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AACI HEADLINES

Ferris Appointed Executive Director of UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center

Robert L. Ferris, MD, PhD, a head and neck surgical oncologist, leading expert in cancer immunotherapy, and cancer center chief executive, has been named the executive director of UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center and UNC system chief of oncology services, effective October 1. Dr. Ferris comes to UNC from the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC), where he was the director of the Hillman Cancer Center. Read More

Einhorn to Deliver Annual Meeting Keynote

Lawrence H. Einhorn, MD, a distinguished professor in the Indiana University School of Medicine Department of Medicine, will present a keynote at 1:45 pm central time on Sunday, October 20, during the 2024 AACI/CCAF Annual Meeting in Chicago. Read More

Save the Date for the 2025 AACI CADEx Conference

The 2025 AACI Catchment Area Data Excellence (CADEx) Conference is scheduled for January 29-31, in San Diego. The three-day event will convene cancer center catchment area data experts with others who support cancer centers through data analysis and community engagement. Attendees will share best practices in data collection, handling, dissemination, and utilization, while exploring policies and
CRI Survey Findings Published in ASCO Journal

Findings from a 2023 survey of cancer center clinical trials offices were published July 1 in JCO Oncology Practice. The lead authors of "North American Cancer Center Clinical Research Capacity and Benchmarking in the Post-Pandemic Era" are Thomas J. George, MD, FACP, FASCO, University of Florida Health Cancer Center; Margaret Kasner, MD, MSCE, Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Jefferson; Angela Fritsche, MPA, Mayo Clinic Comprehensive Cancer Center; and Carrie B. Lee, MD, UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Annual Clinical Trial Operations Meeting Draws Over 600 Attendees

AACI's Clinical Research Innovation (CRI) convened its 16th annual meeting June 24-26, in Rosemont, IL. With a focus on clinical trial office operations, the signature event drew over 600 attendees with 153 abstracts submitted for presentation.

AACI Co-Hosts Webinar With ACCC on Community Engagement, Cancer Health Equity

On June 18, Association of Cancer Care Centers (ACCC) President Dr. Nadine J. Barrett and AACI President Dr. Robert A. Winn engaged in a lively and empowering discussion about the two organizations' shared goal to advance equitable cancer care.

Congressional Briefing, Other Events Bring AACI to DC

Last month, AACI participated in a congressional briefing on cancer drug parity, hosted by the International Myeloma Foundation (IMF)-led Coalition to Improve Access to Cancer Care (CIACC). AACI leadership and staff also visited Washington as a sponsor of the Black in Cancer Conference and the 15th Annual Congressional Women's Softball Game.

NCI Announces Leadership Opportunity
NEWS FROM THE CENTERS

AWARDS & HONORS

**Bryant-Smith Named Fellow of the American College of Radiology**
*UAMS Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute*

Gwendolyn Bryant-Smith, MD, director of the Breast Center at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute, has received the prestigious designation of Fellow of the American College of Radiology. Read More

**Nduom Appointed to National Cancer Advisory Board**
*Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University*

President Biden has appointed Edjah K. Nduom, MD, to the National Cancer Advisory Board. Dr. Nduom leads the Brain Tumors Disease Group at Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University. Read More

**Rosenzweig Named to ABR Board of Trustees**
*The Tisch Cancer Institute at Mount Sinai*

Kenneth Rosenzweig, MD, a radiation oncologist and American Board of Radiology (ABR) volunteer, has been named to the organization’s board of trustees. Dr. Rosenzweig will start at the end of the fall board meeting in late September. Read More

**Chang Awarded Lurie Prize in Biomedical Sciences**
*Stanford Cancer Institute*

Howard Chang, MD, PhD, has been awarded the 2024 Lurie Prize in Biomedical Sciences by the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health. He was honored for his research into the role of long noncoding...
Slamon Honored by National Foundation for Cancer Research

**UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center**

Dennis Slamon, MD, PhD, an oncologist and scientist whose groundbreaking research has transformed the treatment of breast cancer, has been awarded the 2024 Szent-Györgyi Prize for Progress in Cancer Research from the National Foundation for Cancer Research. Read More

