



- *Assistant Professor*
- *Department of Immunology and Genomic Medicine*

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#### Conditions Treated:

#### Research Areas:

- *Autoimmunity*
- *Leukemia/Lymphoma*
- *Lymphocyte Migration*

#### Research Interests

My laboratory is interested in understanding how a network of proteins called the cytoskeleton regulates the migration and cell-cell interactions of lymphocytes. In particular we focus on how the cytoskeleton generates the mechanical forces and shape changes required for lymphocyte migration and trafficking during homeostasis and disease.

Currently, a research focus of the lab is on a mouse model of multiple sclerosis, a chronic autoimmune-mediated disease of the central nervous system. Our work is aimed at understanding which specific cytoskeletal molecules play a role in lymphocyte exit from the blood flow and entry into the brain and spinal cord. Our goal is to prevent the accumulation of autoreactive lymphocytes in the brain and spinal cord where damage neurons.

A second focus of the lab is related to leukemia and lymphoma models. Our goal is to determine how cytoskeletal remodeling mediates the steps required for leukemia and lymphoma cell extravasation and infiltration into tissues to prevent or inhibit metastasis of these types of tumors.

My laboratory includes Scott Thompson, PhD student, Robert Long, Lab Researcher and Former Alum, Miriam Estin, PhD (MD/PhD student).

#### Education

- 1997 University of Rome 'La Sapienza', Rome, Italy, BS and MS, Biology
- 2002 University of Rome 'La Sapienza', Rome, Italy, PhD, Immunology

#### Affiliations with the University of Colorado Denver

Joint appointment through the Immunology Department as Assistant Professor at the University of Colorado Denver.

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#### Publications

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