

## Hybrid Lipid-Coated Silver Nanoparticles for Drug Delivery.

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NOTES: CLRD is Chronic lower respiratory diseases. Values show percentage of total deaths. SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Vital Statistics System, Mortality.

#### Cancer is 2<sup>nd</sup> deadliest disease in America

#### How is Cancer currently being treated?

Heron, M. Natl. Vital Stat. Reports 2013, 62.

## **Current Therapeutic and Diagnostic Methods**

## X-ray Image using loversol



**Diagnostic Challenges** 

- Short retention in the body
- Contrast agents can be expensive
- Not specifically targeted

# Paclitaxel for Breast and Ovarian cancer



#### Challenges in drug delivery

- Immune response
- High clearance rate
- Non-specific targeting
- Administration is limited by solubility

How we improve diagnostic imaging and drug delivery to improve patient outcome?

## Nanotechnology to Enhance Imaging and Drug Delivery





## Liposome-based Nanoparticles for Drug Delivery



#### Limitations

#### **Targeting advantages**

- Prone to restructuring
  - Drug leakage

## Targeting reduces non-specific interactions

with healthy cells

How can we stabilize liposome technology to improve their performance?



## My Project – Targeting the Folate receptor



1,2-dipalmitoyl-*sn*-glycero-3-phosphoethanolamine-N-(6-((folate)amino)hexanoyl) (sodium salt) PE-FA

#### overexpressed folate receptors

- Present in many cancer cells and M2 macrophages
- This allows them to be targeted by a folate



-http://immuno-oncologynews.com/2015/04/17/therapeutic-nanoparticles-found-to-induce-aneffective-antitumor-immune-response-at-a-specific-temperature/





How do we know that the liposome is encapsulating the silver?

## Preparation and Stability Test with Hybrid Lipid-coated AgNPs<sup>10</sup> with Varying Folic Acid Composition

Cyanide etching reaction:

 $Ag + CN^{-} + 2H_{2}O + O_{2} \rightarrow AgCN + 4OH^{-} \rightarrow AgCN \rightarrow Ag^{+} + CN^{-}$ 



How do we know where the folated lipids are located in the liposome?

## Confirmation of FA-PE location in liposomes using fluorescence



Decrease in emission intensity demonstrates FA proximity to the silver

### **Summary and Future Directions**

#### Stability

Stable in Cyanide

#### Targeting

- FA location is correct for targeting
- Maintains stability with varying FA%

#### Next Steps

- *in vitro* studies through OHSU
- In vivo with zebra fish through Stacy Harper from OSU



-http://www.gmed.com/mpmn/article/zebrafish-embryos-detect-toxins-medical-device-materials





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