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AACI HEADLINES

AACI Announces 2023 Award Recipients

AACI congratulates this year’s Distinguished Scientist, Cancer Health Equity, and Champion for Cures award recipients, selected by the AACI Board of Directors. The awards will be presented in person on Monday, October 2, during the 2023 AACI/CCAF Annual Meeting.

NCI Journal Publishes AACI Report on COVID-19 Impact on Clinical Trials

A report published last month in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute (JNCI) Cancer Spectrum shares the results of an AACI survey on the impact of COVID-19 on cancer clinical trials offices. Lead authors are Thomas J. George, MD, FACP, University of Florida Health Cancer Center; Tara L. Lin, MD, The University of Kansas Cancer Center; and Theresa L. Werner, MD, Huntsman Cancer Institute, University of Utah.

DEI Summit to Be Held in Conjunction With AACI/CCAF Annual Meeting

In partnership with the American Cancer Society and the Cancer Center DEI Network, AACI will hold the second Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Summit on Saturday, September 30, in conjunction with the
Promote Your Cancer Center With an AACI/CCAF Annual Meeting Program Ad

AACI invites you to promote your cancer center by purchasing an ad in the 2023 AACI/CCAF Annual Meeting digital program book. The program book offers an excellent opportunity to showcase your center while supporting the annual meeting, October 1-3 in Washington, DC.

Integra Connect: A Value-Based Precision Medicine Company

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NEWS FROM THE CENTERS

AWARDS & HONORS

DuBois Inducted Into Royal College of Physicians

Hollings Cancer Center, Medical University of South Carolina

MUSC Hollings Cancer Center Director Raymond N. DuBois, MD, PhD, was inducted as a fellow into the Royal College of Physicians, an accolade held by some of the most innovative and inspirational physicians in the world. Dr. DuBois is known for his work illuminating the relationship between inflammation and cancer.

Researcher Provides Voice for State Residents in Cancer Clinical Trials

University of Hawai‘i Cancer Center, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa

University of Hawai‘i Cancer Center researcher, Erin Bantum, PhD, has been re-elected to serve another three-year term on the National Cancer Institute’s Symptom Management and Quality of Life Steering Committee. This committee addresses the design, prioritization, and evaluation of concepts for Phase II and Phase III clinical trials to control
cancer symptoms and cancer treatment side effects. Read More

GRANTS & GIFTS

**Comprehensive Cancer Center Designation Renewed**
*University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center*

**Study Examines Income Supplementation, Cancer Inequities in Persistent Poverty Areas**
*Stanford Cancer Institute*

**NCI MERIT Award to Support Colorectal Cancer Research**
*Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center*

**$3.9 Million Grant Funds E-Cigarette Flavoring Research**
*The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center - James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute*

**Hepatocellular Carcinoma Focus of Federal Grant**
*UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center*

**Grant Supports Study of Imaging Surveillance Strategies to Optimize Lung Cancer Outcomes**
*University of Florida Health Cancer Center*

**Funding Received to Explore Pre-Op Health in Native American Cancer Patients**
*The University of Arizona Cancer Center*

**$1.2 Million Awarded to Study Impact of Nutrition on Children's Behavioral, Mental Health Conditions**
*UAMS Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute*

**Addressing Health in Areas Characterized by Persistent Poverty**
*Huntsman Cancer Institute, University of Utah*

**Project Aims to Create Dormant Cancer Cell Biosensor**
*The Tisch Cancer Institute at Mount Sinai*

LEADERSHIP TRANSITIONS

**Eckhardt Joins Baylor College of Medicine**
*Dan L Duncan Comprehensive Cancer Center at Baylor College of Medicine*

*S. Gail Eckhardt, MD, FASCO,* will join Baylor College of Medicine as associate dean for experimental therapeutics and associate director for translational research at Dan L Duncan Comprehensive Cancer Center in
George, Crispen Appointed to Executive Leadership Positions
University of Florida Health Cancer Center

The University of Florida Health Cancer Center has appointed two oncologists to key executive leadership roles. Thomas George, MD, FACP, has been named deputy director. He is chair-elect of the AACI Clinical Research Innovation Steering Committee. Paul Crispen, MD, has been named associate director for clinical research.

Mustian Named Associate Director for Population Science
Wilmot Cancer Institute, UR Medicine

Karen Mustian, PhD, MPH, a longtime leader at the Wilmot Cancer Institute, has been promoted to associate director of population science. She joined the University of Rochester Medical Center in 2003 as a research assistant professor and the inaugural fellow in the URMC National Cancer Institute-funded Cancer Control Training Program.

Reddy Appointed Chair in Pancreatic Cancer Surgery
Fox Chase Cancer Center, Temple Health

Fox Chase Cancer Center is proud to announce that Sanjay S. Reddy, MD, FACS, has been appointed to the Marvin S. Greenberg, MD, Chair in Pancreatic Cancer Surgery. Dr. Reddy also serves as program director of the Complex General Surgical Oncology Fellowship, clinical director of the gastrointestinal service line, and co-director the Pancreatic Cancer Institute.