Cedars-Sinai Designated LGBTQ+ Equality Leader

**Cedars-Sinai Cancer**

Cedars-Sinai has once again earned national recognition as an LGBTQ+ Healthcare Equality Leader. It is one of 384 U.S. health care facilities to receive this designation in the Human Rights Campaign Foundation's Healthcare Equality Index. Read More

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**GRANTS & GIFTS**

**Roswell Park Earns Top Rating From NCI With Best-Ever Core Grant**

**Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center**

**Study Considers What Drives Cancer in Asian Americans**

**UCSF Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center**

**Grant Renewed for Kansas Institute for Precision Medicine**

**The University of Kansas Cancer Center**

**$20 Million Legacy of Philanthropy Celebrated**

**Fox Chase Cancer Center, Temple Health**

**Cancer Research Fund Establishes $5.5 Million Endowment**

**Stony Brook Cancer Center**
**$5 Million for Blood Cancer Immunotherapies**
*Siteman Cancer Center*

**Five New Grants Received From NCI**
*UAMS Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute*

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**LEADERSHIP TRANSITIONS**

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**Duncavage Named Director of Genomic and Molecular Pathology**
*Siteman Cancer Center*

**Eric Duncavage, MD,** a research member of Siteman Cancer Center, has been named director of the newly created Division of Genomic and Molecular Pathology at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. *Read More*

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**Sonal Paul, MD,** has joined the GW Cancer Center and the GW Medical Faculty Associates as a hematologist-oncologist specializing in gastrointestinal cancers. *Read More*

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**New Radiation Oncology Leader Announced**
*Siteman Cancer Center*

**Sana D. Karam, MD, PhD,** will lead radiation oncology at Siteman Cancer Center at Barnes-Jewish Hospital and Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, beginning October 1. The role is part of her appointment as the James S. McDonnell Professor of Radiation Oncology and head of the Department of Radiation Oncology at WashU. *Read More*

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**RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS**

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**LAURA Clinical Trial Sets New Standard of Care for Advanced Lung Cancer**
*Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University*

**Study Explores the Future of At-Home Cancer Treatment**
*USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center*
Artificial Intelligence Blood Test Provides a Reliable Way to Identify Lung Cancer
Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins University

Newly Discovered Mechanism Could be Key to Curtailing Breast Cancer Metastasis
Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Jefferson

Gathering STEAM: the Southwest Transformative Educational Advancement and Mentoring Network
University of New Mexico Comprehensive Cancer Center

Research Shows Concerning Decline in Cervical Cancer Screenings
UK Markey Cancer Center

Study Reveals New Opportunities to Develop Cancer Treatments
Dan L Duncan Comprehensive Cancer Center at Baylor College of Medicine

Researchers Analyze Use of AI-Generated Content in Scientific Articles
The University of Chicago Medicine Comprehensive Cancer Center

Risk of Secondary Cancers After CART-cell Therapy Low
Stanford Cancer Institute

Study Pinpoints Cells That May Drive Treatment Resistance in Prostate Cancer
Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center

UCSF Treats First Patient With Homegrown CAR T-cell Therapy
UCSF Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center

Altering Cancer Treatment Dosing Could Reduce Climate Impact, Study Finds
University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center

Digital Tools for Doctors Quadruple Rate of Lifesaving Lung Cancer Screen
Huntsman Cancer Institute at the University of Utah

EXPLORER Expands Dynamic PET Imaging Ability to Visualize Dual Blood Supply in Lung Cancer
UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center

Gut Bacteria Boost Immune Response to Fight Tumors
Siteman Cancer Center

Researchers Find Possible New Therapy for Some Patients With Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer
The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center - James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute

Scientists Identify Missing Piece Required for Blood Stem Cell Self-Renewal
CAR T for Prostate Cancer Shows Efficacy
City of Hope Comprehensive Cancer Center

Half-Matched Family Donors Offer Best Outcomes for Hispanic Patients Undergoing Bone Marrow Transplants
USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center

Intervention Tested to Reduce Financial Burden on Patients and Caregivers
UK Markey Cancer Center

White Blood Cell Process Could Be Early Warning Sign of Major Immunotherapy Complication
University of Michigan Cancer Center

