

### **Presents**

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Lecture Title:

# Enhanced microRNA activity is a novel oncogenic function of eIF4F

Thursday, September 18, 2014 7:30-8:30 PM



Carl D. Novina, MD, PhD is an Associate Professor at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Harvard Medical School where he studies microRNAs and their dysregulation in oncogenesis. His group pioneered several approaches to studying microRNA function and reported the first example of an intronic microRNA that performs the tumor suppressor role previously assigned to the protein-coding gene at the same locus. His group also demonstrated a connection between reduced ribosomal protein gene expression and microRNA activity; an association that may be especially relevant in ribosomopathies such as Diamond Blackfan Anemia and Shwachman Diamond Syndrome. Clinically, these patients present with congenital anomalies, bone marrow failure and cancer predisposition. It has been a long-standing mystery why patients present with this constellation of clinical

findings. Because microRNAs frequently target body patterning genes, differentiation genes and oncogenes, these observations may describe the molecular pathogenesis of ribosomopathies.

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