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AACI HEADLINES

Registration Now Open for 2022 AACI/CCAF Annual Meeting

Registration is now open for the 2022 AACI/CCAF Annual Meeting, which will take place in person, October 2-4, at InterContinental at the Plaza, Kansas City, MO. This three-day event convenes AACI cancer center members with national cancer research and advocacy groups, industry, and government health agencies to develop solutions to common challenges. Continuing Medical Education (CME) is jointly provided by the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) and AACI. Read More

Abstract Winners Announced for 14th Annual AACI CRI Meeting

The AACI Clinical Research Innovation (CRI) Steering Committee, with the assistance of peer reviewers from CRI committees, have selected three abstracts from 73 submissions for formal presentation on Wednesday, July 13, at the 14th Annual AACI CRI Meeting. Winning abstract authors represent Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of Miami Health System; University of Florida Health Cancer Center; and Mayo Clinic Cancer Center. Read More

Register Today for the 2022 AACI/AACR Hill Day

The 2022 AACI/AACR Hill Day is scheduled for Wednesday, June 15. All faculty and staff of AACI cancer centers and AACR members are invited to spend the day advocating for cancer research funding through virtual meetings. Hill Day registration closes this Friday, June 3. Read More
AACI Condemns Gun Violence in New Statement

AACI's Board of Directors, staff, and cancer center leaders firmly believe that the epidemic of gun violence must be confronted with a sense of urgency – just as we address cancer, COVID-19, and other crises that impact public health. As an association comprised of 104 academic and freestanding cancer centers across the United States and in Canada, AACI is committed to reducing the burden of cancer through research, treatment, and advocacy. In our role as advocates, it is our duty to seek ways to improve health outcomes and quality of life for all people. Read More

Maximize Market Share With Patient Resource

“The Patient Resource guides improve and extend referring provider relationships while providing them confidence in their referral decisions.” – Lina Wilson, Physician Relations, The University of Kansas Health System

"Based on this guide alone, if I had a friend with cancer, I'd recommend they come here so they would get this educational piece." – Participant, Patient Focus Group

For more information, contact Amy Galey. Learn More

NEWS FROM THE CENTERS

AWARDS & HONORS

Neel Elected to National Academy of Sciences

Laura and Isaac Perlmutter Cancer Center at NYU Langone

Benjamin G. Neel, MD, PhD, director of the Laura and Isaac Perlmutter Cancer Center at NYU Langone Health and an internationally renowned expert in cell signaling and cancer biology, has been elected to the National Academy of Sciences. Read More

Eckhardt Receives Mentorship Award

Livestrong Cancer Institutes, The University of Texas at Austin, Dell Medical School

S. Gail Eckhardt, MD, is the recipient of the 2022 Hologic Inc. Endowed Women Who Conquer Cancer Mentorship Award from the American Society of Clinical Oncology. Dr. Eckhardt, the inaugural director of the Livestrong Cancer Institutes, is being recognized for her outstanding commitment to the professional development of women in
NSABP Foundation Names Rastogi as CEO
UPMC Hillman Cancer Center

The NSABP (National Surgical Adjuvant Breast and Bowel Project) Foundation has announced that its medical director, Priya Rastogi, MD, will also serve as the chief executive officer of the NSABP effective on July 1, 2022.

Frosch Wins NCCN Foundation Award
Fox Chase Cancer Center, Temple Health

Zachary Frosch, MD, MSHP, a member of the Cancer Prevention and Control research program at Fox Chase Cancer Center, has received a Young Investigator Award from the National Comprehensive Cancer Network and the NCCN Foundation.

Biltibo Receives Career Development Award
Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center

Eden Biltibo, MD, has been selected for the 2022 ASH-CIBMTR-ASTCT Career Development Award. The award is part of the ASH Minority Hematology Fellow Award program, which supports early-career researchers from minority groups historically underrepresented in medicine.

