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AACI HEADLINES

**Schwartz Named New Director at Case Comprehensive Cancer Center**

Gary Schwartz, MD, will become director of the Case Comprehensive Cancer Center this spring, succeeding Stanton L. Gerson, MD, a past AACI president, who has led the center since 2004. Dr. Schwartz is chief of the Hematology & Oncology Division at Columbia University Irving Medical Center and deputy director of its Herbert Irving Comprehensive Cancer Center. Read More

**AACI Welcomes LSU-LCMC Health Cancer Center**

In January the Louisiana State University-Louisiana Children’s Medical Center (LSU-LCMC) Health Cancer Center became the 108th member of AACI. Professor of Surgery and Interdisciplinary Oncology John H. Stewart, IV, MD, MBA, is the founding director of the cancer center, which was established in 2021. Read More

**CRI Abstract Submission Tool Now Open**

Abstract submissions are now being accepted for the 15th Annual AACI CRI Meeting, June 26-28, 2023, at the Loews Chicago O’Hare Hotel in Rosemont, IL. This year’s meeting theme will focus on taking innovations in cancer clinical research from abstract to reality. Completed abstracts are due by 5:00 pm Pacific time on Monday, March 13. Read More
Champion for Cures Nominations Due March 31

AACI cancer center directors are invited to submit nominations for the 2023 Champion for Cures Award. The submission deadline is Friday, March 31. The Champion for Cures Award will be presented during the 2023 AACI/CCAF Annual Meeting, October 1-3, at the Salamander Washington DC. Read More

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AWARDS & HONORS

Uzzo Presents Rhoads Oration for Philadelphia Academy of Surgery

Fox Chase Cancer Center, Temple Health

Joining more than 100 previous orators, Robert Uzzo, MD, MBA, FACS, president and CEO of Fox Chase Cancer Center, delivered the Rhoads Oration for the Philadelphia Academy of Surgery at The College of Physicians of Philadelphia. His oration discussed the origins of kidney cancer, as well as environmental and tissue-specific responses that may affect its development. Read More

Weissman Receives Award for Lifetime Achievement in Hematology

Stanford Cancer Institute

Irv Weissman, MD, was presented with the American Society of Hematology’s (ASH) highest honor, the 2022 Wallace H. Coulter Award for Lifetime Achievement in Hematology. He is the former director of Stanford's Institute for Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine. Read More
**Wargo Recognized for Microbiome Research**

*The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center*

Jennifer Wargo, MD, has received a 2023 Edith and Peter O'Donnell Award in Medicine from the Texas Academy of Medicine, Engineering, Science and Technology (TAMEST) for her contributions to the understanding of how the gut microbiome influences responses to immunotherapy and other cancer treatments.  

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**Researcher Receives Asbestos Disease Awareness Award**

*The Tisch Cancer Institute at Mount Sinai*

Andrea Wolf, MD, director of the New York Mesothelioma Program at the Mount Sinai Health System, has received the 2022 Irving J. Selikoff Lifetime Achievement Award from the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization.  

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**Ermann Selected as Mentoring Program Scholar**

*Huntsman Cancer Institute, University of Utah*

Daniel Ermann, MD, hematology and oncology fellow at Huntsman Cancer Institute, has been selected as a scholar for the 2023 Lymphoma Scientific Research Mentoring Program by the Lymphoma Research Foundation. As a scholar, Dr. Ermann will receive a $10,000 career development help with his current clinical trial and develop skills to apply for grants for future studies.  

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**Winkfield Named to ACS CAN National Board of Directors**

*Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center*

Karen Winkfield, MD, PhD, executive director of the Meharry-Vanderbilt Alliance, has been named one of three new members of the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network’s national board of directors.  

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Winkfield is a professor of radiation oncology at Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center, and professor of Medicine at Meharry Medical College.

