It is with great regret and sadness to let you know that Dr. Hanna Jean Khoury, one of our Wash U family has passed away after a long battle with cancer yesterday morning. Hanna or “Jean” as he was called at Emory, is the R. Randall Rollins Chair in Oncology and Chief of the Division of Hematology at the Winship Cancer Center, Emory University School of Medicine. Dr. Khoury received his medical degree from the Universite Catholique de Louvain, Brussels and then completed his residency in internal medicine, Memorial Medical Center, Savannah, Georgia. He then came to Washington University for his Hematology Oncology Fellowship and stayed on as an assistant professor of medicine, division of oncology, section of BMT and leukemia. He became a national and international leader and expert in hematologic malignancies. He has authored over 175 papers focused on clinical and translational aspects of acute and chronic leukemias. He was recruited away from Washington University in 2005 to Emory University (as the youngest Division Chief ever at Emory) and built a large, dynamic and world class Division of Hematology at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. He was promoted to professor and awarded the R. Randall Rollins Endowed Chair of Oncology in 2011. His meteoric rise in the world of academic hematology was matched only by his exceptional accomplishments as a teacher and mentor having been awarded Teacher of the Year at both Washington University and Emory University and the driving force in the academic careers of scores of his trainees many of whom are now independent investigators at many of the finest academic medical centers in the country.

On a personal note, Hanna was not only a trainee par excellence, but a great colleague and a great and genuine friend to many of us for almost two decades. An exceptional physician-scientist, mentor, friend, father and husband. He will be missed and the elegance and dignity that he demonstrated his entire academic life and especially during this last difficult year of his life should be an inspiration to us all.

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