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00:00:00.000 --> 00:00:02.490 Support for Yale Cancer Answers

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 $00:00:02.490 \longrightarrow 00:00:04.980$ comes from AstraZeneca, dedicated

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 $00:00:05.057 \longrightarrow 00:00:07.432$ to advancing options and providing

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 $00:00:07.432 \longrightarrow 00:00:10.420$ hope for people living with cancer.

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 $00:00:10.420 \longrightarrow 00:00:13.968$ More information at astrazeneca-us.com.

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 $00:00:13.970 \longrightarrow 00:00:15.950$ Welcome to Yale Cancer Answers with

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00:00:15.950 --> 00:00:18.482 your host doctor Anees Chagpar.

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 $00:00:18.482 \longrightarrow 00:00:20.402$ Yale Cancer Answers features the

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 $00:00:20.402 \longrightarrow 00:00:22.742$ latest information on cancer care by

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 $00{:}00{:}22.742 \dashrightarrow 00{:}00{:}24.254$ welcoming on cologists and specialists

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 $00:00:24.254 \longrightarrow 00:00:26.820$ who are on the forefront of the

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 $00:00:26.820 \longrightarrow 00:00:29.060$ battle to fight cancer. This week,

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 $00{:}00{:}29.060 \dashrightarrow 00{:}00{:}31.214$ it's a conversation about pancreatic cancer

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 $00:00:31.214 \longrightarrow 00:00:33.110$ research with Doctor Luisa Escobar-Hoyos,

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00:00:33.110 --> 00:00:35.462 Doctor Escobar-Hoyos is an

 $00:00:35.462 \longrightarrow 00:00:37.030$ assistant professor of the rapeutic

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 $00:00:37.094 \longrightarrow 00:00:39.122$ radiology at the Yale School of

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 $00:00:39.122 \longrightarrow 00:00:41.255$ Medicine where Doctor Chagpar is

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 $00:00:41.255 \longrightarrow 00:00:43.035$ a professor of surgical oncology.

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 $00:00:44.300 \longrightarrow 00:00:47.372$ Luisa maybe we can take a step back

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00:00:47.372 --> 00:00:50.724 first and just tell us a little bit more

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 $00{:}00{:}50.730 \dashrightarrow 00{:}00{:}52.986$ about yourself and what you do.

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 $00:00:52.990 \longrightarrow 00:00:55.636$ Sure, I am a cancer scientist.

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 $00{:}00{:}55.640 \dashrightarrow 00{:}00{:}57.530$ I basically try to understand

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 $00:00:57.530 \longrightarrow 00:00:59.420$ at the molecular cell level,

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 $00:00:59.420 \longrightarrow 00:01:01.310$ how do cancer cells work?

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00:01:01.310 --> 00:01:04.326 I am originally born and raised in Columbia,

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 $00:01:04.330 \dashrightarrow 00:01:06.948$ South America, but I always had a

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 $00:01:06.948 \longrightarrow 00:01:10.018$ passion to come to the US to train

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 $00:01:10.018 \longrightarrow 00:01:11.888$ in cancer biology and therapy.

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 $00:01:11.890 \longrightarrow 00:01:14.332$ And this was based on an

 $00:01:14.332 \longrightarrow 00:01:15.892$ inspiration because my mom is

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 $00{:}01{:}15.892 \dashrightarrow 00{:}01{:}18.489$ also a cancer scientist and she

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 $00:01:18.489 \longrightarrow 00:01:20.957$ inspired me from a young

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 $00{:}01{:}20.957 \dashrightarrow 00{:}01{:}23.198$ age to become a cancer scientist.

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 $00:01:23.200 \longrightarrow 00:01:25.258$ So Fast forward a few years I

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00:01:25.258 --> 00:01:27.610 came here 10 years ago with this

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 $00:01:27.610 \longrightarrow 00:01:29.710$ big dream to make a difference

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 $00:01:29.780 \longrightarrow 00:01:32.132$ for cancer and especially for

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 $00:01:32.132 \longrightarrow 00:01:34.034$ the patients and their families.

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 $00:01:34.034 \longrightarrow 00:01:36.706$ And recently a year ago I started my

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00:01:36.706 --> 00:01:39.397 own lab here at Yale and in my lab we

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 $00:01:39.397 \longrightarrow 00:01:41.511$ have different individuals that

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00:01:41.511 --> 00:01:44.550 are training in research.

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00:01:44.550 --> 00:01:46.650 So at this level we have 00:01:47.432 --> 00:01:48.214 graduate students and

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 $00{:}01{:}49.000 \dashrightarrow 00{:}01{:}51.688$ Master students and pH D students and

 $00:01:51.688 \longrightarrow 00:01:54.637$ we also have postdocs that come to

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 $00:01:54.637 \longrightarrow 00:01:57.217$ train after their PhD level before

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 $00:01:57.296 \longrightarrow 00:01:59.600$ they can launch their own lab.

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 $00:01:59.600 \longrightarrow 00:02:02.456$ So my job as a mentor and as

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 $00:02:02.460 \longrightarrow 00:02:05.228$ a leader is to manage all the

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 $00:02:05.228 \longrightarrow 00:02:07.396$ research activity and programs that

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 $00:02:07.396 \longrightarrow 00:02:10.210$ are being funded by different institutions,

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 $00:02:10.210 \longrightarrow 00:02:12.350$ government or private

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 $00:02:12.350 \longrightarrow 00:02:15.331$ institutions and it's all with the hope

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 $00{:}02{:}15.331 \dashrightarrow 00{:}02{:}17.641$ that we can cure pancreatic cancer

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00:02:17.641 --> 00:02:20.409 and change the course of this disease.

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 $00:02:21.540 \longrightarrow 00:02:24.888$ Tell us more about that.

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 $00:02:24.890 \longrightarrow 00:02:27.938$ It sounds like a lofty goal to

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 $00{:}02{:}27.938 \to 00{:}02{:}31.640$ find a cure for pancreatic cancer, and

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 $00:02:31.640 \longrightarrow 00:02:35.240$ change the course of this disease. But how

 $00:02:35.240 \longrightarrow 00:02:37.490$ exactly are you doing that?

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 $00{:}02{:}37.490 \dashrightarrow 00{:}02{:}40.004$ We try to understand this disease

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00:02:40.004 --> 00:02:42.440 by using as many

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 $00:02:42.440 \longrightarrow 00:02:44.690$ biological systems that we can,

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00:02:44.690 --> 00:02:47.192 so we start by first understanding

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 $00:02:47.192 \longrightarrow 00:02:49.640$ the tumors from the patients.

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00:02:49.640 --> 00:02:51.440 So to do this,

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00:02:51.440 --> 00:02:54.140 we dive into doing DNA sequencing,

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 $00{:}02{:}54.140 \dashrightarrow 00{:}02{:}55.619$ RNA sequencing proteomics

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 $00:02:55.619 \longrightarrow 00:02:57.098$ to really understand

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 $00{:}02{:}57.100 \dashrightarrow 00{:}02{:}59.220$ the building blocks of these

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 $00:02:59.220 \longrightarrow 00:03:01.340$ cells and from those analysis

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00:03:01.415 --> 00:03:03.869 that we generate from the tumors,

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 $00:03:03.870 \longrightarrow 00:03:05.895$ but also with clear understanding

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 $00:03:05.895 \longrightarrow 00:03:08.436$ of the clinical need to develop

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 $00:03:08.436 \longrightarrow 00:03:11.058$ new therapies to diagnose it early,

 $00:03:11.060 \longrightarrow 00:03:13.170$ that's when we start combining

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 $00:03:13.170 \longrightarrow 00:03:16.050$ how can we use the data that we're

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 $00:03:16.050 \longrightarrow 00:03:18.675$ receiving from the patients to answer

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 $00:03:18.675 \longrightarrow 00:03:20.955$ these questions that the clinical

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 $00{:}03{:}20.955 \dashrightarrow 00{:}03{:}23.329$ field is being challenged with.

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 $00:03:23.330 \longrightarrow 00:03:26.354$ Then we go and we start engineering

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 $00:03:26.354 \longrightarrow 00:03:27.650$ different model systems

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 $00:03:27.650 \longrightarrow 00:03:30.068$ where we tightly control the variables.

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 $00:03:30.070 \longrightarrow 00:03:31.279$ So for example,

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 $00{:}03{:}31.279 \dashrightarrow 00{:}03{:}33.697$ in cells we can manipulate the

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 $00{:}03{:}33.697 \dashrightarrow 00{:}03{:}35.730$ expression of genes and proteins,

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 $00:03:35.730 \longrightarrow 00:03:38.628$ or in mice we can actually introduce

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 $00{:}03{:}38.628 {\:\raisebox{--}{\text{--}}}{\:\raisebox{--}{\text{--}}}{\:\raisebox{--}{\text{--}}} 00{:}03{:}40.764$ mutations to the mice in their pancreata

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 $00:03:40.764 \longrightarrow 00:03:43.606$ and lead them

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 $00:03:43.606 \longrightarrow 00:03:45.972$ to form tumors that

 $00:03:45.972 \longrightarrow 00:03:47.847$ later we can use

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 $00:03:47.850 \longrightarrow 00:03:50.508$ all these models combined to test

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 $00:03:50.508 \longrightarrow 00:03:52.681$ different hypothesis related to the

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00:03:52.681 --> 00:03:54.956 basic biology of the cancer cell or

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 $00:03:54.956 \longrightarrow 00:03:58.038$ to test novel the rapies that

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 $00:03:58.040 \longrightarrow 00:04:00.026$ either we generated or a pharmaceutical

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 $00{:}04{:}00.026 \dashrightarrow 00{:}04{:}02.354$ company comes to us because they are

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 $00:04:02.354 \longrightarrow 00:04:04.552$ interested in testing it in our models.

