

# Grand Rounds

Friday, May 17, 9:00am

## Dissecting and Overcoming Different Shades of Cancer Immune Evasion

*featuring*

**Benjamin Izar, MD, PhD**

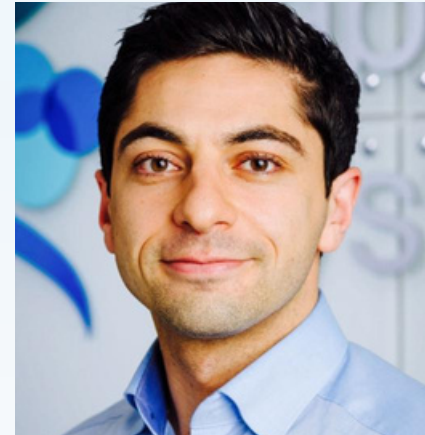
**Vivian and Seymour Milstein Family Assistant  
Professor of Medicine, Columbia Vagelos  
College of Physicians and Surgeons**

55 Park Street Auditorium | [Zoom](#) Access

Continental breakfast will be available

Needs: Clinicians treating patients with advanced cancers that may lead to brain metastasis. Clinicians treating patients with cancers requiring immunotherapies. Basic scientists interrogating mechanisms of cancer immune evasion. Basic scientists interrogating mechanisms of genomic instability.

Objectives: Understand mechanisms of cancer immune evasion in melanoma. Mechanisms of metastatic organotropism to the brain and potential clinical implications. Methods for improving cell therapies.



Dr. Izar's clinical practice focuses on melanoma and cancer immunotherapy. In his lab, he studies interactions between cancer cells and cells of the tumor-microenvironment, and how these define metastatic niches and response and resistance to cancer immunotherapies.

Dr. Izar received his MD/PhD at Justus Liebig University in Giessen, Germany. He completed his residency training at Massachusetts General Hospital and medical oncology training at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, followed by his first faculty position at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. He completed post-doctoral research training in cancer immunology at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard. In addition to several awards he received during his training, Dr. Izar is the recipient of multiple national awards.