Medina-Kauwe Named Inaugural Chair in Medical Discovery
Cedars-Sinai Cancer

Cedars-Sinai has named Lali Medina-Kauwe, PhD, as the inaugural...
holder of the Carol Moss Foundation Chair in Medical Discovery. Support from the foundation will enable Dr. Medina-Kauwe to advance innovative research in nanomedicine, the engineering of tiny particles to prevent and treat disease. Read More

Russell Named Chief Quality Officer
Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University

Maria C. Russell, MD, has been named chief quality officer for Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University. She joined the Emory faculty in 2012 and her clinical practice focuses on complex gastrointestinal and hepatobiliary malignancies. Read More

RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

Team Assesses Addition of Complement Inhibitor Drug to Immunotherapy for Ovarian Cancer
Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center

Young Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders Face Highest Cancer Death Rates
University of Hawai‘i Cancer Center, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa

Existing Drug Shows Promise Treating Most Prevalent Type of Lung Cancer
UK Markey Cancer Center

HPV Vaccine Cost Reimbursement Could Hinder Vaccine Access, Study Suggests
Hollings Cancer Center, Medical University of South Carolina

Studies Examine Effect of Cancer on Work and Finances
The University of Kansas Cancer Center

A Novel Approach Towards a Vaccine for Relapsing Acute Myeloid Leukemia
UCSF Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center

Changing the Way Immune-Based Cancer Drugs Are Delivered Could Reduce Costs by 14 Percent
University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center

Liquid Biopsy May Help Identify HPV-Associated Oropharyngeal Cancer
The Tisch Cancer Institute at Mount Sinai

Overweight BMI Linked to Better Outcomes in Patients With Head and Neck Cancer
Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center

Study Examines Later Cardiac Complications From Pediatric Radiation Therapy
Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University

New Imaging Technology May Reduce Surgeries for Rectal Cancer Patients
Siteman Cancer Center

Gene Mutations Linked to Hereditary Kidney Cancer Predisposition But Potential Pitfall Identified
UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center

KIPA Potentially Predicts Chemotherapy Response in Triple-Negative Breast Cancer
Dan L Duncan Comprehensive Cancer Center at Baylor College of Medicine

New Approach Developed to Strengthen CAR T-Cell Therapy for Cancer Treatment
Yale Cancer Center, Yale School of Medicine

Novel Prostate Cancer Therapy Receives FDA Approval
Huntsman Cancer Institute, University of Utah

Study Finds Unexpected Mechanism of Cancer Cell Spread
USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center

Study Finds New Potential Therapy Option for Patients With Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia
The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center - James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute

Missing a Rare Cause of Hereditary Cancer
Cedars-Sinai Cancer

Study Reveals New Clue to Gastric Cancer
Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center

Vaccine Plus Immunotherapy and Antibody Spark Immune System Response in Pancreatic Cancers
Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins University

Cancer Screening Initiative Launched to Address Racial Disparities
Siteman Cancer Center

Siteman Cancer Center launched a prostate cancer screening initiative along with an educational campaign to address the racial disparity in prostate cancer. The campaign aims to spread awareness among African American men in the St. Louis area about their higher risk for prostate cancer (one in six Black men) and why they need to start screening for prostate cancer at ages 40 to 45. Read More
Stanford, Veterans Affairs Announce Intent to Develop Comprehensive Cancer Center

Stanford Cancer Institute

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Palo Alto Health Care System and Stanford Medicine have announced a collaboration on a project to potentially plan, build, and operate a National Cancer Institute-designated joint cancer care and research center on the VA Palo Alto campus. Read More

Pinpointing Pain: Is It Cancer or Cancer Treatment?

Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center

Distinguishing side effects of cancer treatment from potential metastatic recurrence can be difficult. In a Q&A, Hanna Hunter, MD, medical director of cancer rehabilitation at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center, shares best practices on how doctors and patients can work together to manage pain symptoms. Read More

Radiation Oncology Center Open, Proton Therapy to Come

UAMS Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute

The UAMS Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute has opened a new radiation oncology center with expanded capabilities to provide advanced radiation treatments for children and adults with cancer, including the state’s first proton center. The $65 million, 58,000-square-foot structure was built to accommodate three new linear accelerators. Read More

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Assistant/Associate Professor Position in Pharmaceutical Sciences

UAMS Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute

Chief, Division of Hematology/Oncology

Stony Brook Cancer Center

Vice President, Cancer Service Line

O’Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of Alabama at Birmingham

Director, Research Facilities and Operations

Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of Miami Health System

Executive Director of Business Operations

Hollings Cancer Center, Medical University of South Carolina

Protocol Writer

Hollings Cancer Center, Medical University of South Carolina

Senior Vice President, Chief Information Officer

Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center

MEMBER MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

2nd Annual Cancer Center Survivorship Research Forum: Implementing Equitable Cancer Survivorship Care
HYBRID EVENT
September 11-12, 2023
Stanford, CA

Women's Health and Cancer Conference
HYBRID EVENT
September 29, 2023
Burlington, VT

AACI MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Summit
September 30, 2023
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Washington, DC

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March 11-13, 2024
Loews Chicago O'Hare Hotel
Rosemont, IL

16th Annual AACI CRI Meeting
SAVE THE DATE
June 24-26, 2024
Loews Chicago O'Hare Hotel
Rosemont, IL

2024 AACI/CCAF Annual Meeting
SAVE THE DATE
October 20-22, 2024
Loews Chicago Hotel
Chicago, IL

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