Greenberg Becomes President-Elect of AACR
Fred Hutchinson Center Research Center

Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center immunologist Philip Greenberg, MD, has begun a year-long term as president-elect of the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR), setting the stage for
Two Doctors Named Top Physicians Under 40
Fox Chase Cancer Center, Temple Health

The Pennsylvania Medical Society has announced its 2022 Top Physicians Under 40 award recipients. Two Fox Chase Cancer Center doctors were honored: Kristen Manley, MD, and Jason Castellanos, MD, MS. Read More

Florida Cancer Hospitals Get $100 Million for Research

$25 Million Commitment to Five Cancer Centers Aims to Reduce Cancer Care Disparities
Georgetown Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center

$11.4 Million Grant Renewed to Further Cancer Research
UK Markey Cancer Center

Researchers to Examine Obesity Treatment Options With $4.5 Million Grant
The University of Kansas Cancer Center

Investigators Receive $1.6 Million for Health Equity Research
Montefiore Einstein Cancer Center

Lopez Named Associate Director for DEI
Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson Health

Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson Health (SKCC) has appointed Ana Maria Lopez, MD, MPH, MACP, FRCP, as associate director for diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI). The new leadership role will facilitate and coordinate DEI efforts across the SKCC enterprise. Read More

New Chief of Bone Marrow Transplant and Cellular Therapies Named
Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey
Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey and RWJBarnabas Health have appointed Ira Braunschweig, MD, as chief, Section of Transplant and Cell Therapy at Rutgers Cancer Institute, chief of the Transplant and Cell Therapy Service of the RWJBarnabas Health Oncology service line, and director for Cell Therapy and Bone Marrow Transplantation at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, an RWJBarnabas facility. Read More

DEI, COE Leadership Appointments Announced
Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University

Marquita Lewis-Thames, PhD; June McKoy, MD, MPH, JD, MBA; Jonathan Moreira, MD; and Adam B. Murphy, MD, MBA, MSCI, have been named to new leadership roles within the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University. Read More

Inaugural Associate Director of DEI Announced
Siteman Cancer Center

Siteman Cancer Center at Washington University School of Medicine and Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, announces the appointment of Vetta Sanders Thompson, PhD, as its inaugural associate director of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI). Read More

Surgical Oncologist Named Regional Medical Director
Cedars-Sinai Cancer

Pioneering breast cancer surgeon, clinician, and researcher Armando E. Giuliano, MD—who helped introduce sentinel lymph node biopsy in the early 1990s, sparing many women the need for major breast cancer surgery—has been named regional medical director of the Cedars-Sinai Cancer Breast Oncology Program. Read More

New Hematology Chief and Director of the Wesley Center for Immunotherapy Named
Case Comprehensive Cancer Center

Koen van Besien, MD, PhD, will lead the new Wesley Center for Immunotherapy at University Hospitals Seidman Cancer Center as well as the Division of Hematology. He joins UH Seidman Cancer Center from New York-Presbyterian Hospital. Read More
Glenn Named Co-Director of Cancer Research Program
UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center

The UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer has named Beth Glenn, PhD, co-director of its Cancer Control and Survivorship research program. Dr. Glenn is a professor in the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health and associate director of the UCLA Kaiser Permanente Center for Health Equity. She will join the research program's director, Patricia Ganz, MD, and co-director Roshan Bastani, PhD. Read More

Hassan Joins Breast Cancer Team
UMMC Cancer Center and Research institute

Masood Muhammad Hassan, MD, has joined the University of Mississippi Medical Center as an assistant professor of pathology. At UMMC, he is a member of the Cancer Center and Research Institute Interdisciplinary Breast Cancer Care team as well as conducting cancer research. Read More

RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

Major Study Links Breast Cancer Treatment With Increased Risk of Cardiovascular Disease
Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center

Immunotherapy Study Offers Hope for Pancreatic Cancer Patients
Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of Miami Health System

Nanomedicine Targeting Lymph Nodes Key to Triple-Negative Breast Cancer Treatment
University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center

Study Illustrates Cost of Cancer Drugs Covered Under Medicare Part D
Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center

Researchers Refining Colorectal Cancer Classification
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Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Comprehensive Cancer Center

How Do Patients Feel About Using AI in Health Care?
Yale Cancer Center, Yale School of Medicine

Innate Immune Cells and Metastatic Cancer
The Jackson Laboratory Cancer Center

New Target for CAR T Cells in Solid Tumors Discovered
Moffitt Cancer Center

Colon Microbes Provide Clues to Favorable Treatment Options in a Subset of Colon Cancer Patients
Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey

New Molecular Subset of Pediatric Liver Cancer Identified
University of Virginia Cancer Center

Surgical Technique Enables Faster, Fuller Recovery After Radical Prostatectomy
Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center

Adolescent, Young Adult Leukemia Survivors Have Shorter Life Span Compared to Those Who Have Never Had Cancer
The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

New Approach to Precision Cancer Treatment Identified
Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center

