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AACI HEADLINES

Winer to Lead Yale Cancer Center

After an extensive national search, Yale School of Medicine and Yale New Haven Health have announced that Eric P. Winer, MD, will be the next director of Yale Cancer Center and physician-in-chief of Smilow Cancer Hospital at Yale New Haven, effective February 1, 2022. Dr. Winer is currently vice president for medical affairs at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Read More

AACI Welcomes HOPA to Sustaining Members

AACI welcomes the Hematology/Oncology Pharmacist Association (HOPA) to its roster of sustaining members. Founded in 2004, HOPA is a professional society for hematology/oncology pharmacists and associates. The organization’s mission is to support these pharmacy practitioners and optimize the care of individuals affected by cancer. HOPA also promotes the importance of oncology pharmacists to the cancer care team. Read More

2021 AACI/CCAF Annual Meeting Highlights Equity, Diversity

With continued health concerns and restrictions caused by the coronavirus pandemic, the 2021 AACI/CCAF Annual Meeting was held virtually in October. More than 500 cancer center members and other colleagues participated in the three-day event. Presentations covered a wide range of topics including telehealth; COVID-19’s impact on cancer centers; computational oncology; cancer care across the lifespan; research at basic science cancer centers; and adapting clinical trials to
CRI 2021 Abstract Book Now Available

The 13th Annual AACI CRI Meeting Abstracts and Posters Book is now available to AACI members. The digital book features 62 abstracts from 27 cancer centers submitted for virtual presentation at the CRI meeting this past July. This year’s submissions covered topics in several categories, including Clinical Trial Operations; Investigator-Initiated Trials; Training, Quality Assurance, Remote Monitoring, and Auditing; and Trial Recruitment & Community Outreach and Engagement. Read More

Patient Resource Navigator: Your Solution to Guiding Each Patient’s Journey

Improves Adherence & Outcomes

93% of patients surveyed report Patient Resource Guides assist them in following their physician’s treatment plan.

"I felt more in control with the aid of the guide."
- Breast Cancer Patient

For more information, contact Amy Galey. Learn More

Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center Now Hiring for Multiple Positions

The Clinical Research Services (CRS) department in the Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center is expanding and is currently hiring for multiple Clinical Research, Regulatory, and Research Nurse positions at all levels. To be considered for the openings, submit your application to job no. R100044788. Learn More

NEWS FROM THE CENTERS

AWARDS & HONORS

Carpten to Chair National Cancer Advisory Board

USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center
President Joe Biden has appointed John Carpten, PhD, to serve as chair of the administration’s National Cancer Advisory Board. Dr. Carpten is the founding chair of translational genomics at the Keck School of Medicine of USC, founding director of the USC Institute of Translational Genomics, and associate director of basic sciences for the USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center. Read More

Heslop Elected to National Academy of Medicine
Dan L Duncan Comprehensive Cancer Center at Baylor College of Medicine

Helen Heslop, MD, DSc (Hon), director of the Center for Cell and Gene Therapy at Baylor College of Medicine, Texas Children’s Hospital and Houston Methodist Hospital and interim director of the Dan L Duncan Comprehensive Cancer Center at Baylor, has been elected to the National Academy of Medicine. Read More

Eng Named Co-Chair of NCI Clinical Trials Steering Committee
Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center

Cathy Eng, MD, has been elected co-chair of the National Cancer Institute Gastrointestinal Cancer Steering Committee, which is responsible for supervising clinical trials. Trials overseen by the committee include neuroendocrine tumors, gastroesophageal carcinoma, rectal-anal and colon cancers, hepatocellular tumors, and pancreatic cancer. Read More

The International Society of Gastrointestinal Oncology Welcomes Sun as President
The University of Kansas Cancer Center

The International Society of Gastrointestinal Oncology, a nonprofit global educational organization committed to gastrointestinal oncology, recently named Weijing Sun, MD, as its new president. Dr. Sun is associate director of clinical research at The University of Kansas Cancer Center. Read More

Center to Advance Palliative Care Recognizes Livestrong Initiative
Livestrong Cancer Institutes, The University of Texas at Austin, Dell Medical School

"The CaLM Model: Hardwiring Cancer Centers for Whole Person Care," an initiative of Livestrong Cancer Institutes of Dell Medical School at The University of Texas at Austin, is a Silver Winner in CAPC’s second
Tipping Point Challenge, an innovation and quality improvement challenge from the Center to Advance Palliative Care (CAPC) and The John A. Hartford Foundation. Read More