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 $00{:}04{:}04{:}04{.}560 \dashrightarrow 00{:}04{:}07{.}161$ So I guess what I'm trying to say is

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00:04:07.161 --> 00:04:09.661 every time you're going to learn such

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 $00{:}04{:}09.661 \dashrightarrow 00{:}04{:}12.060$ a complex disease as cancer,

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 $00:04:12.060 \longrightarrow 00:04:14.076$ you need to take advantage and

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 $00:04:14.076 \longrightarrow 00:04:16.074$ generate as many model systems to

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 $00:04:16.074 \longrightarrow 00:04:18.573$ interrogate the hypothesis that is behind it.

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 $00:04:18.580 \longrightarrow 00:04:21.505$ So we do this in a team based effort.

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 $00:04:21.510 \longrightarrow 00:04:23.994$ In my group we not only have people

 $00:04:23.994 \longrightarrow 00:04:26.396$ that are interested in basic science,

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 $00:04:26.400 \longrightarrow 00:04:28.528$ but we also have clinicians or

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 $00:04:28.528 \longrightarrow 00:04:30.709$ individuals who are in clinical training.

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 $00:04:30.710 \longrightarrow 00:04:33.142$ So we can bring all of these areas

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 $00:04:33.142 \longrightarrow 00:04:35.528$ of thought into these questions and

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 $00:04:35.528 \longrightarrow 00:04:38.084$ these experimental designs that we do.

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 $00:04:38.090 \longrightarrow 00:04:39.940$ We also bring computational scientists.

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 $00:04:39.940 \longrightarrow 00:04:40.518$ For example,

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 $00:04:40.518 \longrightarrow 00:04:42.830$ there is a lot of data out there

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 $00:04:42.896 \longrightarrow 00:04:45.320$ that has been derived from multiple

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00:04:45.320 --> 00:04:47.834 institutions and across the world of

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 $00:04:47.834 \longrightarrow 00:04:49.899$ sequencing from the patient samples.

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 $00{:}04{:}49.900 \dashrightarrow 00{:}04{:}52.042$ And sometimes we can build those

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 $00:04:52.042 \longrightarrow 00:04:53.960$ databases in house,

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 $00:04:53.960 \longrightarrow 00:04:56.536$ but we also take advantage of all of

 $00:04:56.536 \longrightarrow 00:04:58.906$ this data that is being deposited

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 $00{:}04{:}58.906 \dashrightarrow 00{:}05{:}01.384$ out there from other scientists too.

 $00:05:02.671 \longrightarrow 00:05:05.660$ So as a community we can actually

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 $00:05:05.737 \longrightarrow 00:05:08.557$ develop and better

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 $00{:}05{:}08.557 \dashrightarrow 00{:}05{:}10.437$ understand these tumors

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 $00:05:10.519 \longrightarrow 00:05:12.039$ and also come up with

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 $00:05:12.040 \longrightarrow 00:05:14.140$ better ways to treat them.

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 $00:05:14.140 \longrightarrow 00:05:16.745$ And so by sequencing you mean

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 $00:05:16.745 \longrightarrow 00:05:18.860$ sequencing the genes of the

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 $00:05:18.860 \longrightarrow 00:05:20.084$ tumor itself?

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 $00:05:20.084 \longrightarrow 00:05:23.472$ Yes, so what we do is we sequence bthe

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 $00{:}05{:}23.472 \dashrightarrow 00{:}05{:}26.100$ whole genome of that tumor cell.

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 $00{:}05{:}26.100 \dashrightarrow 00{:}05{:}28.722$ So we're looking at more than

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 $00{:}05{:}28.722 \to 00{:}05{:}31.459$ 95,000 genes at the same time.

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 $00:05:31.460 \longrightarrow 00:05:34.040$ And we are interrogating,

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 $00:05:34.040 \longrightarrow 00:05:36.620$ are there mutations on these genes?

 $00:05:36.620 \longrightarrow 00:05:39.665$ How differently is a gene being turned

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 $00:05:39.665 \longrightarrow 00:05:42.838$ on or turned off between normal cells and

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 $00:05:42.838 \longrightarrow 00:05:45.983$ cancer cells and when we turn them

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00:05:45.983 --> 00:05:48.734 on do they produce a single protein

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 $00:05:48.734 \longrightarrow 00:05:51.388$ or do they produce multiple proteins

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00:05:51.388 --> 00:05:54.644 from that same template of the DNA?

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 $00{:}05{:}54.644 \dashrightarrow 00{:}05{:}57.255$ And so that level of complexity and

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 $00:05:57.260 \longrightarrow 00:05:58.980$ imagine all of this,

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00:05:58.980 --> 00:06:01.130 all these 95,000 genes mutations,

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 $00:06:01.130 \longrightarrow 00:06:02.674$ expressions on and off

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 $00:06:02.674 \longrightarrow 00:06:06.309$ times the number of cells in a tumor and

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 $00:06:06.310 \longrightarrow 00:06:08.165$ all the patients that are

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00:06:08.165 --> 00:06:10.020 coming for us to analyze.

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 $00:06:10.020 \longrightarrow 00:06:12.533$ So there is a lot of data

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 $00:06:12.533 \longrightarrow 00:06:14.100$ analysis that goes on here.

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 $00{:}06{:}14.100 \dashrightarrow 00{:}06{:}16.522$ But really what's driving this

 $00:06:16.522 \longrightarrow 00:06:18.798$ analysis is the biological and clinical

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 $00:06:18.798 \longrightarrow 00:06:21.144$ questions that we want to answer.

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 $00:06:22.220 \longrightarrow 00:06:25.180$ And so as you look at

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 $00:06:25.180 \longrightarrow 00:06:27.966$ all of this data, and you're

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 $00:06:27.966 \longrightarrow 00:06:29.718$ sequencing the genomes

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 $00:06:29.718 \longrightarrow 00:06:31.923$ of these cancers and figuring

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 $00:06:31.923 \longrightarrow 00:06:34.173$ out which genes are turned on

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 $00:06:34.173 \longrightarrow 00:06:36.428$ and which ones are turned off.

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 $00:06:36.430 \longrightarrow 00:06:38.054$ What's the next step?

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00:06:38.054 --> 00:06:41.705 I mean, what people really want to know is,

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 $00{:}06{:}41.710 \dashrightarrow 00{:}06{:}44.005$ can you prevent pancreatic cancer

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 $00:06:44.005 \longrightarrow 00:06:46.704$ either by causing aberrant genes that

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 $00:06:46.704 \longrightarrow 00:06:49.014$ should not be turned on to stay,

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 $00:06:49.020 \longrightarrow 00:06:52.625$ not turned on, or turn them off

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 $00:06:52.630 \longrightarrow 00:06:54.194$ once they're already there,

00:06:54.194 --> 00:06:57.140 so can you prevent cancers from forming?

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 $00{:}06{:}57.140 \longrightarrow 00{:}06{:}59.916$ Or can you use some of what you're

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 $00:06:59.916 \longrightarrow 00:07:02.575$ learning in terms of the sequencing

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 $00:07:02.575 \longrightarrow 00:07:04.925$ to actually treat these cancers?

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 $00:07:04.930 \longrightarrow 00:07:08.018$ So how do you kind of get from

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 $00:07:08.018 \dashrightarrow 00:07:10.036$ understanding what genes are turned

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 $00{:}07{:}10.036 \dashrightarrow 00{:}07{:}13.286$ on and what genes are turned off to

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 $00:07:13.286 \longrightarrow 00:07:15.586$ really having something that has

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 $00:07:15.590 \longrightarrow 00:07:16.410$ clinical impact?

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 $00:07:16.410 \longrightarrow 00:07:18.460$ That's a very good question.

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 $00{:}07{:}18.460 \dashrightarrow 00{:}07{:}20.148$ So in the pancreatic cancer

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 $00:07:20.148 \longrightarrow 00:07:22.258$ field there are two points of research

 $00:07:24.426 \longrightarrow 00:07:26.420$ that we're trying to tackle.

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 $00{:}07{:}26.420 \dashrightarrow 00{:}07{:}28.968$ The first one is early diagnosis and

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 $00:07:28.968 \longrightarrow 00:07:31.329$ then the second one is treatment.

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 $00:07:31.330 \longrightarrow 00:07:32.830$ My lab in particular

 $00:07:32.830 \longrightarrow 00:07:35.490$ is focused more on the treatment side,

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 $00:07:35.490 \longrightarrow 00:07:37.800$ so when we start looking for what

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 $00:07:37.800 \longrightarrow 00:07:40.267$ are we going to learn from all

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 $00:07:40.267 \longrightarrow 00:07:42.373$ of these sequencing in terms to

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00:07:42.452 --> 00:07:45.511 really come up with novel ways for

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 $00{:}07{:}45.511 \dashrightarrow 00{:}07{:}47.208$ the rapeutic approaches for these

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 $00:07:47.208 \longrightarrow 00:07:48.720$ patients that desperately need it,

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 $00:07:48.720 \longrightarrow 00:07:51.275$ we take an approach where we start

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 $00:07:51.275 \longrightarrow 00:07:53.709$ comparing the tumors from patients that

00:07:54.108 --> 00:07:55.700 we're very aggressive versus

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 $00:07:55.700 \longrightarrow 00:07:57.690$ those tumors from other patients

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 $00:07:57.749 \longrightarrow 00:07:59.633$ that were maybe a little bit

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00:07:59.633 --> 00:08:00.889 more responsive to therapy,

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 $00{:}08{:}00.890 \dashrightarrow 00{:}08{:}03.690$ and we try to understand how are these

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 $00:08:03.690 \longrightarrow 00:08:05.920$ tumors different at the molecular level.

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 $00:08:05.920 \longrightarrow 00:08:08.692$ The reason why we want to understand

00:08:08.692 --> 00:08:10.617 differences is because we don't

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00:08:10.617 --> 00:08:12.962 think that there is a single therapy

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 $00:08:12.962 \longrightarrow 00:08:15.249$ that works for all of the tumors.

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 $00:08:15.250 \longrightarrow 00:08:17.674$ We know that the mutations that the tumors

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 $00:08:17.674 \longrightarrow 00:08:19.920$ carry makes them biologically different.

