoma Committee. He serves as the Co-Leader of the MSKCC Gastric Cancer Disease Management Team. He also serves on the AJCC Melanoma and Upper GI Cancer staging committees. Dr. Coit is past President of the Society of Surgical Oncology.

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Alexander N. Shoushtari, MD is an Assistant Attending Physician on the Melanoma and Immunotherapeutics Service in the Department of Medicine at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. He focuses exclusively on treating patients with melanoma using standard and developmental immune and targeted therapies. Within melanoma, his specific interests lie in developing treatments for non-cutaneous melanoma subtypes arising from the eye, hands/feet, and mucosal surfaces. He also actively investigates the relationship between genetic alterations in all melanoma subtypes and their response to standard checkpoint inhibitors. Dr. Shoushtari's clinical trial work has been recognized by ASCO and AACR with early career grants. His academic career began in Chicago, where he performed undergraduate studies at Northwestern University, medical school at Rush University Medical College, and internal medicine residency at the University of Chicago. He has happily called New York City home since joining MSKCC as a medical oncology fellow in 2012.

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December 9, Sunday evening. I am happy to be back in Salzburg. I had my flight from Tbilisi to Munich and then traveled to Salzburg by train. Finally, I arrived at Schloss Arenberg. I got a nice double room with a great view. In the evening, we had our first meeting. Dr. David G. Pfister, the course director, introduced the main issues regarding the seminar. The dinner with faculty members and participants was full of emotions and expectations.

December 10, Monday. The seminar started at 8 am. Dr. Pfister introduced the history of MSKCC. Then we took a pre-seminar test, some questions were familiar, some of them were difficult to answer. After the test, Dr. Daniel Coit hold impressive lectures on initial management of cutaneous melanoma, SLNB for melanoma, and Merkel cell carcinoma. Dr. Alexander N. Shoushtari lectured on treatment for advanced and rare type of melanoma. All the lectures were really interesting. The main point is - the entire day was very interactive. We were asking many questions. The lectures were too challenging and fruitful. We took group photos, had breaks and enjoyed each other’s company. Ms. Stephanie gave me the opportunity to share my emotions publicly. After a fruitful meeting, I walked with my new friend from Albania to the city center. The whole city was decorated for Christmas. This caught our attention. All was bright and sparkling. Honestly, a walking tour was exactly what participants needed after a long day.

December 11, Tuesday. Almost all lectures covered the immune therapy, that included the introduction, the management of adverse event, what we should do in case of immune resistance (primary or secondary) etc. Dr. Shoushtari shared his experience and gave us very important tips for our daily practice too. Overall, the day was full of useful and the newest information about melanoma according to the many clinical trials. After lunch, the fellows had case presentations and discussions with faculty.

December 12, Wednesday. When I woke up (at 7 am, because lectures start at 8 am every day), it was snowing. Big heavy flakes. Many trees surround Schloss Arenberg. So, this morning all trees were covered with powdery snow. It was sarcoma day. The lectures were dedicated to radiation and chemotherapy, pros and cons in different setting. Dr. Dickson, Dr. Coit and Dr. Barker held amazing, educational and very informative presentations. We received lots of news and at the same time rechecked our knowledge and experience with doctors from Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. They donated their essential time and practical and theoretical skills. The seminar day was short. We finished at 2 pm. The snowy weather made us happy, like children. We took many pictures and shared
each other’s daily emotions. My new friends are friendly, kind, attentive and at the same time so different. We are 31, almost from all over the world. Differences do not matter. I used the free afternoon for shopping. Some of us went to the shopping mall, Europark. A huge mall near the city center, just 15 minutes by bus. After shopping, we walked around in the white Salzburg city center.

**December 13, Thursday.** The morning session started with systemic treatment of metastatic sarcoma. Dr. Dickson held a memorable lecture on chemo and targeted therapy, which sarcoma forms are sensitive to chemo or/and other therapy. Dr. Barker continued with lectures on radiotherapy in pre-, postoperative and metastatic setting. Actually, the day was very interactive and informative. After lunch, we had case presentations about sarcoma – different cases and different ways of resolving, depending on patients and possibilities. Because not every government can cover cancer patients treatment. After dinner, we had an excellent experience, the chamber music concert started. It lasted approximately an hour. The concert was very impressive.

