Winship Names Ramalingam New Executive Director

Suresh S. Ramalingam, MD, has been named executive director of Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University. A thoracic oncologist and physician scientist, Dr. Ramalingam has served as Winship's deputy director since 2016. He will preside over the largest expansion in Winship's history, including construction of a 17-story cancer facility, and he will lead the institute as it seeks renewal of its National Cancer Institute designation. Read More

AACI Supporter Message: Patient Resource Navigator

Patient Resource Navigator provides the tools to guide patients through their care continuum. This leading-edge platform offers one-to-one patient education guides and apps, created with specific content for each patient's diagnosis and treatment plan. System-provided metrics assist in demonstrating patient-centered care, meeting accreditation standards and developing marketplace differentiation. Read More

Sidney and Caroline Kimmel to Receive Champion for Cures Award

Sidney and Caroline Kimmel have been selected by the AACI Board of Directors to receive the 2021 AACI Champion for Cures Award, which recognizes transformational philanthropy that advances our shared vision of a future without cancer. Karen Knudsen, MBA, PhD, former SKCC director, AACI past president, and current CEO of the American Cancer Society, will virtually present the award to the Kimmels during the 2021 AACI/CCAF Annual Meeting in October. Read More
CRI Meeting Spotlight: Community Outreach and Engagement

There is still time to register for the 13th Annual AACI CRI Meeting, July 13-15. The virtual meeting will provide an innovative and quality educational experience that aligns with AACI’s strategic goal of stimulating cancer center interactions to maximize resources by creating opportunities for peer-to-peer networking and collaboration. Highlights include a session titled "Community Outreach and Engagement: Knowing Your Catchment Area." Read More

Register Today for the Next PCLI Webinar

AACI’s Physician Clinical Leadership Initiative (PCLI) will host The Role of the Clinical Pharmacist in an Academic Hematology/Oncology Practice at 2:00 pm eastern time on Tuesday, August 24. This webinar will cover the clinical pharmacist (CP) training and supervision requirements along with roles and responsibilities. Read More

AACI Supports Efforts to 'Get HPV Vaccination Back on Track'

AACI cancer centers are encouraged to endorse a statement recently issued by the Comprehensive Cancer Center at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, calling for the resumption of the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine among adolescents in the United States. The COVID-19 pandemic has profoundly interrupted delivery of key preventive services, resulting in many U.S. adolescents missing routine HPV vaccine doses. Read More

Virtual Hill Day Participants Present Unified Voice in Support of Cancer Research

On Wednesday, June 9, AACI co-hosted the 2021 Virtual Hill Day with the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR). Ninety-three cancer center directors, researchers, oncologists, survivors, and other advocates, representing 26 states, attended meetings with legislators and staff to present a unified voice in support of stable funding increases for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the National Cancer Institute (NCI). Read More

NEWS FROM THE CENTERS

AWARDS & HONORS

Lovly Receives ECOG-ACRIN Young Investigator Award
Christine Lovly, MD, PhD, is the recipient of the 2021 ECOG-ACRIN Young Investigator Award. She is co-leader of the Translational Research and Interventional Oncology Program at Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center. Read More

Diagnostic Radiologist Earns High Honors From Professional Society

A veteran diagnostic radiologist and nuclear physician, Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center’s Alan Klitzke, MD, FACNM, has been named a fellow of the American College of Radiology (ACR). Recognition as a fellow is the highest level of ACR membership, with only 10 percent of members awarded this distinction. Read More

Sheppard Receives Professional Achievement Award

Vanessa B. Sheppard, PhD, was recently conferred the 2021 Women in Science, Dentistry and Medicine Professional Achievement Award from the VCU School of Medicine. She is associate director for community outreach, engagement and health disparities at VCU Massey Cancer Center. Read More

Fecci Inducted Into ASCI

Duke Cancer Institute, Duke University Medical Center

Peter Fecci, MD, PhD, has been inducted into the American Society for Clinical Investigation (ASCI). At DCI he serves as director of the Duke Center for Brain and Spine Metastasis and associate deputy director of the Preston Robert Tisch Brain Tumor Center. Read More

Fox Chase Fellow Recognized With Young Investigator Award

The Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network has recognized Benjamin
Miron, MD, a medical oncology fellow at Fox Chase Cancer Center, with the 2021 New Discoveries Young Investigator Award. Read More

Pal Named Komen Scholar
Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center

Tuya Pal, MD, associate director for cancer health disparities at Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center and Ingram Professor of Cancer Research, has been named a Komen Scholar. Dr. Pal specializes in genomics and health disparities across populations, including a focus on the outcomes of early onset breast cancer in Black women. Read More

GRANTS & GIFTS

$10.2 Million Grant Will Help Develop New Lung Cancer Therapies
Moffitt Cancer Center

SPORE Grant Secured for Head and Neck Cancer
University of Colorado Cancer Center