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 $00:08:19.920 \longrightarrow 00:08:22.426$ So what I'm trying to say is,

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00:08:22.430 --> 00:08:25.174 although they may have the same diagnosis,

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 $00:08:25.180 \longrightarrow 00:08:26.568$ at the molecular level,

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 $00{:}08{:}26.568 \dashrightarrow 00{:}08{:}29.130$ they're almost kind of oranges and apples,

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 $00:08:29.130 \longrightarrow 00:08:31.954$ and so we're trying to dissect out the

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 $00{:}08{:}31.954 \dashrightarrow 00{:}08{:}34.464$ the rapy that goes for the oranges and

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 $00:08:34.464 \longrightarrow 00:08:37.030$ the therapy that goes for the apples.

NOTE Confidence: 0.85219145

 $00:08:37.030 \longrightarrow 00:08:39.508$ What my lab is doing differently

NOTE Confidence: 0.85219145

 $00:08:39.508 \longrightarrow 00:08:42.273$ from what other labs have done is

NOTE Confidence: 0.85219145

 $00:08:42.273 \longrightarrow 00:08:44.674$ we look at the level of turning

NOTE Confidence: 0.85219145

00:08:44.756 --> 00:08:47.188 on or turning off genes at a

 $00:08:47.188 \longrightarrow 00:08:49.168$ level that it's almost imagine

NOTE Confidence: 0.85219145

00:08:49.168 --> 00:08:51.220 10 times deeper than what other

NOTE Confidence: 0.85219145

 $00:08:51.285 \longrightarrow 00:08:53.180$ scientists have covered so far.

NOTE Confidence: 0.85219145

 $00:08:53.180 \longrightarrow 00:08:55.672$ So let me tell you a little

NOTE Confidence: 0.85219145

00:08:55.672 --> 00:08:58.429 bit of how the genome works.

NOTE Confidence: 0.85219145

 $00:08:58.430 \longrightarrow 00:09:01.318$ We used to think that a gene would

NOTE Confidence: 0.85219145

00:09:01.318 --> 00:09:03.277 get transcribed into this MRNA

NOTE Confidence: 0.85219145

 $00:09:03.277 \longrightarrow 00:09:05.827$ and then the MRNA would form a

NOTE Confidence: 0.85219145

 $00{:}09{:}05.827 \dashrightarrow 00{:}09{:}07.672$ single protein, and the proteins

NOTE Confidence: 0.85219145

 $00:09:07.672 \longrightarrow 00:09:10.274$ to remind everyone are

NOTE Confidence: 0.85219145

 $00:09:10.274 \longrightarrow 00:09:13.262$ the functional units of the cell.

NOTE Confidence: 0.85219145

 $00:09:13.270 \longrightarrow 00:09:16.196$ There is a pathway by which the

NOTE Confidence: 0.85219145

 $00{:}09{:}16.196 \dashrightarrow 00{:}09{:}18.689$ cells actually form a single gene.

NOTE Confidence: 0.85219145

 $00:09:18.690 \longrightarrow 00:09:22.434$ They can produce up to 7 different MRNA's,

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 $00:09:22.440 \longrightarrow 00:09:25.248$ and each one of these MRNA's can

 $00:09:25.248 \longrightarrow 00:09:27.449$ produce seven different proteins.

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 $00{:}09{:}27.450 \dashrightarrow 00{:}09{:}30.594$ So most of the time the scientists

NOTE Confidence: 0.85219145

 $00:09:30.594 \longrightarrow 00:09:34.288$ focus on just one of the forms of

NOTE Confidence: 0.85219145

00:09:34.288 --> 00:09:37.039 those proteins from that single gene,

NOTE Confidence: 0.85219145

 $00:09:37.040 \longrightarrow 00:09:39.959$ because probably it is the more abundant one.

NOTE Confidence: 0.85219145

 $00:09:39.960 \longrightarrow 00:09:42.522$ But it's not until you start

NOTE Confidence: 0.85219145

 $00:09:42.522 \longrightarrow 00:09:43.803$ doing these analysis,

NOTE Confidence: 0.85219145

 $00:09:43.810 \longrightarrow 00:09:46.450$ that we do at the MRNA sequencing

NOTE Confidence: 0.85219145

 $00{:}09{:}46.450 \dashrightarrow 00{:}09{:}48.508$ level that you start understanding

NOTE Confidence: 0.85219145

 $00:09:48.508 \longrightarrow 00:09:51.148$ that they're not only genes that

NOTE Confidence: 0.85219145

00:09:51.148 --> 00:09:53.869 are being turned on or turned off,

NOTE Confidence: 0.85219145

 $00:09:53.870 \longrightarrow 00:09:56.228$ but that when some gene is

NOTE Confidence: 0.85219145

 $00:09:56.228 \longrightarrow 00:09:58.130$ turned is being turned on,

NOTE Confidence: 0.85219145

 $00{:}09{:}58.130 \dashrightarrow 00{:}10{:}01.386$ maybe it's producing protein A and maybe in

NOTE Confidence: 0.85219145

 $00:10:01.386 \longrightarrow 00:10:04.315$ other tumors the gene is still turned on,

NOTE Confidence: 0.85219145

 $00:10:04.320 \longrightarrow 00:10:05.868$ but is producing protein B.

00:10:05.868 --> 00:10:07.416 A&B are so different,

NOTE Confidence: 0.85219145

 $00:10:07.802 \longrightarrow 00:10:11.670$ and this is what my lab tries to dissect out.

00:10:12.876 --> 00:10:14.484 A&B are

NOTE Confidence: 0.85219145

 $00:10:14.490 \longrightarrow 00:10:16.935$ protein isoforms, and these protein

NOTE Confidence: 0.85219145

00:10:16.935 --> 00:10:19.380 isoforms as I was mentioning,

NOTE Confidence: 0.85219145

00:10:19.380 --> 00:10:21.692 may have different functions,

NOTE Confidence: 0.85219145

00:10:21.692 --> 00:10:24.004 and because previously the

NOTE Confidence: 0.85219145

00:10:24.004 --> 00:10:26.963 technology or the methods that we

NOTE Confidence: 0.85219145

 $00{:}10{:}26.963 \dashrightarrow 00{:}10{:}29.537$ had available could only tell us

NOTE Confidence: 0.85219145

 $00:10:29.627 \longrightarrow 00:10:31.607$ is the gene on or not,

NOTE Confidence: 0.823728

 $00{:}10{:}31.610 \dashrightarrow 00{:}10{:}35.166$ now we have the analytical tools in

NOTE Confidence: 0.823728

00:10:35.166 --> 00:10:38.450 their technology to say it's been on,

NOTE Confidence: 0.823728

 $00:10:38.450 \longrightarrow 00:10:41.100$ but then it's preferentially expressing

NOTE Confidence: 0.823728

00:10:41.100 --> 00:10:45.000 the protein isoform A or the isoform B.

NOTE Confidence: 0.823728

 $00:10:45.000 \longrightarrow 00:10:47.766$ And that uncovers a very new

NOTE Confidence: 0.823728

00:10:47.766 --> 00:10:49.610 biology about cancer cells,

 $00:10:49.610 \longrightarrow 00:10:54.634$ but something that had not been seen before.

NOTE Confidence: 0.823728

 $00:10:54.640 \longrightarrow 00:10:56.236$ Why is this important?

NOTE Confidence: 0.823728

 $00:10:56.236 \longrightarrow 00:10:59.333$ It turns out that if we can

NOTE Confidence: 0.823728

 $00{:}10{:}59.333 \dashrightarrow 00{:}11{:}01.765$ dissect this complexity and

NOTE Confidence: 0.823728

 $00{:}11{:}01.765 \dashrightarrow 00{:}11{:}04.197$ diversity in pancreatic cancer,

NOTE Confidence: 0.823728

 $00:11:04.200 \longrightarrow 00:11:06.710$ potentially this can lead us

NOTE Confidence: 0.823728

 $00:11:06.710 \longrightarrow 00:11:08.216$ to new therapies.

NOTE Confidence: 0.823728

 $00:11:08.220 \longrightarrow 00:11:11.244$ Actually, last year my

NOTE Confidence: 0.823728

 $00:11:11.244 \longrightarrow 00:11:13.669$ work group published that pancreatic

NOTE Confidence: 0.823728

00:11:13.669 --> 00:11:16.279 cancer is highly susceptible to

NOTE Confidence: 0.823728

 $00:11:16.279 \longrightarrow 00:11:19.003$ any therapy that perturbs this

NOTE Confidence: 0.823728

 $00:11:19.003 \longrightarrow 00:11:21.693$ system of producing protein isoform

NOTE Confidence: 0.823728

00:11:21.693 --> 00:11:24.310 A versus protein isoform B,

NOTE Confidence: 0.823728

 $00:11:24.310 \longrightarrow 00:11:25.310$ suggesting that

NOTE Confidence: 0.823728

 $00:11:25.310 \longrightarrow 00:11:27.810$ there is potentially a therapeutic

00:11:27.810 --> 00:11:29.924 opportunity to understand more of

NOTE Confidence: 0.823728

 $00{:}11{:}29.924 \dashrightarrow 00{:}11{:}32.234$ these tumors at the protein isoform

NOTE Confidence: 0.823728

 $00:11:32.307 \longrightarrow 00:11:34.707$ level and to generate particular

NOTE Confidence: 0.823728

 $00:11:34.707 \longrightarrow 00:11:36.627$ therapies for these different

NOTE Confidence: 0.823728

 $00:11:36.627 \longrightarrow 00:11:38.910$ proteins that are being expressed.

NOTE Confidence: 0.82090443

 $00:11:39.900 \longrightarrow 00:11:42.576$ Let me make sure

NOTE Confidence: 0.82090443

 $00:11:42.576 \longrightarrow 00:11:44.360$ I've got this straight.

