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AACI HEADLINES

[AACI Announces 2022 Award Recipients](#)



The AACI Board of Directors has selected the recipients of the 2022 Distinguished Scientist, Cancer Health Equity, and Champion for Cures Awards. The awards will be presented in person on **Monday, October 3**, during the [2022 AACI/CCAF Annual Meeting](#) in Kansas City, MO. Congratulations to this year's honorees!

Pictured, clockwise from top left: Dr. Elizabeth Jaffee (Distinguished Scientist), Dr. Electra Paskett (Cancer Health Equity), and Pelotonia (Champion for Cures) [Read More](#)

[Register Today for AACI's New LDDI Workshop](#)

Registration is now open for AACI's [new Leadership Diversity and Development Initiative \(LDDI\) Workshop](#), which will be held **November 8-9** at Loews Chicago O'Hare Hotel. The event will convene a diverse group of emerging leaders from AACI cancer centers with both didactic and experiential leadership development sessions over 1.5 days. Each AACI cancer center director may select **one emerging leader** from their center to attend. The selected participants should represent diverse backgrounds, perspectives, roles, and qualifications. [Read More](#)

[Report Documents Lack of Senior Leadership Diversity in U.S. Cancer Centers](#)

In 2021, AACI surveyed members on diversity in cancer center leadership. A group led by **Caryn Lerman, PhD**, AACI president and director of USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center, shared the results of this study in "[Leadership Diversity and Development in the Nation's Cancer Centers](#)," published last month in the *Journal of the National Cancer Institute*. [Read More](#)



[CRI Steering Committee Seeks Nominations](#)



The AACI Clinical Research Innovation (CRI) Steering Committee is seeking nominations. The CRI Steering Committee helps guide and implement activities to disseminate best practices across AACI cancer center clinical trials offices. The current steering committee members will vote, and one (1) chair-elect and three (3) new members will be added to the steering committee. [Read More](#)

[Biden Appoints AACI Members to Cancer Panel](#)



President Joe Biden has appointed **Carol Brown, MD, FACOG, FACS**; **Elizabeth Jaffee, MD**; and **Mitchel Berger, MD, FACS, FAAN**, to the President's Cancer Panel. Dr. Brown is senior vice president and chief health equity officer at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and Dr. Jaffee is deputy director of the Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Berger directs the University of California San Francisco Brain Tumor Center. [Read More](#)

[States Continue to Work Toward Full Implementation of CLINICAL TREATMENT Act](#)

The AACI-endorsed **CLINICAL TREATMENT Act**, which took effect January 1, 2022, requires all states and territories to cover and reimburse routine costs of care for treating a Medicaid enrollee who is participating in a qualifying clinical trial. While the law brings needed coverage and access to clinical trials to more than 42 million Medicaid patients, some states have yet to finalize implementation plans. [Read More](#)

[CRI Meeting Focuses on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion](#)



From July 12-14, AACI's Clinical Research Innovation (CRI) convened its 14th annual meeting. The 444 in-person attendees (with an additional 117 joining online) participated in meeting sessions focused on diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI); barriers to clinical trial participation; technology; clinical trial feasibility; and preparing for the National Cancer Institute Cancer Center Support Grant. [Read More](#)

AWARDS & HONORS

[Sandler Elected President of ASTRO](#)

[Cedars-Sinai Cancer](#)



Howard Sandler, MD, chair of the Department of Radiation Oncology at Cedars-Sinai Cancer, has been named president-elect of the American Society for Radiation Oncology (ASTRO). He will begin his term as president-elect in October, followed by single-year terms as president, chair, and immediate past chair of the ASTRO board. [*Read More*](#)

[Comprehensive Center of Excellence Designation Earned for Radiopharmaceutical Therapy](#)

[UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

UCLA Health's Ahmanson Translational Theranostics Division has been designated a Comprehensive Radiopharmaceutical Therapy Center of Excellence by the Society of Nuclear Medicine & Molecular Imaging. [*Read More*](#)

[Patient-Centered Cancer Care Certification Announced](#)

[Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson Health](#)

The American Society for Clinical Oncology (ASCO) announced that nine outpatient oncology group practices have achieved certification through the new ASCO Patient-Centered Cancer Care Certification pilot based on their adherence to oncology medical home standards. The Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center is part of the first cohort of health systems participating in the pilot that achieves this certification. [*Read More*](#)

