

Frank R. and Elizabeth Simoni Foundation advances cancer care



Thomas Clancy, MD

Thomas Clancy, MD, is one of the top surgical oncologists specializing in pancreatic, biliary, and liver cancers. As a researcher and educator, Clancy is at the forefront of progress for treating these serious and often life-threatening cancers, which can go undetected until advanced stages when treatment becomes less successful.

Also known for his compassion and attentiveness as a surgeon, Clancy possesses qualities that have made him a star to countless patients and families. His exceptional caregiving made a strong impression on members of the MacDonald family, who recently gave \$250,000 to the Brigham through the Frank R. and Elizabeth Simoni Foundation, a philanthropic

organization that supports education, healthcare, and other needs in the Greater Boston community.

With this gift, the Simoni Foundation seeks to honor Clancy by establishing a fund to strengthen outcomes research for pancreatic, biliary, and liver cancers—one of Clancy's greatest priorities. This type of research examines patients' results after surgeries or other interventions to determine which approaches work best and which can be improved.

“We admire Dr. Clancy’s passion for improving treatment and quality of life for patients,” says Matthew MacDonald, president of the Simoni Foundation. “We are pleased to provide flexible resources for him to lead and pursue research that can change the course of these cancers.”

Clancy is thankful to the family for helping his team uncover insights about these diseases and to ultimately steer the field toward more targeted, successful treatments. He says, “The Simoni Foundation’s generous support is critical to accelerating promising investigations. This work will inform and guide care for patients today and in the future.” ●

RUSIS FAMILY SPURS PIONEERING ALZHEIMER’S RESEARCH

Like so many families touched by Alzheimer’s disease, Cynthia and Armins Rusis await the day when cognitive decline can be prevented before it begins. The couple was excited to learn of incredible progress in Alzheimer’s disease prevention that is well underway at the Brigham, thanks to pioneering clinical trials led by neurologist Reisa A. Sperling, MD, MMSc.

Inspired, the Rusis family connected with Sperling last year to learn more about her research. They recently made a generous gift to aid her team’s work to develop and test new ways to detect Alzheimer’s disease earlier in life.

“The Rusis family’s wonderful support comes at a critical point in our prevention trials,” says Sperling. “We are closer than ever to understanding how therapies can modify the disease trajectory and prevent cognitive decline.” ●



Reisa A. Sperling, MD, MMSc

Events allow supporters to fundraise for many areas across the Brigham

1 35 HOSPITAL PROGRAMS BENEFIT FROM B.A.A. 10K®

For the 6th year, the B.A.A. 10K® presented by Brigham and Women’s Hospital gave the opportunity to raise funds for any area of the hospital. Held virtually from June 25 to 27, 260 BWH participants and 27 teams ran in a location of their choice and raised more than \$60,000 to support 35 areas including community health, cancer care, and the Caregivers Fund.

“On behalf of my fellow team captains, I’d like to congratulate the Brigham teams and thank all who cheered us on,” says Adam Kibel, MD, chief of the Division of Urology and captain of the Stream Team. “Next year’s race will be in person in June 2022 and we cannot wait for this Brigham tradition to return to the Boston Common!”

1. Brainy Bunch team members Angela, Dan, and Lindsey Triggs. **2.** Yukari Perrella of the Channing Division of Network Medicine Team, the Brigham’s top fundraising team. **3.** Runner David Breen of the Stepping Strong team with his wife, Tiffany, and two sons. **4.** Team captain Elizabeth Matzkin, MD, second from left, with members of Team Bone to Run.



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