NOTE Confidence: 0.82090443

00:11:44.360 --> 00:11:47.482 So you've kind of discovered that

NOTE Confidence: 0.82090443

 $00{:}11{:}47.482 \dashrightarrow 00{:}11{:}50.473$ various genes can, when turned on,

NOTE Confidence: 0.82090443

 $00{:}11{:}50.473 \dashrightarrow 00{:}11{:}52.677$ will make different isoforms.

NOTE Confidence: 0.82090443

 $00:11:52.680 \longrightarrow 00:11:56.925$ And that these isoforms will

NOTE Confidence: 0.82090443

 $00:11:56.925 \longrightarrow 00:11:58.705$ respond differently to therapy.

NOTE Confidence: 0.82090443

 $00:11:58.710 \longrightarrow 00:12:00.930$ So then the question is,

NOTE Confidence: 0.82090443

 $00{:}12{:}00.930 \dashrightarrow 00{:}12{:}03.160$ at the clinic level,

NOTE Confidence: 0.82090443

 $00:12:03.160 \longrightarrow 00:12:05.385$ is it possible to distinguish

NOTE Confidence: 0.82090443

 $00:12:05.385 \longrightarrow 00:12:06.720$ which are which?

 $00:12:06.720 \longrightarrow 00:12:08.019$ In other words,

NOTE Confidence: 0.82090443

 $00{:}12{:}08.019 \dashrightarrow 00{:}12{:}11.050$ if there is a particular therapy that

NOTE Confidence: 0.82090443

00:12:11.134 --> 00:12:14.726 works better for protein isoform A versus B,

NOTE Confidence: 0.82090443

 $00:12:14.730 \longrightarrow 00:12:18.234$ is there a way to know whether a

NOTE Confidence: 0.82090443

 $00{:}12{:}18.234 \dashrightarrow 00{:}12{:}20.079$ particular patient is producing

NOTE Confidence: 0.82090443

 $00:12:20.079 \longrightarrow 00:12:22.284$ protein isoform A or B?

NOTE Confidence: 0.83065695

 $00:12:23.880 \longrightarrow 00:12:27.024$ Yes, so basically we're trying to

NOTE Confidence: 0.83065695

 $00:12:27.024 \longrightarrow 00:12:31.220$ get at the point where we develop

NOTE Confidence: 0.83065695

 $00:12:31.220 \longrightarrow 00:12:34.307$ an isoform specific therapy and

NOTE Confidence: 0.83065695

 $00:12:34.307 \longrightarrow 00:12:37.500$ this will drive personalized therapy.

NOTE Confidence: 0.83065695

 $00:12:37.500 \longrightarrow 00:12:41.620$ We have developed in my lab a novel

NOTE Confidence: 0.83065695

 $00:12:41.620 \longrightarrow 00:12:45.360$ the rapeutic mechanism to be able to switch

NOTE Confidence: 0.83065695

 $00{:}12{:}45.360 \dashrightarrow 00{:}12{:}47.980$ and correct these isoform expression.

NOTE Confidence: 0.83065695

 $00:12:47.980 \longrightarrow 00:12:51.088$ Let's say that isoform B is

NOTE Confidence: 0.83065695

 $00:12:51.088 \longrightarrow 00:12:53.890$ the most

 $00:12:53.890 \longrightarrow 00:12:54.674$ aggressive one,

NOTE Confidence: 0.83065695

00:12:54.674 --> 00:12:57.418 and it's the most tumorigenic we can

NOTE Confidence: 0.83065695

00:12:57.418 --> 00:12:59.456 actually correct that isoform and

NOTE Confidence: 0.83065695

 $00:12:59.456 \longrightarrow 00:13:02.463$ switch it to the form which

NOTE Confidence: 0.83065695

 $00:13:02.463 \longrightarrow 00:13:04.509$ is actually the less aggressive form

NOTE Confidence: 0.83065695

00:13:04.510 --> 00:13:06.730 and this can drastically impact the

NOTE Confidence: 0.83065695

 $00:13:06.730 \longrightarrow 00:13:09.110$ biology and the growth of the tumor.

NOTE Confidence: 0.83065695

00:13:09.110 --> 00:13:11.790 So we're excited to see what was going

NOTE Confidence: 0.83065695

 $00{:}13{:}11.790 \dashrightarrow 00{:}13{:}14.069$ to happen with this new therapy

NOTE Confidence: 0.83065695

 $00:13:14.070 \longrightarrow 00:13:16.894$ as we start moving it into clinical trials.

 $00{:}13{:}17.960 \dashrightarrow 00{:}13{:}20.095$ We're going to have to take a short

NOTE Confidence: 0.8658893

 $00:13:20.095 \longrightarrow 00:13:22.210$ break for a medical minute,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8658893

 $00:13:22.210 \longrightarrow 00:13:24.968$ but we'll get back into that conversation

NOTE Confidence: 0.8658893

 $00{:}13{:}24.970 \dashrightarrow 00{:}13{:}27.820$ right after this with my guest

NOTE Confidence: 0.8658893

 $00{:}13{:}27.820 \dashrightarrow 00{:}13{:}29.720$ doctor Luisa Escobar-Hoyos.

NOTE Confidence: 0.82040554

 $00:13:29.720 \longrightarrow 00:13:32.305$ Support for Yale Cancer Answers

00:13:32.305 --> 00:13:35.393 comes from AstraZeneca, working to

NOTE Confidence: 0.82040554

 $00{:}13{:}35.393 \dashrightarrow 00{:}13{:}38.270$ eliminate cancer as a cause of death.

NOTE Confidence: 0.82040554

 $00{:}13{:}38.270 \dashrightarrow 00{:}13{:}41.978$ Learn more at a strazeneca-us.com.

NOTE Confidence: 0.82040554

 $00:13:41.980 \longrightarrow 00:13:44.015$ This is a medical minute

NOTE Confidence: 0.82040554

 $00:13:44.015 \longrightarrow 00:13:45.236$ about pancreatic cancer,

NOTE Confidence: 0.82040554

00:13:45.240 --> 00:13:48.187 which represents about 3\% of all cancers

NOTE Confidence: 0.82040554

 $00:13:48.187 \longrightarrow 00:13:51.636$ in the US and about 7% of cancer deaths.

NOTE Confidence: 0.82040554

 $00:13:51.636 \longrightarrow 00:13:53.446$ Clinical trials are currently being

NOTE Confidence: 0.82040554

00:13:53.446 --> 00:13:55.127 offered at federally designated

NOTE Confidence: 0.82040554

 $00:13:55.127 \longrightarrow 00:13:56.915$ comprehensive Cancer Centers for

NOTE Confidence: 0.82040554

 $00:13:56.915 \longrightarrow 00:13:59.571$ the treatment of advanced stage and

NOTE Confidence: 0.82040554

00:13:59.571 --> 00:14:01.179 metastatic pancreatic cancer using

NOTE Confidence: 0.82040554

 $00:14:01.179 \longrightarrow 00:14:03.212$ chemotherapy and other novel therapies.

NOTE Confidence: 0.82040554

00:14:03.212 --> 00:14:06.166 Folfirinox, a combination of five

NOTE Confidence: 0.82040554

 $00:14:06.166 \longrightarrow 00:14:08.176$ different chemotherapies is the latest

NOTE Confidence: 0.82040554

 $00{:}14{:}08.176 \dashrightarrow 00{:}14{:}10.390$ advance in the treatment of metastatic

00:14:10.390 --> 00:14:12.577 pancreatic cancer and research continues

NOTE Confidence: 0.82040554

 $00:14:12.580 \longrightarrow 00:14:14.740$ at centers around the world

NOTE Confidence: 0.82040554

00:14:14.740 --> 00:14:16.468 looking into targeted therapies.

NOTE Confidence: 0.82040554

00:14:16.470 --> 00:14:18.565 And a recently discovered marker

NOTE Confidence: 0.82040554

 $00{:}14{:}18.565 \dashrightarrow 00{:}14{:}21.515$ HENT one. This has been a medical

NOTE Confidence: 0.82040554

00:14:21.515 --> 00:14:24.231 minute brought to you as a public

NOTE Confidence: 0.82040554

 $00:14:24.231 \longrightarrow 00:14:26.379$ service by Yale Cancer Center.

NOTE Confidence: 0.82040554

 $00{:}14{:}26.380 \dashrightarrow 00{:}14{:}28.505$ More information is available at

NOTE Confidence: 0.82040554

 $00{:}14{:}28.505 \dashrightarrow 00{:}14{:}29.780$ yalecancercenter.org you're listening

NOTE Confidence: 0.82040554

 $00{:}14{:}29.780 \dashrightarrow 00{:}14{:}31.339$ to Connecticut Public Radio.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8025475

 $00:14:33.650 \longrightarrow 00:14:36.280$ Welcome back to Yale Cancer Answers.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8025475

00:14:36.280 --> 00:14:38.954 This is doctor Anees Chagpar

NOTE Confidence: 0.8025475

 $00{:}14{:}38.954 \dashrightarrow 00{:}14{:}42.188$ and I'm joined to night by my guest

NOTE Confidence: 0.8025475

 $00{:}14{:}42.188 \dashrightarrow 00{:}14{:}44.184$ doctor Luisa Escobar-Hoyos.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8025475

 $00:14:44.190 \longrightarrow 00:14:47.238$ We're talking about her recent research

00:14:47.238 --> 00:14:49.705 looking at pancreatic cancers and

NOTE Confidence: 0.8025475

 $00{:}14{:}49.705 \dashrightarrow 00{:}14{:}51.865$ before the break she was telling

NOTE Confidence: 0.8025475

00:14:51.865 --> 00:14:54.279 us about how she's looking at

NOTE Confidence: 0.8025475

 $00:14:54.280 \longrightarrow 00:14:57.584$ the genome of these cancers,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8025475

00:14:57.590 --> 00:15:00.691 finding out that it's not just about

NOTE Confidence: 0.8025475

00:15:00.691 --> 00:15:03.560 genes being turned on and turned off,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8025475

 $00{:}15{:}03.560 \dashrightarrow 00{:}15{:}05.984$ but what protein isoforms those genes

NOTE Confidence: 0.8025475

 $00:15:05.984 \longrightarrow 00:15:08.690$ that are turned on actually make?