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Graduate Student Recognized With ASH Abstract Achievement Award

**Fox Chase Cancer Center, Temple Health**

Billy Truong, a doctoral candidate at Fox Chase Cancer Center, was awarded the American Society of Hematology (ASH) Abstract Achievement Award for a poster that he presented at the 64th ASH Annual Meeting and Exposition. His project addresses a critical gap in knowledge for mitogen-activated protein kinase-targeted therapy. Read More

Moul AUA Award Announced

**Duke Cancer Center, Duke University Medical Center**

Retired colonel and Duke Cancer Institute member Judd Moul, MD, has been named to receive a Distinguished Contribution Award for his "prolific contributions and leadership in prostate cancer research and dedicated military service" from the American Urological Association. Read More

Bravo-Cordero Elected MRS Secretary

**The Tisch Cancer Institute at Mount Sinai**

Jose Javier Bravo-Cordero, PhD, has been elected secretary of the Metastasis Research Society (MRS), which supports progressive research on processes fundamental to metastasis. Dr. Bravo-Cordero is an associate professor of medicine, hematology and medical oncology in the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. He served as a member of the MRS board from 2020-2022. Read More

Cancer Center Receives Landmark $43 Million Federal Investment
The University of Kansas Cancer Center

Diversity in Clinical Trials Award Program to Expand

Lamba Receives $3.3 Million Grant for Pediatric AML Research
University of Florida Health Cancer Center

Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Appears Promising for Head and Neck Cancer Survivors
Hollings Cancer Center, Medical University of South Carolina

Foundation Gifts Create Cancer Informatics Chair
Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Comprehensive Cancer Center

Cancer Center Gets $1.1 Million Gift for Holistic Cancer Care
The University of Arizona Cancer Center

UVA, Community Health Centers Expand Cancer Screenings for Underserved
University of Virginia Cancer Center

LEADERSHIP TRANSITIONS

Cullen to Retire as Director
University of Maryland Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum Comprehensive Cancer Center

Kevin J. Cullen, MD, the longtime director of the University of Maryland Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum Comprehensive Cancer Center (UMGCC), will transition from this position in 2023. Dr. Cullen has overseen four applications for National Cancer Institute designation at UMGCCC and a fifth as interim director of the Georgetown Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center. Read More

Gadi Named Deputy Director
University of Illinois Cancer Center

VK Gadi, MD, PhD, whose laboratory and clinical research has focused primarily on breast cancer, is the new deputy director of the University of Illinois Cancer Center. Dr. Gadi joined the cancer center in March 2020 as associate director of translational medicine. Read More

Kelly Appointed Chair of Medical Oncology
Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson Health

Wm. Kevin Kelly, DO, has been appointed chair of the Department of Medical Oncology for the Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University. An expert in genitourinary cancers and drug
development for prostate cancer and other malignancies, Dr. Kelly joined Jefferson in 2010 and currently serves as associate director of clinical research in the Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center. Read More

Rogers Appointed Associate Cancer Center Director for DEI
Yale Cancer Center, Yale Medical School

Faye Rogers, PhD, associate professor of therapeutic radiology, has been appointed associate cancer center director for diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) at Yale Cancer Center. She will lead the center's efforts to enhance its culture of belonging, including programs and training in cultural and structural humility, counteracting stigma and stereotypes, and gender discrimination. Read More

Holzbeierlein Appointed Physician in Chief
The University of Kansas Cancer Center

Jeffrey Holzbeierlein, MD, was named physician in chief of The University of Kansas Cancer Center. He will assume the role held by Terry Tsue, MD, who retired in January after serving in the health system appointed position for the past 10 years. Read More

Associate Director of Research Administration Appointed
Hollings Cancer Center, Medical University of South Carolina

Travis Poole, MHA, has been appointed as associate director of research administration at MUSC Hollings Cancer Center. Poole works closely with the director and members of senior and programmatic leadership to build and support the research infrastructure crucial to the cancer center's mission. Read More

Yang Joins Markey as Chair of Radiation Medicine
UK Markey Cancer Center

The University of Kentucky College of Medicine is excited to announce that Eddy Shih-Hsin Yang, MD, PhD, will join the college as the new chair of the department of radiation medicine and the Markey Cancer Foundation Endowed Chair in Radiation Medicine. Dr. Yang is joining the College of Medicine from the
**Sotorasib Shows Meaningful Anticancer Activity in KRAS G12C-mutated Metastatic Pancreatic Cancer**
*University of Florida Health Cancer Center*

**Study: Chronic Opioid Use Reduced by Limiting Prescribed Opioids After Surgery**
*Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center*

**Metastasis Markers**
*University of New Mexico Comprehensive Cancer Center*

**Researchers Circumvent Radiation Resistance in Subtype of Brain Tumors**
*University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center*

**Using a Seaweed Sugar to Trigger Immune Responses That Suppress Melanomas**
*Moffitt Cancer Center*

**Aggressive Surgery Increases Survival With Low-Grade Brain Tumors**
*UCSF Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center*