Study Identifies New Molecular Target for Cancer Therapy
The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center - James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute

'Super Gene' Shows Promise for Preventing Obesity
UK Markey Cancer Center

Polypharmacy is Fraught With Risks, Tricky to Navigate
Wilmot Cancer Institute, UR Medicine

Early Study Finds New Lymphoma Drug Effective
University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center

Erasing LGBTQ+ Health Care Disparities
Cedars-Sinai Cancer

Finding the Underlying Mutations Driving CAR T Failure
CAR T Therapy Effective in Black and Hispanic Patients
Montefiore Einstein Cancer Center

Pancreatic Cancer Cells Harness Tissue Turnover to Build Protective Barriers
Laura and Isaac Perlmutter Cancer Center at NYU Langone

Scientists Develop Precision Medicine Approach to Metabolic Therapy for Breast Cancer
Yale Cancer Center, Yale School of Medicine

OTHER NEWS & COVID-19

New AACI Mailing Address
Association of American Cancer Institutes

Effectively immediately, all mail for AACI should be directed to:
Association of American Cancer Institutes
PO Box 7317
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

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Upon His Retirement, Modrich Reflects on Career
Duke Cancer Institute, Duke University Medical Center

Paul Modrich, PhD, James B. Duke Professor of Biochemistry, professor of chemistry, and member of Duke Cancer Institute, came to Duke in 1976 – when Durham had a small-town feel, the smell of curing tobacco filled the air, and southern accents were the norm. Read More

IT Innovations Capture National Attention
Wilmot Cancer Institute, UR Medicine

Eric Snyder, director of informatics at the Wilmot Cancer Institute, wants to change the nation’s thinking around information technology in health care. Snyder made headway recently when the biggest professional organization in the field invited him to make three presentations at the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society 2022 annual meeting. Read More

Partnership to Create First Focused Ultrasound Cancer Immunotherapy Center
University of Virginia Cancer Center

UVA Health and the Charlottesville-based Focused Ultrasound Foundation have announced the launch of the Partnership to Create First Focused Ultrasound Cancer Immunotherapy Center
Focused Ultrasound Cancer Immunotherapy Center, the world’s first center dedicated specifically to advancing a focused ultrasound and cancer immunotherapy treatment approach that could revolutionize 21st-century cancer care. Read More

Study Found Large Segment of Arkansans Still Susceptible to COVID-19 in Late 2020, 2021

UAMS Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute

A team of scientists at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) carried out an eight-month seroprevalence survey that found 85 percent of the state’s population was still susceptible to the virus in late 2020. Read More

COVID-19 Vaccine Effective in People Receiving Cancer Treatment, Study Finds

The University of Kansas Cancer Center

People undergoing active cancer treatment, including stem cell transplant, should receive the COVID-19 vaccine, according to a new study. People with cancer are at a higher risk of developing severe COVID-19 and dying from it. These findings provide guidance to a group largely excluded from clinical trials evaluating the efficacy of COVID-19 vaccines. Qamar Khan, MD, led the study. Read More

Researchers Find Links Between Sociodemographic Factors, COVID-19 Preventive Efforts

UAMS Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute

Researchers at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) Office of Community Health & Research have found that Black Arkansans who reported racial discrimination in the criminal justice system also experienced higher levels of hesitancy toward COVID-19 vaccines. Read More

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Manager of Operations

Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center, UT Southwestern Medical Center

Multiple Positions

Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center, UT Southwestern Medical Center

Program Manager, Cancer Clinical Trials Office

Cedars-Sinai Cancer

Regulatory Associate

Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center, UT Southwestern Medical Center

Associate Director for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Yale Cancer Center, Yale School of Medicine

Associate Director for Clinical Research

Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University

Executive Administrative Director, Cancer Clinical Trials Office

Stanford Cancer Institute
MEMBER MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

LGBTQ+ Cancer Symposium
Sofitel Los Angeles at Beverly Hills
June 2-3, 2022

31st Annual Short Course on Experimental Models of Human Cancer
HYBRID EVENT
The Jackson Laboratory
Farmington, CT
August 14, 2022
2022 AACI/AACR Hill Day
REGISTER BY JUNE 3
June 15, 2022

14th Annual AACI CRI Meeting
REGISTER TODAY
July 12-14, 2022
Loews Chicago O'Hare Hotel
Rosemont, IL

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REGISTER TODAY
October 2-4, 2022
InterContinental at the Plaza
Kansas City, MO

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