NOTE Confidence: 0.8025475

 $00{:}15{:}08.690 \dashrightarrow 00{:}15{:}11.679$ And some of those may be more

NOTE Confidence: 0.8025475

 $00:15:11.679 \longrightarrow 00:15:12.960$ aggressive than others.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8025475

 $00{:}15{:}12.960 \dashrightarrow 00{:}15{:}15.781$ Luisa, before we dig more into

NOTE Confidence: 0.8025475

 $00:15:15.781 \longrightarrow 00:15:18.627$ your research and the idea that

NOTE Confidence: 0.8025475

 $00:15:18.627 \longrightarrow 00:15:20.567$ you could actually switch from

NOTE Confidence: 0.8025475

 $00:15:20.567 \longrightarrow 00:15:23.399$ a protein isoform that is more

NOTE Confidence: 0.8025475

 $00:15:23.399 \longrightarrow 00:15:25.764$ aggressive to a protein isoform,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8025475

 $00:15:25.770 \longrightarrow 00:15:26.853$ that's less aggressive.

 $00:15:26.853 \longrightarrow 00:15:29.743$ Maybe we can take a step back and

NOTE Confidence: 0.8025475

 $00{:}15{:}29.743 \dashrightarrow 00{:}15{:}32.087$ you can tell us a little bit more

NOTE Confidence: 0.8025475

00:15:32.087 --> 00:15:34.614 about why you decided to look at

NOTE Confidence: 0.8025475

 $00:15:34.614 \longrightarrow 00:15:36.377$ pancreatic cancer to begin with.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8025475

00:15:36.377 --> 00:15:38.279 It's certainly one of the most

NOTE Confidence: 0.8025475

 $00:15:38.279 \longrightarrow 00:15:38.913$ lethal cancers,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8025475

 $00:15:38.920 \longrightarrow 00:15:42.760$ but talk a little bit more about that.

NOTE Confidence: 0.86888814

 $00:15:42.760 \longrightarrow 00:15:45.777$ Yes, so it's actually a personal journey.

NOTE Confidence: 0.86888814

 $00:15:45.780 \longrightarrow 00:15:48.360$ When I was a PhD student,

NOTE Confidence: 0.86888814

 $00:15:48.360 \longrightarrow 00:15:50.946$ I used to study cervical cancer,

NOTE Confidence: 0.86888814

 $00{:}15{:}50.950 \dashrightarrow 00{:}15{:}53.536$ and cervical cancer, as we all know,

NOTE Confidence: 0.86888814

 $00:15:53.540 \longrightarrow 00:15:56.772$ is now not as lethal because we have

NOTE Confidence: 0.86888814

 $00{:}15{:}56.772 \dashrightarrow 00{:}15{:}59.101$ it controlled because we screened

NOTE Confidence: 0.86888814

 $00:15:59.101 \longrightarrow 00:16:01.486$ for this disease and there's

NOTE Confidence: 0.86888814

00:16:01.486 --> 00:16:04.308 less cases that appear in the US.

00:16:04.310 --> 00:16:05.990 But after my PhD,

NOTE Confidence: 0.86888814

 $00{:}16{:}05.990 \dashrightarrow 00{:}16{:}09.476$ I started thinking that I wanted to put

NOTE Confidence: 0.86888814

 $00:16:09.476 \longrightarrow 00:16:12.549$ all my effort to understanding a cancer

NOTE Confidence: 0.86888814

00:16:12.550 --> 00:16:14.710 that really needed our attention,

NOTE Confidence: 0.86888814

 $00:16:14.710 \longrightarrow 00:16:16.430$ and that's when pancreatic

NOTE Confidence: 0.86888814

 $00:16:16.430 \longrightarrow 00:16:18.580$ cancer came to my mind.

NOTE Confidence: 0.86888814

 $00:16:18.580 \longrightarrow 00:16:21.856$ Several reasons there is a clinical need

NOTE Confidence: 0.86888814

 $00:16:21.856 \longrightarrow 00:16:25.904$ that we need to meet in the last 40 years.

NOTE Confidence: 0.86888814

 $00{:}16{:}25.910 \dashrightarrow 00{:}16{:}28.808$ We have not changed the five year

NOTE Confidence: 0.86888814

00:16:28.808 --> 00:16:30.650 survival of pancreatic cancer,

NOTE Confidence: 0.86888814

 $00{:}16{:}30.650 \dashrightarrow 00{:}16{:}33.709$ although we have made big progress

NOTE Confidence: 0.86888814

 $00{:}16{:}33.709 \dashrightarrow 00{:}16{:}35.823$ in understanding the genetics and

NOTE Confidence: 0.86888814

00:16:35.823 --> 00:16:38.695 also I wanted to be sure to bring

NOTE Confidence: 0.86888814

00:16:38.778 --> 00:16:41.778 whatever I had learned from my

NOTE Confidence: 0.86888814

00:16:41.778 --> 00:16:43.778 understanding of cervical cancer

NOTE Confidence: 0.86888814

 $00:16:43.780 \longrightarrow 00:16:46.420$ and apply it into understanding

 $00:16:46.420 \longrightarrow 00:16:48.532$ this more aggressive disease.

NOTE Confidence: 0.86888814

 $00{:}16{:}48.540 \dashrightarrow 00{:}16{:}51.354$ And that's when I started training

NOTE Confidence: 0.86888814

00:16:51.354 --> 00:16:53.952 in pancreatic cancer at Memorial

NOTE Confidence: 0.86888814

00:16:53.952 --> 00:16:56.480 Sloan Kettering Cancer Center,

NOTE Confidence: 0.86888814

00:16:56.480 --> 00:16:59.648 under the mentorship of Stephen Leach

00:17:00.178 --> 00:17:02.818 a world renowned pancreatic cancer scientist,

NOTE Confidence: 0.86888814

 $00:17:02.820 \longrightarrow 00:17:05.860$ so we both kind of wanted to study

NOTE Confidence: 0.86888814

 $00:17:05.860 \longrightarrow 00:17:08.925$ a different level of gene expression

NOTE Confidence: 0.86888814

 $00{:}17{:}08.925 \dashrightarrow 00{:}17{:}11.141$ by understanding isoform switching

NOTE Confidence: 0.86888814

00:17:11.141 --> 00:17:13.771 by more specifically understanding

NOTE Confidence: 0.8688814

00:17:13.771 --> 00:17:16.639 the RNA splicing pathway

NOTE Confidence: 0.86888814

 $00:17:16.640 \longrightarrow 00:17:17.969$ in these cancer

NOTE Confidence: 0.82109797

00:17:17.970 --> 00:17:20.630 cells so you had talked a

NOTE Confidence: 0.82109797

00:17:20.630 --> 00:17:23.467 little bit before the break about

NOTE Confidence: 0.82109797

00:17:23.467 --> 00:17:25.968 this isoform switching, but you

NOTE Confidence: 0.82109797

00:17:25.968 --> 00:17:29.520 just introduced a new term, RNA splicing.

 $00:17:29.520 \longrightarrow 00:17:33.507$ What exactly is that and how does that play

NOTE Confidence: 0.82109797

 $00:17:33.510 \longrightarrow 00:17:35.286$ into this whole story?

NOTE Confidence: 0.82109797

00:17:35.286 --> 00:17:38.034 Yes, so RNA splicing is this pathway

NOTE Confidence: 0.82109797

 $00:17:38.034 \longrightarrow 00:17:41.175$ by which the cells decide to produce

NOTE Confidence: 0.82109797

00:17:41.175 --> 00:17:43.720 one protein isoform versus another,

NOTE Confidence: 0.82109797

 $00:17:43.720 \longrightarrow 00:17:46.402$ and this is what allows the

NOTE Confidence: 0.82109797

 $00:17:46.402 \longrightarrow 00:17:48.930$ cell to diversify the podium.

NOTE Confidence: 0.82109797

 $00:17:48.930 \longrightarrow 00:17:50.738$ So previously we were

NOTE Confidence: 0.82109797

00:17:50.738 --> 00:17:52.546 talking about 95,000 genes,

NOTE Confidence: 0.82109797

 $00:17:52.550 \longrightarrow 00:17:55.168$ and if we can now multiply that

NOTE Confidence: 0.82109797

 $00:17:55.168 \longrightarrow 00:17:57.661$ each one of those genes is

NOTE Confidence: 0.82109797

00:17:57.661 --> 00:18:00.223 going to produce at least five

NOTE Confidence: 0.82109797

 $00{:}18{:}00.223 \dashrightarrow 00{:}18{:}02.970$ or seven different proteins.

NOTE Confidence: 0.82109797

 $00{:}18{:}02.970 \dashrightarrow 00{:}18{:}05.105$ Imagine how large and versatile

NOTE Confidence: 0.82109797

 $00:18:05.105 \longrightarrow 00:18:07.960$ the proteome of a cell becomes.

00:18:10.170 --> 00:18:12.630 Why we wanted to study this pathway

NOTE Confidence: 0.85616624

 $00:18:12.630 \longrightarrow 00:18:15.878$ or why it came to our attentio,.

NOTE Confidence: 0.85616624

00:18:15.880 --> 00:18:19.400 it was actually from patient derived data in

NOTE Confidence: 0.85616624

 $00:18:19.400 \longrightarrow 00:18:22.896$ 2016 when I decided to study this cancer.

NOTE Confidence: 0.85616624

 $00:18:22.900 \longrightarrow 00:18:25.054$ There were many groups that were

NOTE Confidence: 0.85616624

 $00{:}18{:}25.054 \dashrightarrow 00{:}18{:}27.075$ coming up with this hypothesis

NOTE Confidence: 0.85616624

 $00{:}18{:}27.075 \dashrightarrow 00{:}18{:}29.630$ that pancreatic cancer comes into

NOTE Confidence: 0.85616624

 $00:18:29.630 \longrightarrow 00:18:31.674$ these two molecular subtypes.