Iberdomide Increases Innate and Adaptive Immune Cell Subsets in Bone Marrow of Patients With Relapsed/Refractory Multiple Myeloma
The Tisch Cancer Institute at Mount Sinai

New Prostate Cancer Treatment Approach Slows Progression Without Hurting Quality of Life
The University of Kansas Cancer Center

OTHER NEWS

Northwell to Partner With START Center for Cancer Research
Northwell Health Cancer Institute

Northwell Health and the START Center for Cancer Research (START), a global network of fully dedicated, community-based, early-phase oncology clinical trial sites, have announced partnership plans. A new START early-phase clinical trial site is to be established at the Zuckerberg Cancer Center, part of Northwell Health’s Cancer Institute. Read More

New Symposium Unites Pancreatic Cancer Researchers
The University of Chicago Medicine Comprehensive Cancer Center

Pancreatic cancer researchers from the Midwest convened in May for the first-ever PancMidwest Pancreatic Cancer Research Symposium. The event gathered 130 multidisciplinary researchers and physicians at the University of Chicago. Read More

Uterine Cancer Rates and Deaths on Rise for Black Women Specifically
The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center - James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute

While most rates of cancer continue to decrease, oncologists express concern that rates of uterine cancer (also known as endometrial cancer) continue to rise, and this trend disproportionately affects Black women. Read More

With NCI Designation, UF Health Accelerates Research Impact
University of Florida Health Cancer Center

Marking the first anniversary of its National Cancer Institute (NCI) designation, the University of Florida Health Cancer Center has highlighted 10 key achievements of the past year. Read More
CAR T Program Launched
University of New Mexico Comprehensive Cancer Center

The UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center now offers new Chimeric Antigen Receptor (CAR) T-cell therapy. Shashank Cingam, MD, recently joined the UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center’s Bone Marrow Transplant and Cellular Therapy Team and has helped launch the CAR T program. Read More

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Cancer Prevention and Control Co-Leader
OHSU Knight Cancer Institute

Project Manager, Grants & Administration
The University of Kansas Cancer Center

Postdoctoral Associate Breast Cancer Epidemiology and Data Sciences
The University of Vermont Cancer Center

Chair, Department of Radiation Oncology
UCI Chao Family Comprehensive Cancer Center

Associate Director, Population Sciences
Hollings Cancer Center, Medical University of South Carolina

Director of Cancer Research Development
Hollings Cancer Center, Medical University of South Carolina

Division Chief of Hematology and Medical Oncology
LSU LCMC Health Cancer Center

Clinical Investigator, Head and Neck Oncology
Stanford Cancer Institute

Program Leader, Cancer Prevention and Control Research Program
Houston Methodist Dr. Mary and Ron Neal Cancer Center

Associate Director, Population Science
Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Jefferson

Breast Medical Oncologist
Cedars-Sinai Cancer

Medical Oncologist, Experimental Therapeutics
Cedars-Sinai Cancer

Multiple Faculty Openings
MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Summit
Connecting Leaders: Strategies for Change
Presented by AACC in partnership with the American Cancer Society and the Cancer Center DEI Network
REGISTER TODAY
October 19-20, 2024
Sheraton Grand Chicago Riverwalk
Chicago, IL

2024 AACC/CCAF Annual Meeting
REGISTER TODAY
October 20-22, 2024
Loews Chicago Downtown Hotel
Chicago, IL

2025 AACC MEETINGS

2025 AACC Catchment Area Data Excellence (CADEx) Conference
SAVE THE DATE
January 29-31, 2025
San Diego, CA

2025 AACC Leadership Diversity and Development Workshop
SAVE THE DATE
March 11-12, 2025
Loews Chicago O'Hare Hotel
Rosemont, IL

2025 AACC/AACR Hill Day
SAVE THE DATE
May 22, 2025
Washington, DC

17th Annual AACC CRI Meeting
SAVE THE DATE
June 23-25, 2025
Loews Chicago O'Hare Hotel
Rosemont, IL

2025 AACC/CCAF Annual Meeting
SAVE THE DATE
October 19-21, 2025
Salamander Washington DC