

MARY JO LECHOWICZ, MD

Dr. Lechowicz is currently an Associate Professor of Hematology and Medical Oncology at Emory University School of Medicine and a member of Winship Cancer Institute.

Research

Dr. Lechowicz's research career has been focused on rare diseases. Initially her work was focused on novel therapies for HIV-related malignancies. She worked on designing and executing a number of trials in HIV and Malignancy that have accrued nationally. Dr. Lechowicz is the primary investigator on numerous trials at Emory University with regard to improvement of care in Non-Hodgkin's lymphomas, particularly related to cutaneous and peripheral lymphomas T-cell lymphomas, as well as, Castleman's Disease. She is a founding member of the North American T cell Consortium and the Castleman's Disease Collaborative Network, also serving on its Scientific Advisory Board.

Teaching and Service

Dr. Lechowicz's teaching is dedicated to students of all levels. Her role in the Emory University School of Medicine began in the formative years of its Society system for medical students. She was the Leader of the Osler Society for nine years, and as a result of her leadership, was asked to assume the role of Director of Societies and Small Group Affairs. Her role is to enhance the education of medical students through service learning and scholarship [development training](#). She has been a member of the School of Medicine's Admissions committee for 10 years, is the Chair of the Scholarship and Discovery Subcommittee and a member of the Executive Curriculum Committee. It was Dr. Lechowicz's honor to design a six-year medical school curriculum, based on the 2008 changes in the Emory University School of Medicine, in collaboration with Tbilisi State Medical University of Tbilisi, Georgia. Her particular focus [in the design of that curriculum](#) is "The 21st Century Physician" and the skills that institutions of varying resource levels need to manage the changes in medicine.

Dr. Lechowicz obtained her BA degree in Biology at Hofstra University in Hempstead, New York. She then went on to obtain her medical degree at SUNY Health Science Center at Syracuse. She completed her Oncology training at The Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins and prior to that received her internal medicine residency at The New York –Presbyterian Hospital, Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center where she spent an additional year as a Chief Medical Resident.