NOTE Confidence: 0.85616624

 $00{:}18{:}31.680 \dashrightarrow 00{:}18{:}34.672$ And there is one subtype that is more

NOTE Confidence: 0.85616624

 $00:18:34.672 \longrightarrow 00:18:37.587$ lethal that different authors coined the

NOTE Confidence: 0.85616624

 $00{:}18{:}37.587 \dashrightarrow 00{:}18{:}40.719$ term either basal or squamous subtype.

NOTE Confidence: 0.85616624

 $00:18:40.720 \longrightarrow 00:18:43.709$ And then the less lethal form which

NOTE Confidence: 0.85616624

 $00{:}18{:}43.709 \dashrightarrow 00{:}18{:}46.371$ the authors called it classical when

NOTE Confidence: 0.85616624

 $00:18:46.371 \longrightarrow 00:18:49.409$ we look back into the more aggressive

NOTE Confidence: 0.85616624

 $00:18:49.497 \longrightarrow 00:18:51.947$ form this basal squamous molecular

NOTE Confidence: 0.85616624

 $00{:}18{:}51.947 \dashrightarrow 00{:}18{:}54.836$ subtype we were seeing that these

 $00:18:54.836 \longrightarrow 00:18:58.324$ tumors have a high expression of all of

NOTE Confidence: 0.85616624

 $00:18:58.324 \longrightarrow 00:19:01.768$ these genes that are going to encode

NOTE Confidence: 0.85616624

 $00:19:01.768 \longrightarrow 00:19:05.086$ for the splicing machinery

NOTE Confidence: 0.85616624

 $00:19:05.086 \longrightarrow 00:19:08.075$ that actually allows the cells to

NOTE Confidence: 0.85616624

 $00:19:08.080 \longrightarrow 00:19:10.750$ produce the protein isoforms.

NOTE Confidence: 0.85616624

 $00:19:10.750 \longrightarrow 00:19:13.543$ And we started wondering if the reason

NOTE Confidence: 0.85616624

 $00:19:13.543 \longrightarrow 00:19:16.041$ why these tumors are so aggressive

NOTE Confidence: 0.85616624

00:19:16.041 --> 00:19:18.483 is probably because could they be

NOTE Confidence: 0.85616624

00:19:18.483 --> 00:19:20.739 more versatile in switching from

NOTE Confidence: 0.85616624

 $00:19:20.739 \longrightarrow 00:19:22.959$ one isoform to another one,

NOTE Confidence: 0.85616624

 $00:19:22.960 \longrightarrow 00:19:24.940$ depending on whatever the rapy we

NOTE Confidence: 0.85616624

 $00:19:24.940 \longrightarrow 00:19:27.590$ provide to the patient

NOTE Confidence: 0.85616624

 $00{:}19{:}27.590 \dashrightarrow 00{:}19{:}30.537$ that they're lancing to the tumor.

NOTE Confidence: 0.85616624

 $00:19:30.540 \longrightarrow 00:19:33.011$ Is this why previously we had not

NOTE Confidence: 0.85616624

 $00:19:33.011 \longrightarrow 00:19:35.966$ been able to target the right protein

00:19:35.966 --> 00:19:38.684 isoforms because we had until this

NOTE Confidence: 0.85616624

 $00:19:38.767 \longrightarrow 00:19:41.147$ point ignored the importance of

NOTE Confidence: 0.85616624

 $00:19:41.150 \longrightarrow 00:19:43.070$ isoforms in this disease.

NOTE Confidence: 0.85878503

00:19:43.070 --> 00:19:46.416 That's an interesting concept,

NOTE Confidence: 0.85878503

 $00:19:46.420 \longrightarrow 00:19:49.492$ that certain cancer cells may

NOTE Confidence: 0.85878503

 $00:19:49.492 \longrightarrow 00:19:52.069$ have this splicing ability that

NOTE Confidence: 0.85878503

 $00:19:52.069 \longrightarrow 00:19:55.191$ helps them to switch from a given

NOTE Confidence: 0.85878503

 $00:19:55.191 \longrightarrow 00:19:57.551$ protein isoform to another protein

NOTE Confidence: 0.85878503

 $00{:}19{:}57.551 \dashrightarrow 00{:}20{:}00.323$ isoform that may be more resistant

NOTE Confidence: 0.85878503

 $00:20:00.323 \longrightarrow 00:20:03.658$ to therapy when you look at these.

NOTE Confidence: 0.85878503

 $00:20:03.660 \longrightarrow 00:20:06.156$ two different subtypes, are they different

NOTE Confidence: 0.85878503

 $00:20:06.156 \longrightarrow 00:20:08.930$ in terms of their aggressiveness?

NOTE Confidence: 0.85878503

 $00:20:08.930 \longrightarrow 00:20:11.002$ Even before the therapy?

NOTE Confidence: 0.85878503

 $00:20:11.002 \longrightarrow 00:20:12.556$ In other words,

NOTE Confidence: 0.85878503

 $00:20:12.560 \longrightarrow 00:20:15.864$ is it that these protein isoforms actually

NOTE Confidence: 0.85878503

00:20:15.864 --> 00:20:19.160 cause differences in the biology of the

00:20:19.160 --> 00:20:21.410 aggressiveness of the tumor itself,

NOTE Confidence: 0.85878503

 $00{:}20{:}21.410 \dashrightarrow 00{:}20{:}24.434$ or is it really this ability to react

NOTE Confidence: 0.85878503

 $00:20:24.434 \longrightarrow 00:20:27.497$ to the treatment with a different

NOTE Confidence: 0.85878503

 $00:20:27.497 \longrightarrow 00:20:30.267$ isoform that is more resistant?

NOTE Confidence: 0.85878503

 $00:20:30.270 \longrightarrow 00:20:31.200$ We think

NOTE Confidence: 0.86011857

 $00:20:31.200 \longrightarrow 00:20:32.529$ it's actually both.

NOTE Confidence: 0.86011857

 $00:20:32.529 \longrightarrow 00:20:34.301$ We think that this

NOTE Confidence: 0.86011857

 $00{:}20{:}34.301 \dashrightarrow 00{:}20{:}36.320$ capability of being plastic,

NOTE Confidence: 0.86011857

 $00:20:36.320 \longrightarrow 00:20:38.650$ it appears in naive tumors,

NOTE Confidence: 0.86011857

 $00:20:38.650 \longrightarrow 00:20:41.848$ so meaning before any treatment.

NOTE Confidence: 0.86011857

 $00{:}20{:}41.850 \to 00{:}20{:}45.002$ But it also gets used once you challenge

NOTE Confidence: 0.86011857

00:20:45.002 --> 00:20:47.838 the tumor with different therapies,

NOTE Confidence: 0.86011857

 $00:20:47.840 \longrightarrow 00:20:51.064$ so we think that this is kind

NOTE Confidence: 0.86011857

 $00:20:51.064 \longrightarrow 00:20:53.363$ of an active pathway

NOTE Confidence: 0.86011857

 $00:20:53.363 \longrightarrow 00:20:56.646$ that it allows the cells to transform

00:20:56.731 --> 00:20:59.689 and to become cancer cells during

NOTE Confidence: 0.86011857

 $00{:}20{:}59.689 \dashrightarrow 00{:}21{:}02.132$ the pathogenesis and after the

NOTE Confidence: 0.86011857

 $00:21:02.132 \longrightarrow 00:21:04.440$ pathogenesis during treatment time.

NOTE Confidence: 0.85592186

 $00:21:04.440 \longrightarrow 00:21:06.540$ You were mentioning that you've

NOTE Confidence: 0.85592186

 $00:21:06.540 \longrightarrow 00:21:10.274$ come up with a way to block

NOTE Confidence: 0.85592186

00:21:10.274 --> 00:21:12.849 that splicing, block that switching.

NOTE Confidence: 0.85592186

 $00:21:12.850 \longrightarrow 00:21:14.914$ So that if you prevent the

NOTE Confidence: 0.85592186

00:21:14.914 --> 00:21:16.290 cancer cell from actually

NOTE Confidence: 0.85592186

00:21:16.357 --> 00:21:18.537 switching to a different isoform,

NOTE Confidence: 0.85592186

 $00:21:18.540 \longrightarrow 00:21:20.790$ then potentially that cell is going

NOTE Confidence: 0.85592186

 $00:21:20.790 \longrightarrow 00:21:23.080$ to be more responsive to therapy,

NOTE Confidence: 0.85592186

 $00:21:23.080 \longrightarrow 00:21:25.520$ or at least would not be able to

NOTE Confidence: 0.85592186

 $00:21:25.520 \longrightarrow 00:21:27.593$ produce a protein isoform that

NOTE Confidence: 0.85592186

 $00:21:27.593 \longrightarrow 00:21:30.280$ would be resistant to therapy. Is

NOTE Confidence: 0.83769935

00:21:30.280 --> 00:21:32.180 that right?

NOTE Confidence: 0.83769935

 $00:21:32.180 \longrightarrow 00:21:34.490$ Yes, what we have learned

 $00:21:34.490 \longrightarrow 00:21:36.730$ so far from these therapies,

NOTE Confidence: 0.83769935

 $00:21:36.730 \longrightarrow 00:21:38.640$ that is actually very potent

NOTE Confidence: 0.83769935

 $00:21:38.640 \longrightarrow 00:21:40.900$ that these cancer cells do not,

NOTE Confidence: 0.83769935

00:21:40.900 --> 00:21:43.260 whenever you correct a splicing

NOTE Confidence: 0.83769935

 $00:21:43.260 \longrightarrow 00:21:46.740$ defect that they have in that they need

NOTE Confidence: 0.83769935

00:21:46.740 --> 00:21:49.874 to survive as soon as you corrected

NOTE Confidence: 0.83769935

 $00:21:49.874 \longrightarrow 00:21:52.660$ the cells become more sensitive

NOTE Confidence: 0.83769935

 $00{:}21{:}52.660 \dashrightarrow 00{:}21{:}55.270$ to chemother apeutic agents and or

NOTE Confidence: 0.83769935

 $00{:}21{:}55.270 \longrightarrow 00{:}21{:}58.908$ they just die on their own because

NOTE Confidence: 0.83769935

 $00{:}21{:}58.908 \dashrightarrow 00{:}22{:}01.488$ they cannot tolerate losing that

NOTE Confidence: 0.83769935

 $00:22:01.488 \longrightarrow 00:22:04.800$ expression of a particular isoforms.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8746222

 $00:22:04.800 \longrightarrow 00:22:06.830$ The next question obviously

NOTE Confidence: 0.8746222

 $00:22:06.830 \longrightarrow 00:22:09.460$ is how exactly does that happen?

