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## AACI HEADLINES

### [Save the Date for the 2026 AACI CADEx Conference](#)

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2026



March 9-11, 2026

Grand Hyatt Atlanta



The 2026 [AACI Catchment Area Data Excellence \(CADEx\) Conference](#) is scheduled for **March 9-11**, at the Grand Hyatt Atlanta. More details on registration, sessions, speakers, abstract submissions, and support opportunities are forthcoming. [Read More](#)

### [CRI Steering Committee Seeks Nominations](#)



Current CRI Steering Committee members at the 17th Annual AACI CRI Meeting (photo by Randy Belice)

The AACI Clinical Research Innovation (CRI) Steering Committee is seeking nominations by 5:00 pm Pacific time on **Wednesday, July 16**. Three new steering committee members will begin their three-year term in October 2025. [Read More](#)

### [CRI Annual Meeting Focuses on 'Driving Solutions Together'](#)

Loriana Hernández-Aldama (photo by Randy Belice)

AACI hosted its 17th Annual Clinical Research Innovation (CRI) Meeting, June 23-25, in Rosemont, IL. Focusing on the theme of "Driving Solutions Together," the event drew over 600 registrants—including 578

in-person attendees—with [157 abstracts](#) submitted for presentation. [Read More](#)



## [CBS Sunday Morning Highlights 'Existential Crisis' for Cancer Research Funding](#)



In a June 29 segment called [Saving money vs. saving lives](#), CBS *Sunday Morning* highlighted the devastating impacts of cancer research funding cuts. **George J. Weiner, MD** (pictured), Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of Iowa, and **Elizabeth M. Jaffee, MD**, Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins University, were interviewed by Ted Koppel. [Read More](#) | [Watch the Segment](#)

## NEWS FROM THE CENTERS

### AWARDS & HONORS

## [Lonial Honored for Myeloma Research](#)

[Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University](#)



**Sagar Lonial, MD, FACP, FASCO**, chief medical officer of Winship Cancer Institute, has been named the 2025 recipient of the Robert A. Kyle Lifetime Achievement Award from the International Myeloma Foundation. [Read More](#)

## [Polascik Recognized by American Urological Association](#)

[Duke Cancer Institute](#)

**Thomas Polascik, MD**, received the American Urological Association's Focal Therapy Society Medal for Distinguished Lifetime Contribution to men's health. He is the director of surgical technology at the Duke Cancer Institute Center for Prostate and Urologic Cancers. [Read More](#)



## [Yendamuri Elected to the American Surgical Association](#)

[Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)



**Sai Yendamuri, MD, MBA, FACS**, has been elected to the American Surgical Association, the nation's oldest surgical organization. Dr. Yendamuri currently serves as Roswell Park's chief strategy officer and chair of thoracic surgery. [Read More](#)

## [Biologist Receives Fox Chase Award](#)

[Fox Chase Cancer Center, Temple Health](#)



**Andrea Califano, Dr**, a leader in the field of systems biology, was honored with the Stanley P. Reimann Honor Award at Fox Chase Cancer Center. **Jonathan Chernoff, MD, PhD** (pictured left, with Califano), is the cancer center director. [Read More](#)

## [Wei Honored With Professorship](#)

[Karmanos Cancer Institute, Wayne State University](#)



**Wei-Zen Wei, PhD**, faculty member and researcher at Karmanos Cancer Institute and Wayne State University School of Medicine, has been appointed to the rank of Distinguished Service Professor. [Read More](#)

## [Research Trainee Receives ASH Graduate Hematology Award](#)

[University of Florida Health Cancer Center](#)

**Qingchen Yuan, MBBS, MSc**, a third-year University of Florida doctoral student in pharmacology and

therapeutics, has been selected by the American Society of Hematology (ASH) to participate in the 2025 ASH Graduate Hematology Award. The award aims to encourage graduate students in the United States and Canada to pursue a career in academic hematology. [Read More](#)

## GRANTS & GIFTS

### [NIH Grant to Establish National Center for Microsystems-Based Biomedical Imaging](#)

[University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center](#)

### [\\$1.5 Million Gift to Support Sarcoma Research](#)

[UPMC Hillman Cancer Center](#)

### [V Foundation Funds Study on Obesity and Breast Cancer Prevention](#)

[The University of Kansas Cancer Center](#)

## LEADERSHIP TRANSITIONS

### [Baskin Named Deputy Director of Research](#)

[VCU Massey Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)



**Monica L. Baskin, PhD**, has joined VCU Massey Comprehensive Cancer Center as deputy director of research. She will also serve as associate dean for cancer innovation at VCU School of Medicine. [Read More](#)

### [Brain Tumor Center Announces Associate Directors](#)

[Siteman Cancer Center](#)



WashU Medicine physicians **Jiayi Huang, MD**, and **Milan G. Chheda, MD**, have been named associate directors of The Brain Tumor Center at Siteman Cancer Center, a multidisciplinary practice of physicians and scientists. [Read More](#)

### [Gamblin Named Inaugural Chief of Surgical Oncology](#)

[Huntsman Cancer Institute at the University of Utah](#)

**T. Clark Gamblin, MD, MS, MBA, FACS**, has been named the inaugural chief of the Division of Surgical Oncology in the Department of Surgery at the University of Utah's Spencer Fox Eccles School of Medicine. [Read More](#)



## Scott Appointed Early Therapeutics Director

The University of Arizona Cancer Center



**Aaron Scott, MD**, has been appointed director of the Early Therapeutics Program at the University of Arizona Cancer Center. Dr. Scott currently serves as co-leader of the Clinical and Translational Oncology Program. [Read More](#)

