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COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER

Pelotonia Institute for Immuno-Oncology FAQ

What is Pelotonia?

Founded in 2008, Pelotonia was established with the objective to fund life-saving cancer research. As a centerpiece of its year-round fundraising efforts, Pelotonia hosts a three-day experience that includes a weekend of cycling, entertainment, and volunteerism. In ten years, Pelotonia has raised over \$190 million for cancer research. Thanks to its generous funding partners—American Electric Power Foundation, Huntington Bank, L Brands Foundation, Peggy and Richard Santulli, Harold C. Schott Foundation, Cardinal Health, and Diamond Hill Capital Management—Pelotonia is able to direct 100 percent of every dollar raised by its participants to cancer research at the OSUCCC – James. For more information, visit pelotonia.org.

What is Immuno-Oncology?

The field of immuno-oncology utilizes the patient's own immune system to treat cancer. Immuno-oncology, like all immunotherapies, is different from chemotherapy or radiation because it focuses on fixing the immune system. Instead of directly targeting cancer cells, immuno-oncology activates the body's immune system to fight cancer, offering a less invasive treatment option than traditional therapy.

Why is the OSUCCC – James creating an institute focused on Immuno-Oncology?

Immuno-Oncology is the next frontier in cancer treatment—bringing new hope to those who may otherwise be out of options, and in some cases offering a first line of attack that inflicts less damage to healthy tissues. Immuno-Oncology works by harnessing a patient's own immune system and retraining it to fight cancer cells.

The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center – Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute (OSUCCC – James) has a well-established track record in immunology, cancer and immunotherapy, with many preclinical, translational and clinical research studies and trials in a variety of areas relating to immunology and cancer.

But there is much left undiscovered—such as why immunotherapy can wipe out cancer in one person while others don't respond, what the long-term benefits of immunotherapy look like, and how long a patient should stay on a cancer-killing immune drug. That is why now is the time to invest in immune-oncology and establish the Pelotonia Institute for Immuno-Oncology.

I thought 100% of all Pelotonia Participant raised dollars already benefited cancer research at the OSUCCC – James, has something changed?

No, 100% of every participant raised Pelotonia dollar still benefits cancer research at the OSUCCC – James. This is a five-year pledge of future Pelotonia dollars to ensure the establishment of the institute is successful.

Will all \$102,265,000 go to Immuno-Oncology? What about other areas of cancer research?

\$65,000,000 over five-years will support the institute. The remaining dollars will continue to support all the areas that Pelotonia has traditionally supported such as, Pelotonia Fellowships, Idea Grants, Statewide Initiatives, Equipment and research support for new recruits.

If Pelotonia raises more than \$102,265,000 over the next five years, where will that money go?

All Pelotonia Participant raised dollars will continue to benefit research at the OSUCCC – James.

Why are you naming this institute after Pelotonia?

The naming is to recognize the extraordinary commitment of the Pelotonia community over the last decade and into the future. Pelotonia demonstrates what can be accomplished when a committed group of people comes together to support our shared goal of ending cancer. The OSUCCC – James and The Ohio State University are grateful for the amazing generosity of the Pelotonia community and believes naming the Institute for Immuno-Oncology after the thousands of riders, donors and volunteers is just one way we can show our appreciation and bring us closer to a cancer-free world.