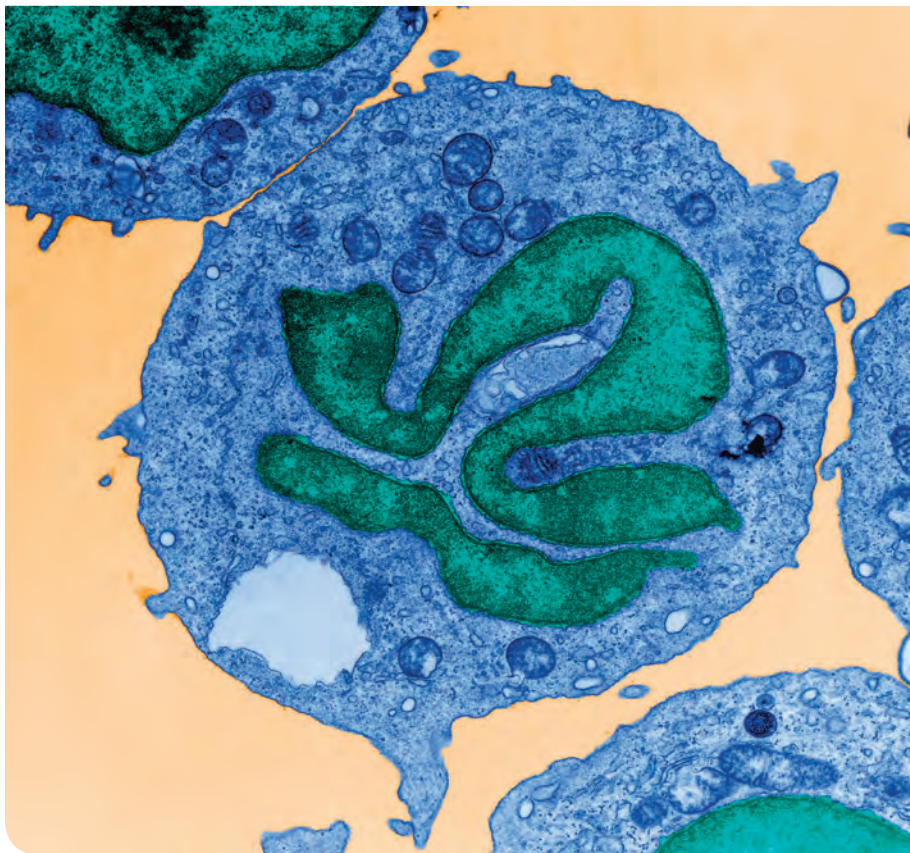


# UVA Hematology Oncology

The Next Generation in Cancer Care  
and Research

Cancer Center



## A Message from the UVA Cancer Center Director

This is an exciting time in cancer care. We have powerful knowledge and tools at our fingertips, and as cancer physicians we have a unique opportunity to share our strengths and create new hope for patients with cancer and serious blood diseases.

In my role as director of UVA Cancer Center, it is my goal to make these tools more available to Virginia residents. One of my top priorities is bringing more Phase 1 clinical trials to UVA. These trials are so important and often give us the opportunity to test breakthrough therapies on patients with otherwise limited options.

I'm also exploring ways to integrate the innovative work of fellow UVA colleagues for the betterment of cancer research, treatment and prevention. For example, I've recently been in collaboration with Stuart Wolf, PhD, director of the UVA Institute for Nanoscale and Quantum Scientific and Technological Advanced Research, also called nanoSTAR. We're putting our heads together to bring new therapies to patients with acute myeloid leukemia and to find better ways of delivering these therapies using nanotechnology.

This is just the beginning of what I believe will be a series of defining moments in cancer care. This letter serves partly as an introduction of new members of my team, and myself — but more importantly, these words serve as an invitation to talk one-on-one. Virginia is fortunate to have so many talented and dedicated healthcare professionals within her borders, and I'd love to learn more about you and talk about how we can work together.



