

Eric Tzvi Kimchi

University of Missouri leader Dr. Eric Tzvi Kimchi works to save lives of cancer patients.

In his clinical research, Kimchi looks into immune responses and liver cancer. Ultimately, his goal is to reverse the body's tolerance to cancer cells, enabling the body to recognize and fight cells that cause liver cancer. Already, his work in this arena — which has been funded by respected agencies including the Association for Academic Surgery — has led to advances in understanding the immune system's response to liver cancer.

Kimchi has authored more than 60 peer-reviewed journal articles and book chapters and has been an invited reviewer for top scientific journals. He serves as treasurer of the Association for Academic Surgery, the world's largest organization of academic surgeons.

Kimchi came to MU in 2015 following leadership positions at the Medical University of South Carolina and the Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center. As medical director of MU's Ellis Fischel Cancer Center, he is working to expand the center's presence and make it a national leader in cancer care. "I look forward to using MU's outstanding array of resources to further develop our cancer mission for the benefits of the residents of Missouri and beyond," he says.

Dr. Eric Tzvi Kimchi is an associate professor of surgery and chief of the Division of Surgical Oncology in the School of Medicine.