**After 10 Years and One Thousand Studies, Epigeneticists Uncover Trouble in Their Toolbox**
*Dan L Duncan Comprehensive Cancer Center at Baylor College of Medicine*

**Mitochondrial Uncoupling Induces Epigenome Remodeling and Promotes Differentiation in Neuroblastoma**
*Stanford Cancer Institute*

**Updated Online Tool First to Assess Risk of Cancer, Heart Disease Using Family Data**
*The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center - James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute*

**Researchers Uncover New Pathway for Molecular Cancer Drug Therapies**
*UCSF Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center*

**Taming Overactive mTOR in Renal Cell Cancer**
*Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins University*

**Luck Favors the Prepared Mind**
*Duke Cancer Institute, Duke University Medical Center*

**Study Finds New Genetic Risk Factors for Colorectal Cancer, Paving the Way For Better Screening, Prevention**
*Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center*

**Study Shows How Liver Cancer Hijacks Circadian Clock Machinery Inside Cells**
Neuronal Molecule Makes Prostate Cancer More Aggressive
Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson Health

Quality of Treatment for Lung Cancer Varies Widely Across U.S.
Siteman Cancer Center

Scientists Develop Novel mRNA Delivery Method Using Extracellular Vesicles
The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

Scientists Identify How a Biological Pathway Leads Stem Cells to Die or Regenerate
Cedars-Sinai Cancer

Study Addresses Colorectal Cancer Disparities in Black Communities
UK Markey Cancer Center

Study Suggests a Way To Re-Energize Tired T Cells When Treating Cancer, Viral Infections
The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center - James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute

Certain Gene Signaling Rewires Tumors After Immunotherapy
University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center

Findings Could Help Prevent Side Effects for Breast Cancer Patients
Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Comprehensive Cancer Center

New Approach Outperforms Existing Cancer Susceptibility Models
Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center

Older Patients Left Behind in Progress Against Lung Cancer
Yale Cancer Center, Yale School of Medicine

Study Reveals How Chronic Blood Cancer Transitions to Aggressive Disease
Siteman Cancer Center

Streamlining Lung Cancer Screening
Cedars-Sinai Cancer

Cedars-Sinai Cancer is taking on the country’s leading cause of cancer-related death with a new lung cancer screening program designed to reach more patients, simplify the screening process, and provide fast access to follow-up care. Read More

Moffitt Breaks Ground on New Campus
Moffitt Cancer Center

A January groundbreaking and naming celebration for "Speros FL" officially kicked off construction of the 775-acre Pasco County, FL campus featuring 16 million square feet of lab, office, manufacturing and
clinical space. The name, Speros, is a derivative of the Latin verb "Sperare," meaning "to hope" or "to look forward to." Read More

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Associate Vice President of Patient Access
Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center

Contract & Grant Pre-Award Analyst
UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center

Faculty Opportunities in Lung and Liver Cancer Research
Houston Methodist Dr. Mary and Ron Neal Cancer Center

Faculty Positions in Melanoma
Sandra and Edward Meyer Cancer Center at Weill Cornell Medicine

Research Data Analyst III
UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center

Senior Cancer Researchers
Cancer Center at Illinois

Shared Resource Administrator
UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center

Assistant Director for Clinical Sciences
UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Regulatory Coordinator I
Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center

Research Administrative Specialist (Hybrid)
UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Institute

Clinical Study Initiation Analyst
UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Institute

Senior Project Manager
UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center
Faculty Position - Chief Medical Research Officer for Network Integration
Sandra and Edward Meyer Cancer Center and Weill Cornell Medicine

Five Director-Level Positions
UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center at Chapel Hill

Senior Grants & Contract Specialist
Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center, UT Southwestern Medical Center

2023 Annual Conference of the Cancer Molecular Therapeutics Research Association (CMTRA)
July 23-27, 2023
Watkins Glen, NY

AACI MEETINGS AND EVENTS

AACI/AACR Hill Day
SAVE THE DATE
May 18, 2023
Washington, DC

15th Annual AACI CRI Meeting
SAVE THE DATE
June 26-28, 2023
Loews Chicago O’Hare Hotel
Rosemont, IL

2023 AACI/CCAF Annual Meeting
SAVE THE DATE
October 1-3, 2023
Salamander Washington DC (formerly Mandarin Oriental, DC)
Washington, DC

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