## Markey Welcomes New Hematology Chief

UK Markey Cancer Center



**Pierluigi Porcu, MD**, has been named division chief for hematology and blood and marrow transplantation in the University of Kentucky College of Medicine Department of Internal Medicine and associate director for clinical translation at Markey. [Read More](#)

### RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

## Loss of Y Hinders Immune Response

The University of Arizona Cancer Center

## To Get More Women Screened for Lung Cancer, Combine It With Mammogram

Stanford Cancer Institute

## Cancers Can Be Detected in the Bloodstream Three Years Prior to Diagnosis

Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins University

## Study Reveals Complex Genetics Behind the Survival and Growth of Brain Tumors

USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center



## [Drug Shows Safety, Efficacy for Precancerous Stomach Lesions](#)

[Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center](#)

## [New Single-Cell Atlas Maps Childhood Leukemia in Landmark Study](#)

[Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University](#)

## [New Partnership Aims to Deepen Understanding of Immune Response in Cancer Treatment](#)

[The Tisch Cancer Institute at Mount Sinai](#)

## [Could Electric Fields Supercharge Immune Attack on Deadliest Form of Brain Cancer?](#)

[USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

## [First Successful Allogeneic Stem Cell Transplant Using Deceased Donor in Blood Cancer Clinical Trial](#)

[Huntsman Cancer Institute at the University of Utah](#)

## [CAR T Therapy Causes Brain Fog](#)

[Stanford Cancer Institute](#)

## [New Tool Improves the Detection of Hidden Genetic Mutations](#)

[UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

## [Genetics and Therapy Type Determine Second Cancer Risk After Childhood Treatment](#)

[Comprehensive Cancer Center St. Jude Children's Research Hospital](#)

## [Patients Are Opting in for 10 Years of Breast Cancer Treatment](#)

[University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center](#)

## [AI Researchers Develop New Technologies for Cancer Care](#)

[Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center](#)

## [Experts Make the Case for Onco-Primary Care](#)

[Duke Cancer Institute](#)

## [FDA Approves Standard-Changing Therapy Trialed at Siteman](#)

[Siteman Cancer Center](#)

## [TACIT Algorithm Offers Promise in Diagnosing, Treating Cancer](#)

[VCU Massey Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

## [Genetic Score Shows Promise in Improving Leukemia Outcomes](#)

[University of Florida Health Cancer Center](#)

## [Adding Immunotherapy to Standard Chemotherapy Extends Quality of Life in Advanced Endometrial Cancer](#)

[UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

## [Only 13 Percent of Americans Correctly Identify Testicular Cancer as Most Common in Men Under 40](#)

[The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center - James Cancer Institute and Solove Research](#)

## [Researchers Identified New Indicators for HER2+ Breast Cancer Response to Therapy](#)

[Dan L Duncan Comprehensive Cancer Center at Baylor College of Medicine](#)

### OTHER NEWS

## [Highlighting Cancer Survivorship](#)

[Karmanos Cancer Institute, Wayne State University](#)



In a recent article, Karmanos Cancer Institute Director **Boris Pasche, MD, PhD, FACP**, highlighted challenges of cancer survivorship and the services and resources that Karmanos offers to address them. [Read More](#)

## [KU Cancer Center to Build New Complex](#)

[The University of Kansas Cancer Center](#)



The University of Kansas Cancer Center broke ground on the future site of a new complex that will bring research and patient care into one space. **Roy Jensen, MD**, is vice chancellor and director of KU Cancer Center. [Read More](#)

## [UNM Cancer Center to Host Mastocytosis Symposium](#)

[University of New Mexico Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)



The first-ever Albuquerque Mastocytosis Symposium will be held on July 26 to raise awareness of the rare blood condition. **Ala Ebaid, MD**, is director of the UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center's Classical Hematology Program. [Read More](#)

## [Northwell Unveils \\$1.1 Million Expansion](#)

[Northwell Health Cancer Institute](#)

The Northwell Health Cancer Institute unveiled a \$1.1 million, 2,400-square-foot expansion of outpatient infusion at the R.J. Zuckerberg Cancer Center. It features eight state-of-the-art infusion bays, which enhance patient care and experience at the center's Don Monti Adult Bone Marrow/Stem Cell Transplantation Program. [Read More](#)

## [Georgetown, Hebrew University Establish Research Collaboration](#)

[Georgetown Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

Recognizing the power of education and research in preventing, treating, and curing one of the world's most deadly diseases, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Georgetown University have established a joint initiative on cancer to amplify innovation, discovery, and action to end the disease. [Read More](#)

### JOB OPPORTUNITIES

## [Associate Director for Clinical Research](#)

[Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of Iowa](#)

## [Associate Director, Analytics & Decision Support](#)

[The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center](#)

## [Director, Ginny L. Clements Breast Cancer Research Institute](#)

[The University of Arizona Cancer Center](#)

## [Program Manager, CCSG & Extramural Research Development](#)

[The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center](#)

## [Clinical Research IIT Program Director](#)

[Fred Hutch Cancer Center](#)

## [Operations Director, Clinical Research Services](#)

[Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of Iowa](#)

## [Chief, Division of Surgical Oncology](#)

[Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of Miami](#)

## [Genitourinary Multidisciplinary Team Leader & Medical Director, Prostate Cancer Center of Excellence](#)

[Karmanos Cancer Institute, Wayne State University](#)

## [Senior Vice President and Chief of Cancer Services, Grady Cancer Center](#)

[Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University](#)

## [The Albuquerque Mastocytosis Symposium](#)

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