

**Polycythemia Vera Expert Research Panel – August 25, 2008**  
**Philadelphia, PA**

**Invited Participants**

**Emmanuel Besa, MD** - Professor of Medicine, Dept. of Hematologic Malignancies, Kimmel Cancer Center, Division of Neoplastic Diseases, Jefferson Medical College, Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, PA.

*Specializes in clinical trials in hematologic malignancies and myelodysplastic syndromes. Awarded MDS Center of Excellence by the Myelodysplastic Syndromes Foundation. Special interest is Medical Informatics, developing educational materials on the Web such as Teaching Cases for American Society of Hematology, Chief Editor of Hematology for on line Medical Text in eMedicine.*

**Ronald Hoffman, MD –Albert A. and Vera G. List Professor of Medicine**, Director of Myeloproliferative Disorders Program, Hematology and Oncology Section, Tisch Cancer Institute, Mount Sinai School of Medicine NY,NY

*Diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine/Hematology. Held faculty positions at Yale University School of Medicine, University of Illinois at Chicago, and the Indiana University School of Medicine. Major research interests include myeloproliferative disorders and hematopoietic stem cell biology. Past President of The American Society of Hematology and the International Society for Experimental Hematology. Editor of the journal Experimental Hematology from 1999 to 2003. Author of over 300 scientific publications and an editor of the textbook , Hematology: Basic Principles and Practice.*

**Arthur L. Frank, MD** - Professor, Chair: Department of Environmental and Occupational Health, Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA.

*Received M.D. degree from the Mount Sinai School of Medicine and Ph.D. in biomedical sciences from the City University of New York. Trained in both internal medicine and occupational medicine and holds board certification in both fields. As a commissioned officer in the Public Health Service, he conducted research at the National Cancer Institute. Major research activities have included the study of occupational lung diseases such as asbestosis and silicosis, occupational cancers, especially those related to asbestos exposure, and has worked in the area of agricultural safety and health.*

**Samuel Lesko, MD** - Director of Research & Medical Director, Northeast Regional Cancer Institute, Scranton, PA

*The Cancer Institute partner hospital and physician network provides the largest cancer diagnosis and treatment service in Pennsylvania in terms of the number of patients served. More than 3,000 new cancer patients are recorded each year through the Cancer Institute Regional Cancer Registry. The Cancer Epidemiology Research Program at the Cancer Institute studies the incidence, distribution, and control of cancer in Northeastern Pennsylvania. The Regional Cancer Registry at the Cancer Institute is the first collaborative regional cancer registry in Pennsylvania. This state-of-the-art system allows more sophisticated recording and reporting of cancer diagnosis, treatment outcomes and clinical research statistics.*

**Paul I. Roda MD., FACP** - Medical Oncologist, Geisinger/Hazleton Cancer Center, Hazleton, PA; Clinical Assistant Professor, Drexel University School of Medicine, Philadelphia, PA Medical Oncology , Board Certified (1981).

*Dr. Roda sees patients within most areas of medical oncology, oncologic hematology, and benign hematology, and has a special interest in the myeloproliferative and myelodysplastic syndromes.*

**Evelyn Talbott, DrPH** – Professor of Epidemiology, University of Pittsburgh, PA

*Major interests are in cardiovascular disease risk factors in women including women with Polycystic Ovary Syndrome. Also very involved in environmental risk factors such as air pollution and their effect on cardiovascular and respiratory disease. Most recently working in the area of environmental public health tracking and linking health outcomes to putative environmental risk factors.*

**Mingjiang Xu, MD, PhD** - Assistant Professor, Division of Hematology/Oncology, Department of Medicine and Tisch Cancer Institute, Mt. Sinai School of Medicine, NY.

*Research interests include the study of leukemic stem cells and the genetic aspects of myeloproliferative diseases. Published over 30 manuscripts related to myeloproliferative diseases.*

**Pennsylvania Department of Health (PA DOH) -**

Steve Ostroff, MD	Director, Bureau of Epidemiology
Robin Otto	Manager, Pennsylvania Cancer Registry
Gene Weinberg, Dr.PH.	Manager, Division of Community Epidemiology
Jim Logue, Dr.PH	Manager, Division of Environmental Health Epidemiology
Mark White, MD, MPH	ATSDR Cooperative Agreement Program Coordinator
Greg Bogdan, Dr.PH	Epidemiologist, Division of Community Epidemiology

**Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP) -**

Bob Lewis	Northeast Regional Office
John Mellow	Northeast Regional Office
Joe Iannuzzo	Northeast Regional Office

**West Virginia Department of Public Health**

Patricia Colsher, PhD	Epidemiologist & Cancer Registry Director, Office of Epidemiology and Health Promotion
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**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) -**

Brad White	Remedial Project Manager, Hazardous Site Cleanup Division Western PA/MD Branch (3HS22) Region 3
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**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) –**

Bob German, Dr.PH	Epidemiologist, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion
Frances Michaud	Public Health Advisor, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

**Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) -**

Steve Dearwent, PhD.	Health Investigations Branch Chief, Division of Health Studies
Vince Seaman, Ph.D.	Toxicologist/Epidemiologist, Division of Health Studies
Lora Werner, MPH	Senior Representative - Region 3, Philadelphia, PA