Study to Reveal Health Equity Impacts of Flavored Tobacco Sale Restrictions
UK Markey Cancer Center

Institute on Aging Receives Grant to Research Link Between Blood Sugar, Alzheimer’s Disease
UAMS Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute

LEADERSHIP TRANSITIONS

Aplin Named New Deputy Director
Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson Health

Andrew E. Aplin, PhD, has been named deputy director for scientific strategy of the Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center (SKCC) at Jefferson Health. Dr. Aplin, who is the associate director for basic research at SKCC and the Kalbach-Newton Professor in Cancer Research, assumed the role on June 1. Read More
Hackett to Lead Operations
Albert Einstein Cancer Center, Albert Einstein College of Medicine

Lauren Hackett, MPA, has been appointed the deputy director of administration of Albert Einstein Cancer Center and associate vice president of cancer medicine at Montefiore Medicine. Currently the chief operating officer at the Allen Institute, Hackett will assume her new roles in August.  

Sparano Recruited as Deputy Director
The Tisch Cancer Institute at Mount Sinai

Mount Sinai Health System has recruited an internationally recognized expert in the management of breast cancer and HIV-associated malignancies, Joseph A. Sparano, MD, FACP, as chief of Hematology and Medical Oncology and deputy director of The Tisch Cancer Institute.  

Physician-Researcher to Direct Thoracic Medical Oncology
Cedars-Sinai Cancer

Thoracic medical oncologist Sukhmani K. Padda, MD, recently was selected to direct Thoracic Medical Oncology at Cedars-Sinai Cancer. She joins Cedars-Sinai from Stanford University.  

Senior Vice President of External Affairs Named
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Harvard Medical School

Caroline Powers has been named senior vice president for external affairs at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. She joins Dana-Farber from the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN), where she served as senior director of federal relations.  

New Assistant Directors Will Expand Community Outreach and Engagement
University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center
The University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center has named two new assistant directors to help facilitate and enhance its community outreach and engagement efforts. **Elena Stoffel, MD, MPH**, will be assistant director of cancer disparities outreach, and **Lawrence An, MD**, will be assistant director for cancer screening and prevention. Read More

**Cancer Biologist to Lead New Cancer Dormancy and Tumor Microenvironment Institute**

Albert Einstein Cancer Center, Albert Einstein College of Medicine

Albert Einstein Cancer Center (AECC), Albert Einstein College of Medicine, and Montefiore Health System have announced that **Julio Aguirre-Ghiso, PhD**, has been named founding director of the Cancer Dormancy and Tumor Microenvironment Institute, director of the Gruss-Lipper Biophotonics Center, and co-leader of the AECC Tumor Microenvironment and Metastasis Program. Read More

**Garvin is New Director of Research Development-Clinical Research**

Duke Cancer Institute, Duke University Medical Center

Shanta Laurie Garvin, MHSA, MPA, CRA, has joined Duke Cancer Institute as director of Research Development-Clinical Research. In her new role she will lead and manage activities to enhance processes, prepare for continued growth, assure staff development, and expand communication with investigators, among other duties. Read More

**Inaugural Director of Center for Immuno-Oncology Named**

Yale Cancer Center, Yale School of Medicine

Marcus Bosenberg, MD, PhD, has been named the inaugural director of the Yale Center for Immuno-Oncology. He is contact principal investigator of the Yale SPORE (Specialized Program of Research Excellence) in skin cancer, and director of the Center for Precision Cancer Modeling. Read More

**Jenkins to Help Lead Clinical Trials Expansion**

UAMS Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute

Amy Jo Jenkins, MS, CCRP, recently joined the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute’s new Office of Clinical Trials Administration and will lead the early phase clinical trials at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS). She is immediate past president of the board of directors for the Society of Clinical Research Associates. Read More

**Tumor Environment and Metastasis Research Program Co-Leader Named**

Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University
Luisa Iruela-Arispe, PhD, a vascular biologist, has been named co-leader of the Tumor Environment and Metastasis Program at the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center. The goal of the program is to elucidate how interactions between tumor cells, immune cells, and components of the host stromal microenvironment impact tumor development and progression. Read More

Cook Joins CU as Associate Director of Population Sciences
University of Colorado Cancer Center

Bringing more than two decades of experience in the fields of population health and cancer prevention and control, Linda Cook, PhD, will join the University of Colorado Cancer Center in July as associate director of population sciences. She will join the leadership team overseeing the CU Cancer Center’s Cancer Prevention & Control Program. Read More

First Associate Director for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice Named
University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center

The University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center has named Erika Newman, MD, its first associate director for diversity, equity, inclusion and justice. She will lead the center’s efforts to diversify the next generation of health care professionals and researchers, and to champion an anti-racist and just culture within the cancer center. Read More

RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

Safe Approach Demonstrated for Dramatically Reducing Use of Opioids Following Surgery
Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center

