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## New York Times Well Columnist and Cancer Survivor Suleika Jaouad to Open AACI/CCAF Annual Meeting

*Susan Dentzer, senior policy adviser to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and NPR health policy commentator, will moderate*

At age 22, shortly after her graduation from Princeton University, Suleika Jaouad was diagnosed with myelodysplastic syndrome and acute myeloid leukemia. Her New York Times Well column, "Life Interrupted", chronicles her journey as a young woman living with cancer.

Ms. Jaouad will share her story in the opening keynote presentation at the annual meeting of the Association of American Cancer Institutes (AACI), October 25-27, at the Mandarin Oriental, in Washington, DC.

Susan Dentzer, senior policy adviser to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, will be the moderator for Ms. Jaouad's talk at 1:15 PM Sunday, October 25. Ms. Dentzer is an on-air analyst on health issues with the PBS NewsHour and a regular commentator on health policy for National Public Radio, Al Jazeera America and other television and radio networks.

The meeting will also feature panel discussions about the value of academic cancer centers, as reflected in their unsurpassed patient care, groundbreaking research and commitment to cost containment and quality. The meeting program also includes talks on immunology, health information technology, cancer survivorship, cancer center shared resources, and other topics of vital interest to the cancer center community.

AACI and the Cancer Center Administrators Forum (CCAF) jointly formulated the program for the 2015 AACI/CCAF Annual Meeting. More information on the meeting, including the program and electronic registration, is available on the AACI website ([www.aacI-cancer.org](http://www.aacI-cancer.org)).

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*The Association of American Cancer Institutes (AACI) comprises 95 premier academic and freestanding cancer research centers in North America. AACI is dedicated to reducing the burden of cancer by enhancing the impact of the leading academic cancer centers.*