

CCBF Team

Meet the Physician: Dr. James Bussel

James Bussel, MD is the director of the Platelet Disorders Program at New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center, specializing in the pathophysiology of and improved treatments for thrombocytopenia, especially immune thrombocytopenic purpura (ITP). Dr. Bussel has been a leading member of the CCBF team for nearly 30 years.



The pioneering work of The Platelet Disorder Center has revolutionized the treatment of platelet disorders, providing patients all over the world

with the most advanced treatment options available. With many new studies underway, Dr. Bussel and The Center continue to investigate

the history and management of platelet disorders in order to create optimal treatment plans and eventually cures for these diseases.

Dr. Bussel developed the first successful non-invasive treatment for fetal alloimmune

thrombocytopenia, a disorder that affects fetuses and newborns and leads them to have strokes from bleeding in the womb. As a result of this revolutionary work, Dr.

Bussel received the 2012 King Faisal International Prize in Medicine. This prestigious award is exclusively bestowed upon elite scientists whose research results in significant advances that benefit humanity.

Dr. Bussel lectures throughout the world on platelet disorders and advances in treatment and has chaired the American Society of Hematology (ASH) ITP symposium for ten consecutive years. Dr. Bussel is the Primary Investigator of the Cornell-Columbia TMH Clinical Trial Network. Among his more than 200 publications are six 1st or 2nd authored original articles in the New England Journal of Medicine.

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Meet Courtney Czepiga, Child Life Specialist

This past October, Courtney Czepiga joined the Pediatric Hematology/Oncology team as the Division's first Child Life Specialist. Courtney provides support and works one-on-one with patients and their families to help them cope with the challenges of hospitalization, illness, and disability. She provides children with age-appropriate

preparation for medical procedures, pain management and coping strategies, and play therapy.

In the short time that Courtney has been on the team, she has had a great impact on the patients, their families and the Division. For the months of November and December Courtney worked with 33 families

who were experiencing an inpatient stay and provided services to 98 families who visited the outpatient clinic. It is the important work done by Courtney and the Division's fantastic team of specialists that helps patients and their families cope with a significant, life changing diagnosis. Thank you Courtney for all of your hard work!

CCBF Update

Belfer Research Building Opens at WCMC

On Friday, January 31st, Weill Cornell Medical College opened the Belfer Research Building, a 480,000 square foot state of the art facility which nearly doubles Weill Cornell's previous research space.

The building which opened after seven years of fundraising and almost four years of construction is dedicated to translational bench to bedside research targeting some of the most challenging health issues of the 21st century including cancer, cardiovascular disease, neurodegenerative diseases, and global health and infectious diseases. CCBF physicians Dr. Rivella and Dr. Lyden's research labs are located on the 12th floor of the new facility.



The Belfer Research Building includes 13 floors of laboratories equipped with the most advanced research technology. The building has open floor plans to facilitate cross-disciplinary communication and collaboration among Weill Cornell Medical College's leading scientists and physicians. The new building's close proximity to New York Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center ensures that medical breakthroughs made in the laboratories can be quickly applied to patient care as improved treatments in the clinic. The facility's new research standards will attract physicians, scientists and medical students from around the world!

Learn More

Learn How You Can Make a Difference

General Support

Your generous gift will help CCBF continue to offer quality care and remain a pioneer of pediatric oncology and hematology research.

Memorial and Tribute Gifts

These gifts allow you to make a donation in the name of a loved one.

Matching Gifts

Your gift could be doubled or even tripled! Check with your HR office to see how your company can match gifts.

Volunteer

CCBF is always looking for dedicated people to help in our fundraising efforts. Share in this rewarding experience.

Other Ways to Help

There are other ways to help, such as planned giving and gifts of stock. Ask us about other ways to donate!



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CCBF Events

Private Party at American Girl Place

On Tuesday, May 13th, 2014, CCBF will partner once again with American Girl Place to host its fifth annual fundraising event.

From 6-8 pm American Girl Place will close its doors for children and their families to enjoy an exclusive evening of fun at the company's dreamlike, three-story flagship store. Attendees will enjoy personal shopper assistance, passed hors d'oeuvres, beverages and a delicious dessert bar!

Children will enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime experience featuring a number of fun activities including the New Girl of the Year Scavenger Hunt, a visit to the Doll

Hair Salon, and will receive a Creativ-tee Doll Tee. Guests will also have the chance to enter a raffle to win a variety of popular American Girl dolls.



Thanks to the tremendous generosity of American Girl, all costs will be underwritten to ensure that 100% of proceeds benefit CCBF. Tickets to CCBF's private party at American Girl are \$75 for children and \$50 for adults. For more information visit our website or call us at 212.297.4336.