GRANTS & GIFTS

[KU Cancer Center Earns Comprehensive Status](#)

[The University of Kansas Cancer Center](#)

[\\$9 Million Grant to Accelerate Groundbreaking Surgical Technology](#)

[Cancer Center at Illinois](#)

[Mount Sinai Designated as NCI Proteogenomic Data Analysis Center](#)

[The Tisch Cancer Institute at Mount Sinai](#)

[NIH Study Aims to Prevent Heart Disease in Young Breast Cancer Survivors](#)

[Duke Cancer Institute, Duke University Medical Center](#)

[Researchers Win \\$1.4 Million Department of Defense Prostate Cancer Health Equity Grant](#)

[Fox Chase Cancer Center, Temple Health](#)

[Cancer Research Program Established in Zambia](#)

[Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center](#)

Cancer Research Institute Awardees Selected

UCSF Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center

LEADERSHIP TRANSITIONS

Doubeni Appointed Chief Health Equity Officer

The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center - James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute



The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center has selected **Chyke A. Doubeni, MBBS, MPH**, to serve as chief health equity officer and lead the Office of Health Equity, Diversity and Inclusion. He joins Ohio State from Mayo Clinic, where he is the director of the Mayo Clinic Center for Health Equity and Community Engagement Research. [Read More](#)

Krumwiede Named Dean of School of Health Professions

The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center



The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center has announced **Kimberly Hoggatt Krumwiede, PhD**, as dean of MD Anderson's School of Health Professions, effective August 1. [Read More](#)

Sampson Leads Clinical Research Office

University of New Mexico Comprehensive Cancer Center



Clinical trials form the backbone of the care provided at UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center. "At the end of the day, everything we do that is standard of care at one point was a clinical trial," said **Cheryl Sampson, MBA**, recently hired director of the center's clinical research office and executive director of the New Mexico Cancer Research Alliance. [Read More](#)

Regional Medical Director for Radiation Oncology Named

Cedars-Sinai Cancer

Marc Botnick, MD, has been named regional medical director for radiation oncology at Cedars-Sinai Cancer. His primary clinical practice site will be at Cedars-Sinai Tarzana Radiation Oncology, but he will work closely with physicians throughout the enterprise. [Read More](#)



[Hansel Tapped as Division Head of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine](#)

[The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center](#)



The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center has announced that **Donna Hansel, MD, PhD**, has been named division head of pathology and laboratory medicine. A distinguished pathologist, researcher, and leader, Dr. Hansel will join MD Anderson September 12. [*Read More*](#)

[Watts Named Associate Director of EDI](#)

[Duke Cancer Institute, Duke University Medical Center](#)



Duke Cancer Institute (DCI) surgeon-scientist **Tammara Lynn Watts, MD, PhD**, has been named associate director of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI). She will be responsible for strategic oversight of EDI across DCI's clinical and academic workforce. [*Read More*](#)

RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

[Regular Screening of People at High Risk for Pancreatic Cancer Pays Off](#)

[Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins University](#)

[First Mouse Model of a Merkel Cell Carcinoma Created](#)

[University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center](#)

[Strategic Alliance Struck to Advance Next-Generation TIL Therapies for Solid Tumors](#)

[Moffitt Cancer Center](#)

[Study Suggests That C. Difficile Drives Some Colorectal Cancers](#)

[Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins University](#)

[Dynamic Cells Linked to Brain Tumor Growth and Recurrence](#)

[University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center](#)

[Center Participating in National Initiative to Sequence Pediatric Brain Tumors](#)

[Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center, UT Southwestern Medical Center](#)

[For Medicaid-Insured Patients With Cancer, Health Insurance Does Not Always Mean Health Access](#)

[Yale Cancer Center, Yale School of Medicine](#)

[Clinical Trial Shows Promise for HNSCC Patients](#)

[Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University](#)

[Breast and Ovarian Cancer Research Brings Progress](#)

[Wilmot Cancer Institute, UR Medicine](#)

[Software Program Allows Simultaneous Viewing of Tissue Images Through Dimensionality Reduction](#)

[Moffitt Cancer Center](#)

[Study Reveals How Gastric Cancer Forms, Suggests Preventive Treatment](#)

[Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center](#)

[Hearing Loss and Tinnitus Are Common in Cancer Survivors](#)

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OTHER NEWS

[Enhancing Awareness and Participation of Black Breast Cancer Patients in Clinical Trials](#)

[Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey](#)



Coral Omene, MD, PhD, medical oncologist in the Stacy Goldstein Breast Cancer Center at Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey, has been awarded a grant from the V Foundation for Cancer Research in partnership with ESPN to increase clinical trial awareness and enrollment of Black women with breast cancer. [Read More](#)

[Lung Cancer Screening Program Established](#)

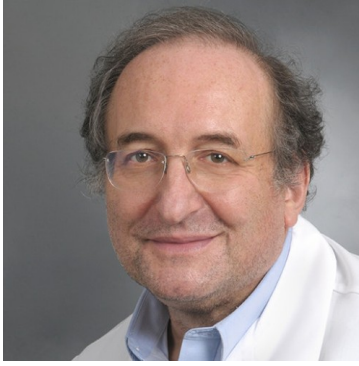
[UK Markey Cancer Center](#)

Kentucky has established a lung cancer screening program, supported by the Kentucky Cancer Consortium (KCC) Lung Cancer Network — with over 100 organizations — and the Kentucky LEADS (Lung Cancer Education Awareness Detection Survivorship) Collaborative, both housed at UK Markey Cancer Center. [Read More](#)

[Study Reveals Cancer Screening Decreased Worldwide During Height of Pandemic](#)

[Stony Brook Cancer Center](#)

A study that surveyed cancer screening data included in medical journals



worldwide from January 2020 into December 2021 showed significant decreases in the number of screenings for breast, colorectal, and cervical cancers during the early phase of the COVID-19 pandemic. **Paolo Boffetta, MD, MPH**, is the study's lead author. [Read More](#)

[Study: COVID-19 Vaccines Much Less Effective for NHL/CLL Patients](#)

[Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University](#)

A new study conducted by Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University finds that COVID-19 vaccines are much less effective for patients with non-Hodgkin lymphoma and chronic lymphocytic leukemia (NHL/CLL), particularly those age 65 and older. After vaccination, many of these patients produced low or no antibodies that bind or neutralize SARS-CoV-2 and its variants of concern, especially Omicron. [Read More](#)

[Data Portal Provides Digital Footprint of Cancer in Kentucky](#)

[UK Markey Cancer Center](#)

The UK Markey Cancer Center's Community Impact Office recently launched Cancer InFocus: Kentucky – a new, online data mapping application that allows users to explore cancer incidence and mortality data alongside population demographics, social determinants of health, and behavioral risk factors at various geographic levels across the Commonwealth. [Read More](#)

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

[Clinical Research Opportunities](#)

[The University of Kansas Cancer Center](#)

[Deputy Director and Chief Technology Officer, Division of Cancer Prevention](#)

[National Cancer Institute](#)

[Associate Center Director, Clinical Research](#)

[GW Cancer Center](#)

[Director of Operations](#)

[Livestrong Cancer Institutes, The University of Texas at Austin, Dell Medical School](#)

[Associate or Full Researcher/ Professor \(Translational Scientist; Co-Leader, Cancer Biology Program\)](#)

[University of Hawai'i Cancer Center, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa](#)

[Assistant Director, Clinical Research Staff](#)

[Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University](#)

[Director of Clinical Research Operations](#)

[Fox Chase Cancer Center, Temple Health](#)

[Protocol Review and Monitoring Administrator](#)

[Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center](#)

MEMBER MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

[31st Annual Short Course on Experimental Models of Human Cancer](#)

[HYBRID EVENT](#)

[The Jackson Laboratory](#)

[Farmington, CT](#)

[August 14, 2022](#)

[2022 Cancer Immunology and Immunotherapy Conference: Discovery to Mainstream Oncology](#)

[National Institutes of Health](#)

[Bethesda, MD](#)

[September 15, 2022](#)

AACI MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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[October 2-4, 2022](#)

[InterContinental at the Plaza](#)

[Kansas City, MO](#)

[AACI Leadership Diversity and Development Workshop](#)

[REGISTER TODAY](#)

[November 8-9, 2022](#)

[Loews Chicago O'Hare Hotel](#)

[Rosemont, IL](#)



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