Cancer Clinician and Researcher to Serve as Director of GW Cancer Center

The George Washington University (GW) is pleased to announce that Julie E. Bauman, MD, MPH, will join its academic medical enterprise to serve as the director of GW Cancer Center in March 2022. In this role, Bauman will build on the momentum of the last five years to enhance the clinical, research, and academic activities at the cancer center and establish it as the leading provider of cancer care and research in the Washington, DC region. She will also serve as professor of medicine in the GW School of Medicine and Health Sciences. Read More

Understanding Catchment Area Coverage to Address Cancer Disparities

As part of the presidential initiative of Karen E. Knudsen, MBA, PhD, AACI surveyed its members in 2020 to understand catchment area coverage. Results of the survey were published in a manuscript, “Assessing the Coverage of U.S. Cancer Center Primary Catchment Areas,” in Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers & Prevention, a journal of the American Association for Cancer Research. SKCC Associate Director for Community Integration Amy Leader, PhD, MPH, and Associate Director for Data Science, Christopher McNair, PhD, led the data analysis. Read More

2021 AACI Report Now Available Online

In 2021 AACI continued to take a strong position on the impact of systemic racism and other forms of discrimination in public health. The 2021 AACI Report details the association’s efforts to promote diversity,
equity, and inclusion at North America’s leading cancer centers and in our communities, including the introduction of AACI’s Cancer Health Equity Award and AACI President Dr. Caryn Lerman’s presidential initiative focusing on diversifying the cancer leadership pipeline. Read More

CRI Abstract Submissions Now Open

The AACI CRI Steering Committee is currently soliciting abstracts for the 14th Annual AACI CRI Meeting. The purpose of the abstracts is to inform meeting attendees about clinical trials office challenges and solutions implemented at AACI cancer centers. The online abstract submission tool is now live. Read More

Champion for Cures Nominations Due February 28

AACI cancer center directors are invited to submit nominations for the 2022 Champion for Cures Award by Monday, February 28. The Champion for Cures Award will be presented during the 2022 AACI/CCAF Annual Meeting, October 2-4, at the InterContinental at the Plaza, Kansas City. Read More

Encourage Your Legislators to Pass the FY2022 Budget

As of today, the United States government has not passed a Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 budget. The federal government is currently operating with funding through a Continuing Resolution at spending levels for FY2021 until at least February 18. AACI encourages you to ask your legislators to complete the FY2022 budget and to fund the National Cancer Institute at an appropriate level. Read More

Save the Date: 2022 AACI/AACR Virtual Hill Day

ACI will jointly host its annual Hill Day with the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) on Wednesday, June 15. The event will be held virtually for the third year. All faculty and staff of AACI cancer centers are invited to spend the day advocating for cancer research funding. Read More

Market Differentiator: Patient Resource Navigator
Of more than 85,000 patients surveyed:

- **Improves outcomes:** 95% state the guides assist them in following their doctor's treatment plan
- **Increases market share:** 90% report the guides will influence their recommendation of cancer center
- **Ensures educational equity:** 94% found the guides comprehensive & easy to read

For more information, contact Amy Galey. Learn More
$3.15 Million Awarded to Advance Drug Development Platform for Hepatocellular Carcinoma
The Tisch Cancer Institute at Mount Sinai

LEADERSHIP TRANSITIONS

**Dolan Named Deputy Director**
The University of Chicago Medicine Comprehensive Cancer Center

The University of Chicago Medicine Comprehensive Cancer Center (UCCCC) has appointed **M. Eileen Dolan, PhD**, as its deputy director. Dr. Dolan has spent the past eight years working as UCCCC’s associate director for cancer research training and education coordination. Previously, she was the long-time co-leader of the center’s Clinical and Experimental Therapeutics Program. [Read More]

**Kamal is First Chief Patient Officer for ACS**
Duke Cancer Institute, Duke University Medical Center

The American Cancer Society (ACS) has hired **Arif Kamal MD, MBA, MHS, FACP, FAAHPM, FASCO**, as its first chief patient officer to lead its patient support vision and strategic plans to improve the lives of cancer patients and their families. [Read More]

**Stegh Named Brain Tumor Center Research Director**
Siteman Cancer Center

Alexander H. Stegh, PhD, a leading brain cancer scientist, has been named research director of the Brain Tumor Center at Siteman Cancer Center, which brings together the collective expertise of Washington University subspecialists to provide multidisciplinary care for brain tumor patients. [Read More]

**Flores Named Associate Center Director of Basic Science**
Moffitt Cancer Center

**Elsa R. Flores, PhD**, has been named Moffitt Cancer Center’s associate center director of basic science. In her new role, Dr. Flores will oversee the Basic Science Division, which includes the Cancer Physiology, Drug Discovery, Immunology, Molecular Oncology, and Tumor Biology departments. [Read More]
Lucas Named Chief Community Impact Officer
Wilmot Cancer Institute, UR Medicine
Candice Lucas, EdD, MBA, has been named Wilmot Cancer Institute’s first chief community impact officer. The position is located within the Community Outreach and Engagement Office with a goal of ensuring the community’s diverse voices are embedded in Wilmot programs, research, and clinical practices. Read More

