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In addition to his role as a leading researcher, Dr. Davis is the Co-leader of the Cancer Genetics Program at the UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center and is the UNC director for the Unified Program for Therapeutic Discovery in Children fellow training program. His work has earned him recognition, including the Dick Vitale Pediatric Cancer Research Fund All-Start award from The V Foundation in 2023, the Martin D. Abeloff V Scholar Award, and the Rita Allen Foundation Scholar award. Dr. Davis's dedication and groundbreaking contributions to childhood cancer research and patient care exemplify his commitment to improving the lives of young patients and their families.