**December 14, Friday.** The last seminar day was a sarcoma day. Dr. Dickson talked about new treatment directions in soft tissue sarcomas. After the lectures, we took the post-seminar test. Now it was easier than on Monday and the main reason for this progress, without any doubt, was our faculty’s powerful effort.

Last week was one of the most remarkable weeks in my life, not only from an educational point of view. It was full of positive emotions, full of useful and interesting news. It was a wonderful experience. All of us felt sad, because the seminar was over. Believe it or not, it is too hard for me to find the right words to properly describe how fantastic each presentation was. Thank you so much for delivering such outstanding presentations. It was unimaginable experience for young clinicians like me. To be honest, this was the best seminar ever. Thank you for your consideration and friendly attitude towards all participants. I hope we will meet again.

*Irine Khubua, MD (Georgia)*
December 8, Saturday night. After a long but exciting flight from Mexico to Frankfurt, Germany, I finally arrived in Salzburg, Austria. Immediately I fell in love with the city while I traveled from the airport to Schloss Arenberg; it is a beautiful place. The people are very kind, they instructed me about my stay and they were always at my disposal. My room was very comfortable and warm, perfect for this great week of learning.

December 9, Sunday. We had the welcome reception and dinner at 7 o’clock in the evening. We were received by David. G. Pfister, MD, the course director, who explained what the seminar would consist of and introduced us to other doctors who accompanied him from the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and who would teach the seminar with him. The dinner was delicious, and I had the opportunity and pleasure to meet other people who attended the seminar, from other countries in Europe, Asia, Africa, and also people from Mexico who I did not know before. We began to bond friendship ties and prepare ourselves for this week.

December 10, Monday. The seminar began. David. G. Pfister, MD told us about the history of Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and we had a pre-test. The lessons were given by Daniel Coit, MD and Alexander N. Shoushtari, MD on the initial management of melanoma and advanced stages, as well as rare melanoma subtypes. During the seminar, we had a space for coffee break and lunch.

December 11, Tuesday. We continued with lessons on melanoma this time about immune therapy, the use and adverse events of this therapy. I was very excited, a lot of new and updated information, but Daniel Coit, MD and Alexander N. Shoushtari, MD explained it in a very didactic and understandable way. Today began the presentation of clinical cases by the fellows, this day they were about skin neoplasms. All were very interesting.

December 12, Wednesday. We had an excellent talk given by Christopher A. Baker, MD on radiotherapy in patients with melanoma. Later we started with the lessons about the treatment of soft tissue and bone sarcomas. Daniel Coit, MD, Christopher A. Barker, MD and Mark A. Dickson, MD explained the subject with great ease. After lunch, we had the afternoon free and we could explore the city, and learn about its history and culture. They take care of their traditions.

December 13, Thursday. Each day the seminar was very surprising and interesting. This time the speech was on targeted therapy of rare soft tissue sarcomas, radiotherapy for bone metastases, soft tissue sarcoma, cutaneous basal and squamous cell carcinoma by Mark A. Dickson, MD and Christopher
A. Barker, MD. They made the subjects very enjoyable and cleared all our doubts and answered our questions. After lunch, we continued with the presentation of clinical cases by the fellows. This time about sarcomas and it was my opportunity to present my case about a patient with osteosarcoma and brain metastasis which are very infrequent. The faculty had very accurate opinions about the topic and guided me on how I can help improve my patient’s condition. At night, we attended a chamber music concert. This was a great event, all fellows were enjoyed the concert.

This has been a great week: I met new friends, I learned from their cultures and traditions, we generated bonds that will allow us to support each other during our work performance. The seminar was enriching. I have mixed feelings. I am happy and grateful for OMI, AAF and AMSA for the opportunity to be part of this great seminar and at the same time sad because it ends. But I treasure in my heart all the beautiful memories, and I am sure that we return to our countries with new knowledge that will allow us to improve the health services and with the desire to share with others everything learned.