NOTE Confidence: 0.8746222

00:22:09.460 --> 00:22:11.735 I mean, because this splicing

NOTE Confidence: 0.8746222

 $00:22:11.735 \longrightarrow 00:22:13.555$ mechanism is presumably something

 $00:22:13.555 \longrightarrow 00:22:16.220$ that is intrinsic to that tumor cell.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8746222

 $00:22:16.220 \longrightarrow 00:22:18.758$ So in order to stop it,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8746222

00:22:18.760 --> 00:22:21.301 you would need to get something into

NOTE Confidence: 0.8746222

00:22:21.301 --> 00:22:23.932 that tumor cell that actually stops

NOTE Confidence: 0.8746222

 $00:22:23.932 \longrightarrow 00:22:26.377$ something that it intrinsically has.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8746222

00:22:26.380 --> 00:22:28.490 How do you do that?

NOTE Confidence: 0.8746222

 $00:22:28.490 \longrightarrow 00:22:31.028$ And has that been tested in

NOTE Confidence: 0.8746222

00:22:31.030 --> 00:22:34.446 humans?

NOTE Confidence: 0.8746222

 $00:22:34.450 \longrightarrow 00:22:37.187$ The cell in order to switch from

NOTE Confidence: 0.8746222

 $00:22:37.187 \longrightarrow 00:22:39.450$ one isoform to another one,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8746222

 $00:22:39.450 \longrightarrow 00:22:42.288$ the MRNA's have different sequences

NOTE Confidence: 0.8746222

 $00:22:42.288 \longrightarrow 00:22:44.615$ or different signals that

NOTE Confidence: 0.8746222

00:22:44.615 --> 00:22:47.072 is going to tell a cell produce

NOTE Confidence: 0.8746222

 $00{:}22{:}47.072 \dashrightarrow 00{:}22{:}49.459$ isoform A or produce isoform B.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8746222

00:22:49.460 --> 00:22:51.545 Once we have identified which

NOTE Confidence: 0.8746222

00:22:51.545 --> 00:22:53.630 isoform we want to target.

 $00:22:53.630 \longrightarrow 00:22:56.549$ What we do is we introduce these

NOTE Confidence: 0.8746222

00:22:56.550 --> 00:22:59.070 small pieces of RNA into

NOTE Confidence: 0.8746222

 $00:22:59.070 \longrightarrow 00:23:02.074$ a cell and what we're going to

NOTE Confidence: 0.8746222

 $00:23:02.074 \longrightarrow 00:23:04.528$ do is we're going to block

NOTE Confidence: 0.8746222

 $00:23:04.530 \longrightarrow 00:23:06.430$ signals that usually the

NOTE Confidence: 0.8746222

 $00:23:06.430 \longrightarrow 00:23:08.870$ cancer cell would read to produce

NOTE Confidence: 0.8746222

 $00:23:08.870 \longrightarrow 00:23:10.710$ the most lethal isoform,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8746222

 $00:23:10.710 \longrightarrow 00:23:13.531$ and we're going to fool it to

NOTE Confidence: 0.8746222

 $00:23:13.531 \longrightarrow 00:23:16.479$ make sure that it doesn't see it.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8746222

 $00:23:16.480 \longrightarrow 00:23:19.070$ To mask these sites and

NOTE Confidence: 0.8746222

 $00{:}23{:}19.070 \longrightarrow 00{:}23{:}22.044$ force it to produce the other form and

NOTE Confidence: 0.8746222

 $00:23:22.044 \longrightarrow 00:23:25.181$ this therapy because of the way that

NOTE Confidence: 0.8746222

00:23:25.181 --> 00:23:28.428 it works, we called it SHOT.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8746222

00:23:28.430 --> 00:23:31.088 Actually giving SHOT to the

NOTE Confidence: 0.8746222

 $00:23:31.088 \longrightarrow 00:23:34.048$ cancer cells and shot stands for

00:23:34.048 --> 00:23:36.240 Splicing-Hit Oligonucleotide Therapy.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8746222

 $00{:}23{:}36.240 \dashrightarrow 00{:}23{:}40.480$ So far we have not tested it in humans.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8746222

 $00:23:40.480 \longrightarrow 00:23:43.448$ All of our data comes so far

NOTE Confidence: 0.8746222

 $00:23:43.448 \longrightarrow 00:23:44.720$ from patient cells.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8746222

 $00:23:44.720 \longrightarrow 00:23:46.416$ Tumor patient tumor cells

NOTE Confidence: 0.8746222

 $00:23:46.416 \longrightarrow 00:23:48.960$ that we grow in the lab.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8746222

 $00:23:48.960 \longrightarrow 00:23:52.040$ We also have tested this in our

NOTE Confidence: 0.8746222

 $00:23:52.040 \longrightarrow 00:23:53.852$ genetically engineered mouse models

NOTE Confidence: 0.8746222

 $00:23:53.852 \longrightarrow 00:23:56.318$ and all of that has produced

NOTE Confidence: 0.8746222

00:23:56.318 --> 00:23:58.289 the preliminary data to start.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8746222

00:23:58.290 --> 00:24:00.345 Hopefully launching a clinical trial

NOTE Confidence: 0.8746222

 $00:24:00.345 \longrightarrow 00:24:03.380$ in the short future in the patients.

 $00:24:03.800 \longrightarrow 00:24:06.845$ So the next question is when you

NOTE Confidence: 0.86429554

 $00:24:06.850 \longrightarrow 00:24:09.664$ have this mechanism, this shot that

NOTE Confidence: 0.86429554

00:24:09.664 --> 00:24:12.430 can block this splicing mechanism,

NOTE Confidence: 0.86429554

00:24:12.430 --> 00:24:15.466 presumably you're giving it

 $00:24:15.470 \longrightarrow 00:24:19.019$ whether it's IV or orally,

NOTE Confidence: 0.86429554

 $00:24:19.020 \longrightarrow 00:24:21.304$ somehow you're trying to

NOTE Confidence: 0.86429554

 $00:24:21.304 \longrightarrow 00:24:24.159$ get this into tumor cells.

NOTE Confidence: 0.86429554

00:24:24.160 --> 00:24:26.536 Does it get into normal cells

NOTE Confidence: 0.86429554

 $00:24:26.536 \longrightarrow 00:24:28.600$ and does it have any effect

NOTE Confidence: 0.86429554

 $00:24:28.600 \longrightarrow 00:24:30.976$ on the normal cells as well?

NOTE Confidence: 0.86429554

 $00:24:30.980 \longrightarrow 00:24:33.386$ Or do normal cells not have

NOTE Confidence: 0.86429554

 $00:24:33.386 \longrightarrow 00:24:34.589$ this splicing mechanism?

NOTE Confidence: 0.86429554

 $00{:}24{:}34.590 \dashrightarrow 00{:}24{:}36.590$ That's a very important question,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8587167

 $00:24:36.590 \longrightarrow 00:24:39.821$ so far the therapy that we

NOTE Confidence: 0.8587167

 $00{:}24{:}39.821 \dashrightarrow 00{:}24{:}43.007$ like, the first phase of this therapy,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8587167

 $00:24:43.010 \longrightarrow 00:24:45.355$ we know that it's a specific for

NOTE Confidence: 0.8587167

 $00:24:45.355 \longrightarrow 00:24:47.812$ cancer cells because it's only

NOTE Confidence: 0.8587167

 $00:24:47.812 \longrightarrow 00:24:50.107$ going to correct splicing defect

NOTE Confidence: 0.8587167

 $00:24:50.107 \longrightarrow 00:24:52.628$ that appears only on cancer cells.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8587167

 $00{:}24{:}52.630 \dashrightarrow 00{:}24{:}56.150$ It still gets into the normal cells.

 $00:24:56.150 \longrightarrow 00:24:58.430$ But it's not active there.

 $00:25:00.154 \longrightarrow 00:25:03.430$ because the splicing defect is not present.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8587167

 $00{:}25{:}03.430 \dashrightarrow 00{:}25{:}06.552$ So far we have managed to introduce

NOTE Confidence: 0.8587167

 $00:25:06.552 \longrightarrow 00:25:09.936$ the therapy into the cancer cells by

NOTE Confidence: 0.8587167

 $00:25:09.936 \longrightarrow 00:25:12.381$ directly injecting into the tumors

NOTE Confidence: 0.8587167

 $00:25:12.381 \longrightarrow 00:25:15.431$ of mice what we are excited right

NOTE Confidence: 0.8587167

00:25:15.431 --> 00:25:18.490 now is that we're going to start

NOTE Confidence: 0.8587167

 $00:25:18.490 \longrightarrow 00:25:21.310$ coupling SHOT with another therapy

NOTE Confidence: 0.8587167

 $00{:}25{:}21.310 \dashrightarrow 00{:}25{:}23.493$ delivery technology that has been

NOTE Confidence: 0.8587167

00:25:23.493 --> 00:25:26.710 developed here at Yale and is actually

NOTE Confidence: 0.8587167

 $00{:}25{:}26.710 \dashrightarrow 00{:}25{:}28.720$ currently under clinical trial testing

NOTE Confidence: 0.8587167

 $00:25:28.720 \longrightarrow 00:25:31.901$ called FLIP and FLIP is almost like a

NOTE Confidence: 0.8587167

 $00:25:31.901 \longrightarrow 00:25:35.062$ bio syringe that is going to carry shot

NOTE Confidence: 0.8587167

 $00:25:35.062 \longrightarrow 00:25:38.030$ and once said it lands into the tumor

NOTE Confidence: 0.8587167

00:25:38.030 --> 00:25:40.816 that has this particularly low pH,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8587167

 $00:25:40.820 \longrightarrow 00:25:44.438$ at that time it will convert into a syringe.