Thomas P. Loughran, Jr., MD | Director, UVA Cancer Center



Thomas P. Loughran, Jr. MD

## **Thomas P. Loughran Jr., MD**

Professor of Medicine  
F. Palmer Weber-Smithfield Foods  
Professor in Oncology Research

**Specialty:** Bone marrow disorders, leukemia, large granular lymphocyte (LGL) leukemia

**Fellowship:** Medical oncology,  
Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center

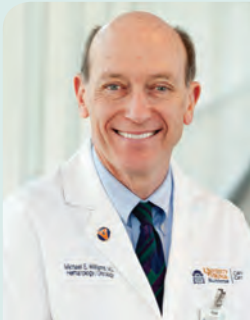
**Residency:** Internal medicine,  
Thomas Jefferson University Hospital

**Medical degree:** Hahnemann Medical School

Before joining UVA, Dr. Loughran served as founding director of the Penn State Hershey Cancer Institute; program leader of hematologic malignancies at H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute at the University of South Florida; associate director of the Bone Marrow Transplant Program at SUNY Health Science Center; and chief of hematology at Syracuse Veteran's Affairs Medical Center.

**UVA Cancer Center** is a National Cancer Institute (NCI)-designated cancer center. This designation is awarded only to those centers that meet NCI's rigorous criteria for establishing programs in multidisciplinary cancer research and that dedicate extensive resources to developing more effective approaches to cancer prevention, diagnosis and treatment.

## A Message from the Chief Division of Hematology and Oncology



Michael Williams, MD

In recent months, we have been fortunate to build our teams and our capabilities. I'd like to share some of the progress we've made and introduce you to our newest team members at UVA Cancer Center.

We've added physicians from a variety of oncology and hematology specialties, and now have even more resources with which to serve patients.

From innovative clinical trials to targeted cancer therapies and prevention programs, we bring together hematologists, medical oncologists, surgical and radiation oncologists, and research scientists all in one place.

With recent expansion at our Emily Couric Clinical Cancer Center, we have additional capacity to care for patients. And with our four UVA Hope Cancer Care locations (Charlottesville, Culpeper, Farmville and Fishersville), we can bring the best cancer care to these communities.

We're excited to work with you, our colleagues, to make a difference in patients' lives and offer a new generation of cancer care throughout Virginia and beyond. I welcome the opportunity to talk with you about how our team at UVA can help your patients via consultations and novel therapeutics.

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Michael Williams, MD, ScM | Byrd S. Leavell Professor of Medicine

## New to Our Team



Hillary Maitland, MD, MS

### Hillary Maitland, MD, MS

Assistant Professor

**Specialty:** Benign hematology and anticoagulation

**Fellowship:** Hematology, University of Virginia

**Residency:** Internal medicine, University of Virginia

**Medical degree:** Temple University School of Medicine



Craig Portell, MD

### Craig Portell, MD

Assistant Professor

**Specialty:** Lymphoma and chronic lymphocytic leukemia

**Fellowship:** Hematology/medical oncology, Cleveland Clinic, Taussig Cancer Institute

**Residency:** Internal medicine, Loyola University School of Medicine

**Medical degree:** Saint Louis University School

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Osama Rahma, MD

## Osama Rahma, MD

Assistant Professor

**Specialty:** Gastrointestinal and hepatobiliary cancers

**Fellowship:** Oncology, National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health; and geriatric medicine, John A. Burns School of Medicine, University of Hawaii

**Residency:** Internal medicine, Brody School of Medicine, East Carolina University

**Medical degree:** Damascus University, Syria



Erika Ramsdale, MD

## Erika Ramsdale, MD

Assistant Professor

**Specialty:** Gastrointestinal cancers, geriatric oncology

**Fellowship:** Geriatric medicine, hematology/medical oncology and clinical medical ethics, University of Chicago Medical Center

**Residency:** Internal medicine, University of Chicago Medical Center

**Medical degree:** University of Kansas School of Medicine



Leonid Volodin, MD

## Leonid Volodin, MD

Assistant Professor

**Specialty:** Stem cell transplant and acute leukemia

**Fellowship:** Hematology/Oncology, Feist Weiller Cancer Center, Louisiana State University

**Fellowship:** Stem Cell Transplantation, Stanford University

**Residency:** Internal medicine, Louisiana State University

**Medical degree:** The University of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

## The UVA Hematology Oncology Team

Michelle Beard

Amer Beitinjaneh

James Boyer

**Christiana Brenin**

**Emanuel Cirenza**

Thao Dang

Kelly Davidson

**John Densmore**

**Patrick Dillon**

**Michael Douvas**

Elizabeth Gaughan

Maya Ghaemmaghami

Stefan Gorsch

**William Grosh**

**Tamila Kindwall-Keller**

Thomas P. Loughran, Jr.

**B. Gail Macik**

Hillary Maitland

Marilise Marancik

Donna Markey

Nicholas Paphitis

Craig Portell

Osama Rahma

Erika Ramsdale

Aimee Strong

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