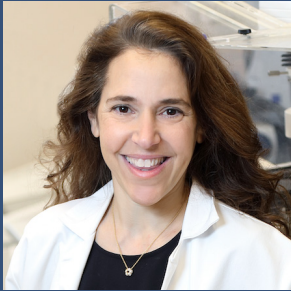


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Words to live by...

I love inspirational quotes and have them up all around my office to motivate me. Some of my favorites are “don’t focus on the setback, focus on the come back,” “it does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop,” “only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile,” “success is stumbling from failure to failure with no loss of enthusiasm”

Scientific interests

I love the microenvironment – how cells communicate with each other and the matrix on the microscopic and whole body level and how these microenvironments shape health and disease. I particularly like to focus on how the microenvironment modulates metastasis and therapeutic outcomes.

What is your favorite thing about working at NCI?

I absolutely love that I get paid to come to help others in one way or another every day. Whether I am seeing patients, meeting with my lab team, helping solve problems, or pulling my hair out over complicated data that I do not understand, it is all in a collaborative environment with others that all have the same goal to make it better for people

In my spare time, I enjoy...

I love to sing and do it every day, I love working out/running, hiking, swimming, playing tennis, lifting weights, dancing, and hanging out with my spouse and kiddos. I love being with kids of any age and absolutely love nature, which is actually science, which I really love. I also love reading, thinking, and laughing.

A fun fact about myself is...

I can wiggle my ears and only realized recently that others are not able to do this.