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Burkitt’s Lymphoma Symposium Featured Speaker:

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Riccardo Dalla-Favera, M.D. holds the Joanne and Percy Uris Chair of Clinical Medicine, he is Professor of Pathology, and Professor of Genetics & Development at the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Columbia University, He is also the Director of the Institute for Cancer Genetics, and the Director of the Herbert Irving Comprehensive Cancer Center at Columbia University. He is the Director of the Specialized Center for Research on Lymphoma at Columbia University. He is the author of >200 publications and the co-editor of the textbook “Non Hodgkin Lymphoma” (Lippincott, Williams & Wilkins publishers).

Dr. Dalla-Favera has been recognized with several national awards, including the Stohlman Award from The Leukemia Society of America, two NIH MERIT Awards (1989, 2005), and the 2006 William Dameshek Prize for Outstanding Contribution to Hematology from The American Society of Hematology. In 2011 he has been elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences, USA.

Dr. Dalla-Favera has been an active researcher in the field of lymphoma research for more than 30 years. His career started with his pioneering work on the cloning and chromosomal mapping of human proto-oncogenes, including c-MYC (1-2). This work established the basis for the seminal work on the involvement of c-MYC in chromosomal translocations in Burkitt's lymphoma (3-5). Then, his research has continued to yield new insights into the pathogenesis of
human B cell lymphomas, and, in particular, on the identification of the genetic lesions and biological mechanisms responsible for the development of these diseases (6-10).