Sampson Joins UNM Cancer Center as Clinical Research Administrator
University of New Mexico Comprehensive Cancer Center
Cheryl Sampson, MBA, has joined the Clinical Research Office at the UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center. She brings more than 20 years of experience in clinical research program administration and has assumed increasing responsibilities over her career. Read More

Two New Leaders Named to Enhance Patient Care
University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center
The University of Michigan Health Rogel Cancer Center has named David C. Smith, MD, chief medical officer and associate director for cancer clinical services, and Shruti Jolly, MD, associate director for the Michigan Medicine statewide cancer network. Read More

New Program Leadership
University of Colorado Cancer Center
The University of Colorado Cancer Center is pleased to announce several leadership transitions. Patricia Ernst, PhD, will join Tin Tin Su, PhD, as co-leader of the Molecular and Cellular Oncology Program, a position most recently held by Craig Jordan, PhD. Stacy Fischer, MD, will join Jamie Studts, PhD, and Rajesh Agarwal, PhD, to co-lead the Cancer Prevention and Control Program. Read More

Jenkins, Kovak Appointed to New Leadership Positions
UAMS Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute
Amy Jo Jenkins, MS, CCRP, has been named associate director of administration for the UAMS Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute. Succeeding Jenkins, Matthew Kovak, MS, CCRP, has been promoted to
Farma Elected to Leadership Position in the Society of University Surgeons

Jeffrey M. Farma, MD, FACS, chief of the Division of General Surgery and co-director of the Melanoma and Skin Cancer Program at Fox Chase Cancer Center, has been elected a member-at-large for the Society of University Surgeons.

Inaugural Director of Center for Blood Cancers Appointed

Faith E. Davies, MD, has been appointed the inaugural director of the Center for Blood Cancers at NYU Langone Health’s Perlmutter Cancer Center. Dr. Davies currently serves as professor in the Department of Medicine at NYU Grossman School of Medicine and director of the Clinical Myeloma Program at Perlmutter.

New Chair of Hematology, Oncology and Palliative Care Named

On March 1, Renato G. Martins, MD, MPH, will become the new chair of hematology, oncology and palliative care at VCU Massey Cancer Center and the Department of Internal Medicine at the VCU School of Medicine.

Uy Named Leukemia Committee Co-chair of Clinical Trials Group

Geoffrey L. Uy, MD, a Washington University physician at Siteman Cancer Center, has been named co-chair of the Leukemia Committee of the Alliance for Clinical Trials in Oncology.
Clinical Trials Office Medical Director Appointed
Cedars-Sinai Cancer

Bobbie J. Rimel, MD, has been appointed medical director for the Cancer Clinical Trials Office (CCTO) at Cedars-Sinai Cancer. Dr. Rimel's research has focused on clinical trial accrual, recruitment and informed consent. As CCTO medical director she will provide guidance and leadership to ensure the quality of services. Read More

Surgeon-Scientist Tapped as Chair of Department of Neurosurgery
Duke Cancer Institute, Duke University Medical Center

Gerald Arthur Grant, MD, an internationally known surgeon-scientist, has been named the new chair of the Department of Neurosurgery at Duke University School of Medicine, effective April 1. Dr. Grant returns to Duke from Stanford University. Read More

RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

Addressing High Lung Cancer Rates Among Female Asian Non-Smokers
UCSF Helen Diller Comprehensive Cancer Center

Study: Receiving CAR T Therapy Sooner Improves Lymphoma Survival
The University of Kansas Cancer Center

Can Prozac Fight Brain Cancer?
Stanford Cancer Institute

MAPK4 Emerges as Novel Therapeutic Target for Triple-Negative Breast Cancer
Dan L Duncan Comprehensive Cancer Center

Signaling Mechanisms in Pancreatic Cancer Cells That Could Provide Treatment Targets Identified
UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center

Research Identifies a Key Pathway Fueling Cancer Metastasis
Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center

Colorectal Cancer Screening Lagging Among Rural Women
University of Virginia Cancer Center

Genetic and Lifestyle Calculator Reveals Which Younger Adults Are Most at Risk of Colorectal Cancer
Laura and Isaac Perlmutter Cancer Center at NYU Langone

Targeted Two-Drug Therapy Effective to Treat Advanced Cervical Cancer
The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center - James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute

Blood Test Helps Predict Who May Benefit From Lung Cancer Screening
The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

Cancer-Immu Data Portal Launched for Predicting Response to
Immune Checkpoint Blockade Immunotherapy
Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center

Genetic Score Developed to Improve Pediatric Cancer Treatments
University of Florida Health Cancer Center

Study Shows How Ovarian Cancer Starts in High-Risk Women
Cedars-Sinai Cancer

Two Antibodies Synergize in Triple Whammy to Pediatric Cancers, Study Finds
Stanford Cancer Institute