Borghaei Honored as Lung Cancer Hero
Fox Chase Cancer Center, Temple Health

Hossein Borghaei, DO, MS, chief of the Division of Thoracic Medical Oncology at Fox Chase Cancer Center, has been named one of three winners of the second annual Lung Cancer Heroes awards program. Read More

Cukierman Appointed Senior Editor of New Journal
Fox Chase Cancer Center, Temple Health

Fox Chase Cancer Center’s Edna “Eti” Cukierman, PhD, co-director of the Marvin & Concetta Greenberg Pancreatic Cancer Institute, has been named a senior editor for Cancer Research Communications, a new online journal. Read More

GRANTS & GIFTS

UCSF to Coordinate Health Disparities Research in Multiple Chronic Diseases With $22.5 Million Grant
UCSF Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center

Researchers Part of Collaborative $12.4 Million SPORE Grant
Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Comprehensive Cancer Center

$7.5 Million to Study Elusive Cell Type Important in Aging, Cancer, Other Diseases
Siteman Cancer Center

$3 Million Grant to Fund Studies of Stress and Lung Cancer in the Black Community
USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center

Researcher Receives NCI Outstanding Investigator Award to Study Two Deadly Blood Diseases
Albert Einstein Cancer Center, Albert Einstein College of Medicine

Study To Evaluate How Environment Impacts Cancer Risk
Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center

Can Intermittent Fasting Lower Cancer Risk Better Than Counting Calories?
University of Illinois Cancer Center
Koss Earns NIH Director's Award
UAMS Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute

Researcher Receives Grant to Study Pediatric Proton Therapy
Huntsman Cancer Institute, University of Utah

LEADERSHIP TRANSITIONS

First Associate Director of DEI Named
Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Comprehensive Cancer Center

The Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Comprehensive Cancer Center has named Antwione Haywood, PhD, its associate director of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI). Dr. Haywood is the first person to hold the chief diversity officer position at the cancer center. Read More

Domino Joins Urologic Team
UMMC Cancer Center and Research Institute

Paula Domino, MD, a urologic surgeon specializing in restoring function for patients with urinary and pelvic challenges, has joined the University of Mississippi Medical Center from Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, where she completed a fellowship in voiding dysfunction and pelvic reconstruction. Read More

Nursing Leaders Appointed to New or Expanded Roles
Roswell Park Cancer Center

A number of veteran nursing team members have been promoted to new leadership roles, including a newly named deputy chief nursing officer and supervisors overseeing key clinical programs. Read More

Regional Chief of Cancer Services Announced
Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson Health

Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson Health (SKCC) welcomes Marcia Brose, MD, PhD, as vice chair of medical oncology and SKCC regional chief of cancer services at Jefferson Torresdale Hospital in Northeast Philadelphia. Read More

Zoellner New Co-Leader of Cancer Prevention and Population Health
University of Virginia Cancer Center
Jamie Zoellner, PhD, RD, has assumed the role of co-lead of the Cancer Prevention and Population Health (CPH) program. She will work with Li Li, MD, PhD, who is continuing his role as CPH co-leader. Read More

RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

Study Shows Nutrient-Regulated Hormone Alters Stem Cell Function
UK Markey Cancer Center

Cancer Centers Provide Superior End-of-Life Care to Dual-Eligible Cancer Patients
University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center

Lymphoma and 'Chemo Brain': New Research Shows a Connection
Wilmot Cancer Institute, UR Medicine

How Ovarian Cancers Evade the Immune System
Stanford Cancer Institute

Testing Troubles
University of New Mexico Comprehensive Cancer Center

CAR T Immunotherapy Could Be Improved to Kill Solid Tumors
Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson Health

Incidence of Pancreatic Cancer Rising in Younger Women
Cedars-Sinai Cancer

Treating Anal Cancer Precursor Lesions Reduces Cancer Risk for People With HIV
UCSF Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center

ATR Inhibitor RP-3500 Demonstrates Safety and Early Clinical Benefit
The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

UAMS, Mayo Clinic Researchers Discover Key to Unlocking Molecular Cancer Therapies
UAMS Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute

Who Addresses Cancer in Rural Communities?
University of Illinois Cancer Center

Novel Therapy Could Be Effective Against Pediatric Leukemia
The Tisch Cancer Institute at Mount Sinai

Abdominal Fat Linked to Worse Outcomes for Black Breast Cancer Survivors
Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey

Chronic Stress May Impact Treatment Completion, Survival Outcomes in...
Patients With Breast Cancer
The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center - James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute

Glioma Subtype May Hold the Secret to Success of Immunotherapies
University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center

Researchers Uncover New Genetic Factors That Contribute to the Success of BMT
Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center

Tobacco Marketing Exposure Linked to Community Vulnerability
UK Markey Cancer Center

Women With Genetic Mutations Fare No Worse With Breast, Ovarian Cancer
Stanford Cancer Institute

African American Breast Cancer Patients Less Likely to Receive Genetic Counseling, Testing
Siteman Cancer Center

Thyroid Cancer Overdiagnosis Might Be Addressed Through Better Patient-Doctor Conversations
University of Florida Health Cancer Center

A Consensus View: Proton Therapy for Breast Cancer
Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey

OTHER NEWS & COVID-19

First Lady Promotes Health Equity, Breast Cancer Awareness
Hollings Cancer Center, Medical University of South Carolina

U.S. First Lady Jill Biden visited MUSC Hollings Cancer Center on October 25. In attendance were MUSC President David J. Cole, MD, FACS; Hollings Director Raymond N. DuBois, MD, PhD; Marvella E. Ford, PhD; Hollings associate director of population sciences and cancer disparities; and Norman E. Sharpless, MD, director of the National Cancer Institute. Read More

Researchers Mobilize at Hospital's Front Door to Expand Cancer Screenings
Wilmot Cancer Institute, UR Medicine

To find people who are behind on cancer screenings and then motivate them to follow through, an innovative team is leveraging the emergency department at UR Medicine sites. The study looks at whether a text message reminder is more effective than a standard referral for prompting screenings. Read More

Tech That Saves Lymph Nodes in Women With Breast Cancer Adopted
VCU Massey Cancer Center

VCU Massey Cancer Center is now using an FDA-approved substance called Magtrace that allows surgeons to spare the lymph nodes in the vast majority of early-stage breast cancer patients, reducing their risk of developing lymphedema months or years later. Read More
UVA Joins National Effort to Increase Minority Representation in Cancer Clinical Trials

University of Virginia Cancer Center

University of Virginia (UVA) Cancer Center is participating in a pilot project that seeks to increase racial and ethnic diversity among cancer treatment trial volunteers. The initiative is led by the American Society of Clinical Oncology and the Association of Community Cancer Centers. Read More

Community Engagement Ensures Equitable Inclusion in Vaccine Trials

Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center

A team of research experts from the COVID-19 Prevention Network, or CoVPN, headquartered at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, have demonstrated that through robust community engagement, equitable inclusion in vaccine clinical trials can make a powerful impact in the health of underrepresented communities. Read More

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Research Development Coordinator
UCI Chao Family Comprehensive Cancer Center

Associate Director, SCCC Clinical Research Services
Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of Miami Health System

Clinical Research/Regulatory Openings
Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of Miami Health System

Executive Director, Clinical Research Services
Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of Miami Health System

Manager, Regulatory Support
Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of Miami Health System

Project Manager, Research Support
Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of Miami Health System

Deputy Director - VCU
VCU Massey Cancer Center

Senior Research Scientist, Melanoma & Cutaneous Oncology
Cedars-Sinai Cancer

Faculty Member, Health Economist/Health Services Researcher
Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center

Assistant Director, Clinical Research Administration
University of Florida Health Cancer Center

Clinical Research Auditor III
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Harvard Medical School

Clinical Research Manager - Genitourinary Oncology
UCSF Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center

Unit Manager, Solid Tumors
University of Florida Health Cancer Center

Clinical Research Activation Manager
The University of Arizona Cancer Center
Clinical Research Administrative Director  
The University of Arizona Cancer Center

Director of Regulatory Affairs  
The University of Kansas Cancer Center

Investigator-Initiated Trial (IIT) Manager - Multiple Positions  
The University of Arizona Cancer Center

Regulatory Affairs Coordinator  
University of Colorado Cancer Center

Cancer Biology Investigator  
UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center

Laboratory Director, Biospecimen Repository Core Facility  
The University of Kansas Cancer Center

Regulatory Clinical Research Coordinator  
UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center

Senior Clinical Research Coordinator  
UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center

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

14th Annual AACI CRI Meeting  
SAVE THE DATE  
July 12-14, 2022  
Loews Chicago O'Hare Hotel  
Rosemont, IL

2021 AACI/CCAF Annual Meeting  
SAVE THE DATE  
October 2-4, 2022  
InterContinental at the Plaza  
Kansas City, MO