Identifying Potential Treatment for Triple-Negative Breast Cancer
Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey

Molecular Clues Could Signal Eye Cancer Survival Odds
Stanford Cancer Institute

Newly Approved Sotorasib Prolongs Survival in KRAS G12C-Mutated Lung Cancer
The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

Targeted Therapy for 'Undruggable' Lung Cancer Stems From Decades of UCSF Research
UCSF Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center
Vulnerability in Mutant KRAS Pancreatic Tumors Discovered and Targeted
VCU Massey Cancer Center

Inherited Risk of Early-Onset Cancer Higher Among Latinos, African Americans, Asian/Pacific Islanders
USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center

Study Shows Novel Test Can Detect New and Recurrent Bladder Cancer
Yale Cancer Center, Yale School of Medicine

Astronomy Meets Pathology to Identify Predictive Biomarkers for Cancer Immunotherapy
Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins University

New Drug Target Identified for Treating Aggressive Prostate Cancer
Case Comprehensive Cancer Center

New Insights on Sarcomatoid Kidney Cancer: Clear Benefit From Checkpoint Inhibitors
Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center

Artificial Intelligence Model Developed to Hasten Clinical Trials
University of Florida Health Cancer Center

Dual Immunotherapy Regimen Delays Cancer Progression in Advanced Melanoma
Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins University

Study of Cancer Care-at-Home Model Demonstrates Lower Costs, Better Outcomes
Huntsman Cancer Institute, University of Utah

Mantis Shrimp-Inspired Camera Provides Second Opinion During Cancer Surgery
Cancer Center at Illinois

Study Shows Methods to Increase Cancer Screening Awareness in Disparate Populations
UK Markey Cancer Center

Novel Function Uncovered for Tumor Suppressor in Regulating Cancer Progression Through Cellular Metabolism
Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson Health

Robotic Surgery Approach Offers New Breast Cancer Surgery Option
The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center - James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute

Combination Targeted Therapy Provides Durable Remission for Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia
The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

New Technique Developed to Study Microcancers and Screen Cancer-Fighting Drugs
Cancer Center at Illinois

New Tools Developed to Advance Genomics Research
University of Virginia Cancer Center
New Findings Expand Hopes for Stem Cell Cancer Prevention
Stanford Cancer Institute

Educational Intervention Can Help Vapers Use Their E-Cigarettes to Quit Smoking
Moffitt Cancer Center

Living Therapeutics Initiative Will Accelerate Treatment Development, Delivery
UCSF Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center

African Americans With Oropharyngeal Squamous Cell Carcinomas Have Poor Treatment Outcomes Independent of Access to Care
Case Comprehensive Cancer Center

OTHER NEWS & COVID-19

Facebook Live Series Provides Timely, Useful Information
The University of Kansas Cancer Center

If it's 10:00 am central time Wednesday, a smiling Roy Jensen, MD, is most likely greeting his cyberguests for another episode of Bench to Bedside. Dr. Jensen, director of The University of Kansas Cancer Center and immediate past president of AACI, hosts the Facebook Live series that uses a talk-show format to cover a broad range of topics related to cancer. Read More

Ground Broken on First Freestanding Cancer Hospital in New Jersey
Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey

RWJBarnabas Health and Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey, in partnership with the New Brunswick Development Corporation, have broken ground on the state’s first freestanding cancer hospital. The 12-story facility will be named the Jack and Sheryl Morris Cancer Center. Read More

Cancer Care Closer to Home
Association of American Cancer Institutes

NJ Spotlight News interviewed AACI Past President Stanton L. Gerson, MD, about the significance of providing services to cancer patients near where they live. Jersey City Medical Center has opened a new infusion facility in partnership with Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey, an AACI member. Read More

Proton Therapy Opens in Utah
Huntsman Cancer Institute, University of Utah

The $31 million Senator Orrin G. Hatch Proton Therapy Center at Huntsman Cancer Institute has opened. It is one of only 37 such centers nationwide. According to the National Cancer Institute, nearly half of all cancer patients receive some type of radiation therapy. Read More

Siteman Advances Proton Therapy Care
Siteman Cancer Center

Siteman Cancer Center at Barnes-Jewish Hospital and Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis is advancing proton therapy care for patients by adding the latest, most innovative technology to its S. Lee Kling Proton Therapy Center. Stephanie M. Perkins, MD, directs the center. Read More
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The University of Kansas Cancer Center

Vice President, Cancer Services
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MEMBER MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Artificial Intelligence in Oncology Symposium: Precision Medicine and Cancer Disparities
VIRTUAL EVENT
Case Comprehensive Cancer Center
November 8-9, 2021

AACI MEETINGS AND EVENTS

13th Annual AACI CRI Meeting
VIRTUAL EVENT | REGISTER TODAY
July 13-15, 2021

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