Diana Ramirez, MD (Mexico)
**December 9, Sunday evening.** The Mozart music in the plane cabin before departing and landing, snowy mountains welcoming you in the airport and first insight to baroque architecture made the arriving to beautiful Salzburg and especially to Schloss Arenberg despite of the rainy weather already special. The same evening this year’s participants met the faculty. Dr. David G. Pfister, the course director, opened the seminar with a lovely speech and I remember myself thinking that it is going to be a great week. My thought got even more strength by the openness and warmness of other faculty members and colleagues from different countries that I had a pleasure to start to get to know.

**December 10, Monday.** The start of the morning session was punctual. After the pre-seminar test, Dr. Pfister gave a brief overview of the history of MSKCC. After that, we gathered for a group photo with a background of a magical snowfall outside and Dr. Pfister’s special tie. Then we continued with Dr. Daniel Coit’s passionate and clear lectures about the initial management of cutaneous melanoma and role of sentinel lymph node biopsy (SLNB) among those patients and he also showed interesting data about quite rarely seen Merkel cell carcinoma. The afternoon session was going on with great lectures by Dr. Alexander N. Shoushtari about systemic and adjuvant therapy of melanoma, but more interestingly about some hopeful future developments in rare melanoma subtypes (mucosal and uveal). Monday was also a start for the participant’s clinical case presentations, which is always a great way to see and share experience from different parts of the world. The evening ended with good company, tasty food, local wine and great conversations with others.

**December 11, Tuesday.** Start of the morning by Dr. Coit was again punctual with a fascinating presentation about the role of lymph nodes in cancer. After that, Dr. Shoushtari continued with the next three lectures. We heard about the basis of immunotherapy, the adverse events of checkpoint inhibitors and their management and ongoing research in immune therapy. They were all great. In the afternoon, we continued with participants’ clinical case presentations mostly about malignant melanoma. All of them were well presented and brought up a great discussion with the faculty. The evening ended with a fightful match in table football between Estonia, Slovakia and Czech Republic. No winners, no losers!

**December 12, Wednesday.** It was the day when Salzburg turned into winter wonderland and Dr. Coit suggested to go outside during the coffee break and do snow angels. I do not know if anyone followed his suggestion, but surely a lot of photos of these snowy surroundings were taken. In the morning, we heard Dr. Christopher A. Barker for the first time and got insights into the indications of radiotherapy
and its possible role in combining it with immunotherapy in cutaneous melanoma. And, as it was the middle of the week it was time to start with sarcomas. Dr. Coit gave an overview of the management of retroperitoneal sarcomas and Dr. Mark A. Dickson started his presentations with the role of adjuvant chemotherapy of soft tissue and bone sarcomas. Again, it was a great session. With the free afternoon, a group of two Estonians, Slovak and Czech fellows decided to visit Fortress Hohensalzburg, where we had a beautiful view over the whole town. Afterwards we were wandering around in the old town, passing Mozart’s birthplace and got Christmas feeling from the market. And again, after some rest it was time for table football!

December 13, Thursday. Morning was again punctual by Dr. Dickson who gave an overview of systemic treatment of metastatic sarcomas. And then, Dr. Barker continued with radiotherapy topics giving interesting evidence and practical examples of radiotherapy in basal cell and squamous cell carcinomas of the skin, in bone metastases and soft tissue sarcomas. In the afternoon, we had the final session of participants’ clinical case presentations and again it was a great session with clear and instructive discussions with the faculty. Evening was special – our seminar class had turned to a beautiful concert room and we listened to a wonderful and famous chamber music by two singers and a pianist. It was special to be in a classical music concert in Salzburg, the birthplace of W. A. Mozart. The evening ended with great conversations with the faculty and participants and the final day of the seminar was approaching...

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the organization team, to the wonderful Schloss Arenberg crew and the amazing faculty for letting me be a part of this great seminar. I go back home with a lot of knew knowledge, lovely friendships and great feeling that I have learned from the greatest and grown again a bit as a doctor. It was an unforgettable experience and I would definitely recommend this seminar to my colleagues and surely personally I would like to participate again in future seminars.

Thank you!

Ann Valter, MD (Estonia)