 $00:25:44.440 \longrightarrow 00:25:46.678$ It will introduce shot into the

NOTE Confidence: 0.8587167

 $00:25:46.678 \longrightarrow 00:25:49.568$ cells that are in that

NOTE Confidence: 0.8587167

 $00{:}25{:}49.568 \dashrightarrow 00{:}25{:}50.885$ tumor microenvironment.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8587167

 $00:25:50.890 \longrightarrow 00:25:53.065$ So in that tumor microenvironment

NOTE Confidence: 0.8587167

 $00{:}25{:}53.065 \dashrightarrow 00{:}25{:}55.717$ you have cancer cells and you

NOTE Confidence: 0.8587167

 $00:25:55.717 \longrightarrow 00:25:58.117$ have cells that are non cancerous.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8587167

 $00:25:58.120 \longrightarrow 00:26:00.442$ But the specificity comes that shot

NOTE Confidence: 0.8587167

00:26:00.442 --> 00:26:03.264 would only be able to correct splicing

NOTE Confidence: 0.8587167

 $00:26:03.264 \longrightarrow 00:26:05.652$ defects in cells that have it,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8587167

 $00{:}26{:}05.660 \dashrightarrow 00{:}26{:}07.645$ and those splicing defects are

NOTE Confidence: 0.8587167

00:26:07.645 --> 00:26:09.630 only present in cancer cells.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8587167

 $00{:}26{:}09.630 \dashrightarrow 00{:}26{:}12.213$ So I think the combination of flip and shot

NOTE Confidence: 0.8587167

 $00:26:12.213 \longrightarrow 00:26:15.359$ is going to be highly specific

NOTE Confidence: 0.8587167

00:26:15.359 --> 00:26:18.636 for tumor cells is going to be highly

NOTE Confidence: 0.8587167

00:26:18.636 --> 00:26:20.706 specific for splicing defects that

 $00:26:20.706 \longrightarrow 00:26:23.445$ we know are important for these cells

NOTE Confidence: 0.8587167

 $00:26:23.445 \longrightarrow 00:26:26.268$ and is going to decrease the amount

NOTE Confidence: 0.8587167

 $00:26:26.268 \longrightarrow 00:26:28.806$ of side effects because this therapy

NOTE Confidence: 0.8587167

 $00:26:28.810 \longrightarrow 00:26:30.618$ is so specific.

NOTE Confidence: 0.8339394

 $00:26:30.620 \longrightarrow 00:26:33.308$ One question is, if shot

NOTE Confidence: 0.8339394

 $00:26:33.308 \longrightarrow 00:26:36.537$ is so specific based on the fact

NOTE Confidence: 0.8339394

 $00:26:36.537 \longrightarrow 00:26:38.525$ that this slicing mechanism

NOTE Confidence: 0.8339394

 $00:26:38.525 \longrightarrow 00:26:41.008$ only exists in cancer cells,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8339394

 $00{:}26{:}41.010 \dashrightarrow 00{:}26{:}44.174$ then I guess the next question is,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8339394

00:26:44.180 --> 00:26:47.508 do you really need flip to kind of

NOTE Confidence: 0.8339394

 $00{:}26{:}47.508 \dashrightarrow 00{:}26{:}51.409$ take it to where the cancer cells are,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8339394

 $00:26:51.410 \longrightarrow 00:26:54.116$ which is a low pH area?

NOTE Confidence: 0.8339394

00:26:54.120 --> 00:26:56.952 Or can you just inject shot

NOTE Confidence: 0.8339394

 $00:26:56.952 \longrightarrow 00:26:58.840$ systemically and know that

NOTE Confidence: 0.8339394

00:26:58.840 --> 00:27:01.360 even if it were to circulate around,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8339394

 $00{:}27{:}01.360 \dashrightarrow 00{:}27{:}03.887$ and get absorbed by other cells that

00:27:03.887 --> 00:27:06.039 it really wouldn't cause any harm,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8339394

 $00:27:06.040 \longrightarrow 00:27:08.086$ the only harm it would cause

NOTE Confidence: 0.8339394

 $00:27:08.086 \longrightarrow 00:27:10.000$ is in the tumor cells,

NOTE Confidence: 0.8339394

 $00:27:10.000 \longrightarrow 00:27:12.485$ or is the idea behind flip that

NOTE Confidence: 0.8339394

 $00:27:12.485 \longrightarrow 00:27:14.602$ you would decrease the amount of

NOTE Confidence: 0.8339394

 $00:27:14.602 \longrightarrow 00:27:16.884$ shot that you would need so that

NOTE Confidence: 0.8339394

00:27:16.963 --> 00:27:18.878 you could more accurately target

NOTE Confidence: 0.8339394

 $00:27:18.878 \longrightarrow 00:27:21.520$ it to where the tumor actually is.

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 $00:27:21.520 \longrightarrow 00:27:22.936$ It's actually the latter.

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 $00:27:22.936 \longrightarrow 00:27:26.150$ This is the way that we can increase the

NOTE Confidence: 0.886036099999999

 $00:27:26.150 \longrightarrow 00:27:28.990$ amount of dose of shot that is going

NOTE Confidence: 0.886036099999999

 $00:27:28.990 \longrightarrow 00:27:31.706$ to go directly into the cancer cells.

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 $00{:}27{:}31.710 \longrightarrow 00{:}27{:}33.936$ Because if we just put shot systemically

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 $00:27:33.936 \longrightarrow 00:27:35.540$ without a delivery technology,

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00:27:35.540 --> 00:27:38.291 it will start getting word out and

00:27:38.291 --> 00:27:40.486 the concentration is going to drop

NOTE Confidence: 0.886036099999999

 $00:27:40.486 \longrightarrow 00:27:43.083$ and by the time the little bit that

NOTE Confidence: 0.886036099999999

 $00:27:43.083 \longrightarrow 00:27:45.651$ reaches the tumor it might be too low

NOTE Confidence: 0.886036099999999

 $00:27:45.651 \longrightarrow 00:27:47.720$ to have a biological impact.

NOTE Confidence: 0.87575865

 $00:27:47.720 \longrightarrow 00:27:49.748$ And so has this

NOTE Confidence: 0.87575865

 $00{:}27{:}49.748 \dashrightarrow 00{:}27{:}51.550$ combination of flip and shot

NOTE Confidence: 0.87575865

00:27:51.550 --> 00:27:53.740 been tried in mouse models?

NOTE Confidence: 0.87575865

 $00:27:53.740 \longrightarrow 00:27:56.070$ Were actually testing it and this is part

NOTE Confidence: 0.87575865

 $00{:}27{:}56.070 \dashrightarrow 00{:}27{:}59.240$ of the one of the reasons why I wanted to

NOTE Confidence: 0.87575865

 $00:27:59.324 \longrightarrow 00:28:02.500$ come to Yale because I wanted to combine

NOTE Confidence: 0.87575865

 $00:28:02.500 \longrightarrow 00:28:05.914$ a very exciting the rapy with other

NOTE Confidence: 0.87575865

 $00:28:05.914 \longrightarrow 00:28:08.914$ delivery technologies that were being

NOTE Confidence: 0.87575865

00:28:08.914 --> 00:28:11.458 developed here specifically for

NOTE Confidence: 0.87575865

 $00:28:11.460 \longrightarrow 00:28:13.580$ these therapies that

NOTE Confidence: 0.87575865

 $00:28:13.580 \longrightarrow 00:28:16.227$ modify the way that the cells

NOTE Confidence: 0.87575865

 $00{:}28{:}16.227 \dashrightarrow 00{:}28{:}18.915$ express proteins and turn on genes,

 $00:28:18.920 \longrightarrow 00:28:22.216$ and so we are hoping that now that

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 $00{:}28{:}22.216 \dashrightarrow 00{:}28{:}24.958$ the research is ramping up after

NOTE Confidence: 0.87575865

 $00{:}28{:}24.958 \dashrightarrow 00{:}28{:}27.694$ COVID that we can start testing,

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 $00:28:27.700 \longrightarrow 00:28:30.214$ we cannot wait to collaborate and

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 $00{:}28{:}30.214 \dashrightarrow 00{:}28{:}32.426$ we're already starting to synthesize

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 $00:28:32.426 \longrightarrow 00:28:35.168$ the shot in combination with flip.

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 $00:28:35.850 \longrightarrow 00:28:38.286$ Doctor Luisa Escobar-Hoyos is an

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 $00:28:38.286 \longrightarrow 00:28:39.910$ assistant professor of the apeutic

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 $00:28:39.977 \longrightarrow 00:28:42.427$ radiology at the Yale School of Medicine.

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 $00:28:42.430 \longrightarrow 00:28:43.982$ If you have questions,

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 $00{:}28{:}43.982 \dashrightarrow 00{:}28{:}45.534$ the address is canceranswers@yale.edu

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 $00:28:45.534 \longrightarrow 00:28:47.677$ and past editions of the program

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 $00{:}28{:}47.677 \dashrightarrow 00{:}28{:}49.633$ are available in audio and written

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 $00{:}28{:}49.696 \to 00{:}28{:}51.328$ form at yale cancercenter.org.

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 $00:28:51.330 \longrightarrow 00:28:54.226$ We hope you'll join us next week to

 $00{:}28{:}54.226 \to 00{:}28{:}57.048$ learn more about the fight against

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 $00{:}28{:}57.048 \to 00{:}29{:}00.072$ cancer here on Connecticut Public Radio.