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The main focus of her research is the study of multiple myeloma (MM) with a particular interest in drug development and genomic studies with the goal of discovering novel therapeutic targets for this incurable disease. As such she has investigated the genome signature associated with MM cell response or resistance to anti-MM agents to identify druggable therapeutic targets in MM and new biomarkers of response to novel agents.

Dr. Neri is well published in the field and received national and international grants from several agencies including Myeloma Canada, Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation and Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR).

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