New Color-Coded Test Quickly Reveals if Medical Nanoparticles Deliver Their Payload
Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins University

New Hope for Patients With Relapsed Large B-cell Lymphoma
University of Colorado Cancer Center

Study Details Chromosome-Level Changes That Allow Melanomas to Develop Drug Resistance
UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center

Novel Compound Doubles Mean Survival in Pre-Clinical Study
University of Illinois Cancer Center

Researchers Pilot Device for Earlier Ovarian Cancer Detection
The University of Arizona Cancer Center

Sensitivity to Chemotherapy May Guide Treatment of Patients With Stomach Cancer
Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center

VA Data Analyzed to Study Prostate Cancer Disparities
Moffitt Cancer Center

Sorting Cancers by Immune Archetypes May Offer New Approach for Precision Immunotherapies
UCSF Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center

Study Shows How Changing Gut Microbiota Can Affect Lupus Disease Activity in Mice
The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center - James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute

OTHER NEWS & COVID-19

New Initiative Aims to Create Shared Data Hub for Cancer Centers
VCU Massey Cancer Center

Massey Cancer Center is working with analytics company SAS to power vital research into higher cancer and mortality rates among low-income and vulnerable populations. SAS and Massey will create the Massey Research Analytics Hub, a secure, cloud-based platform with easy-to-use visualizations of quantitative and qualitative data collected from many different sources and systems. Read More
Land Purchase Approved for New Outpatient Center
UK Markey Cancer Center
The University of Kentucky Board of Trustees has approved a purchase agreement for $6.9 million to acquire residential parcels across from UK Albert B. Chandler Hospital for the construction of a new outpatient cancer treatment center and advanced ambulatory complex. Read More

Survey Finds Support for Cancer Warnings on Alcohol
University of Virginia Cancer Center
Less than half of Americans understand that alcohol consumption increases cancer risk, and a majority of people surveyed say they would support warning labels and drinking guidelines to increase awareness. Read More

Agreement Announced to Establish Life Sciences Genomic Resource
Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center
Nashville Biosciences, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Vanderbilt University Medical Center, has announced an agreement with Illumina, a leading genomic technology company, to realize the full potential of VUMC’s DNA databank, BioVU. Read More

Children With Cancer and Other Special Needs Deserve Support During Online Learning
Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins University
When thousands of schools transitioned to online learning in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many children with cancer and other health and education needs, faced significant learning challenges, according to an opinion paper co-authored by Kathy Ruble, PhD, MSN, RN, CRNP, director of the pediatric oncology survivorship clinic at Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center. Read More

Fully Vaccinated Cancer Patients Who Had Breakthrough COVID-19 Show 13 Percent Mortality Rate
Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center
The first study to evaluate the clinical characteristics and outcomes of fully vaccinated patients with cancer who had breakthrough COVID-19 infections indicates they remained at high risk for hospitalization and death. Fully vaccinated patients who experienced breakthrough infections had a hospitalization rate of 65 percent, an ICU or mechanical ventilation rate of 19 percent, and a 13 percent death rate. Read More

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Associate Director for Translational Research
The University of Chicago Medicine Comprehensive Cancer Center

Senior Program Manager, Cancer Prevention and Control
Livestrong Cancer Institutes, The University of Texas at Austin, Dell Medical School

Cancer Clinical Research Coordinator 2 Thoracic Oncology
Stanford Cancer Institute

Clinical Research Coordinator 1
Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center
MCA Clinical Trials Director
The University of Kansas Cancer Center

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

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

Assistant Director Regulatory Affairs
Laura and Isaac Perlmutter Cancer Center at NYU Langone

Multiple Positions - University of Arizona
The University of Arizona Cancer Center

Regulatory Clinical Research Coordinator
UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center

Senior Clinical Research Coordinator
UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center

Administrator - Division of Hematology
Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University

Clinical Site Program Manager (In House Monitor)
The University of Kansas Cancer Center

Clinical Trial Coordinator
UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center

Director, Cancer Research Conduct & Data Management
The Tisch Cancer Institute at Mount Sinai

Director, Fred Hutch Innovation Lab
Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center

Budget Analyst
The University of Kansas Cancer Center

Director of Regulatory Affairs
The University of Kansas Cancer Center

Multiple Openings - The University of Kansas
The University of Kansas Cancer Center

Science Writer and Editor, CoVPN
Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center

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

Clinical Research Manager - Solid Tumors Unit
University of Florida Health Cancer Center
MEMBER MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Equity by Design in Clinical Research: Cancer Trials
WEEKLY WEBINAR SERIES | REGISTER TODAY
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Harvard Medical School
March 8 - April 14, 2022

Annual Midwest Tumor Microenvironment Meeting
REGISTER TODAY
University of Kansas Medical Center
May 23-25, 2022

AOCI MEETINGS AND EVENTS

2022 AOCI/AACR Hill Day
SAVE THE DATE | VIRTUAL MEETING
June 15, 2022

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

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

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