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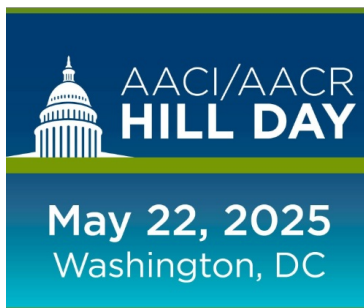
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AACI HEADLINES

Cancer Research Advocates Unite at Hill Day



On **Thursday, May 22**, AACI co-hosted the 2025 Hill Day with the [American Association for Cancer Research](#). Over 160 participants from 34 states convened in Washington, DC in support of stable funding increases for the National Institutes of Health and the National Cancer Institute. [Read More](#)

CRI Spotlight: Empowering Career Pathways in Oncology



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Lauren Wall, MSc, will moderate a discussion, "Shaping the Future: Empowering Career Pathways in Oncology," with panelists **Stefanie Belanger, MHA, CCRP**, **Whitney Cunningham, MS, PHR**, and **Danielle S. Mitchell**. The session will be held at 3:00 pm central time on **Monday, June 23**, during the [17th Annual AACI Clinical Research Innovation \(CRI\) Meeting](#). [Read More](#)

AACI Working Group Seeks Volunteers to Strengthen Cancer Service Lines

AACI recently launched a working group dedicated to defining cancer service lines (CSLs). This working group will bring together representatives from centers with well-established cancer service lines, those in early development stages, and institutions currently planning their service line infrastructure to assess governance and leadership models, organizational and financial structure, evidence-based best practices,

and metrics of CSLs in AACI cancer centers. [Read More](#)

[AACI Calls on Congress to Reject FY 2026 Budget Cuts](#)

On Friday, May 30, President Donald J. Trump released his final budget proposal for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026, slashing the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' budget by 25.2 percent overall, and cutting funding for the National Institutes of Health and the National Cancer Institute by 40.4 percent and 37.2 percent, respectively. [AACI urges Congress to reject the FY 2026 budget proposal](#) and protect the institutions that make the U.S. a global leader in biomedical research. [Read More](#)

[Join the Summer Fight for Science](#)



After mobilizing nationwide protests this spring, [Stand Up for Science](#) (SUFS) has shifted its focus to the proposed budget cuts that threaten the future of scientific research in the U.S. SUFS is organizing the [Summer Fight for Science](#) to raise awareness of federally funded scientific research through teach-ins, science demonstrations, and open labs. [Learn More](#)

NEWS FROM THE CENTERS

AWARDS & HONORS

[Merad Awarded French Knighthood for Contributions to Science, Medicine](#)

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



Miriam Merad, MD, PhD, has been awarded the title of Chevalier de la Légion d'honneur [Knight of the Legion of Honor] by the French Republic for her contributions to macrophage biology and immunology. [Read More](#)

[Cancer Drug Trial Design Wins International Award](#)

[University of Florida Health Cancer Center](#)

A cancer drug trial designed in part by a University of Florida College of Public Health and Health Professions faculty member has won the Society for Clinical Trials' David Sackett Trial of the Year Award. The trial showed that adding the drug blinatumomab to a chemotherapy regimen for children with acute lymphoblastic lymphoma decreased risk of relapse by about two-thirds. [Read More](#)

[Edgar Elected to National Academy of Sciences](#)

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

Bruce Edgar, PhD, researcher at Huntsman Cancer Institute and professor of oncological sciences at the University of Utah, has been elected to the National Academy of Sciences. [Read More](#)



[Holzgreve Recognized by Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging](#)

[UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

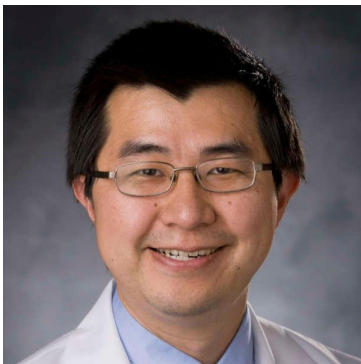
Adrien Holzgreve, MD, MHBA, a visiting assistant professor in the Ahmanson Translational Theranostics Division at UCLA, has been recognized by the Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging as "One to Watch." [Read More](#)



[Sung Named to Professorship](#)

[The University of Kansas Cancer Center](#)

Anthony Sung, MD, was formally invested as the A. Drue Jennings Professor in Medical Oncology at The University of Kansas Cancer Center in recognition of his research and his dedication to improving patient care. [Read More](#)



GRANTS & GIFTS

[Fox Chase Earns NCI Designation Renewal](#)

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

[Sound Wave Research for Breast Cancer Receives \\$5.5 Million](#)

[University of Virginia Cancer Center](#)

[Baylor Researchers Receive CPRIT Funding](#)

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

[\\$3.8 Million NIH Award Will Support Development of AI Models for Precision Treatment of Breast Cancer](#)

[UPMC Hillman Cancer Center](#)

[Initiative Aims to Improve Symptom Tracking for Cancer Patients](#)

LEADERSHIP TRANSITIONS

Fox Chase Welcomes Ruckdeschel

Fox Cancer Center, Temple Health



John C. Ruckdeschel, MD, FACP, FCCP, will join Fox Chase as a professor in the Department of Hematology/Oncology. He previously held leadership roles at Moffitt Cancer Center, Karmanos Cancer Institute, and other cancer institutions. [Read More](#)

Kulasingam Named Associate Director of Population Science

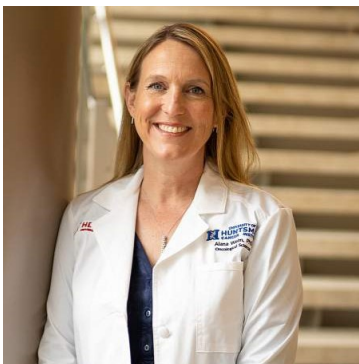
Louisiana Cancer Research Center



The Louisiana Cancer Research Center (LCRC) has named **Shalini Kulasingam, PhD, MPH**, as associate director of population science. Dr. Kulasingam will collaborate with cancer population health researchers across LCRC's partner institutions. [Read More](#)

Welm Named Chair of Oncological Sciences

Huntsman Cancer Institute at the University of Utah



Alana Welm, PhD, has been named chair of the Department of Oncological Sciences in the Spencer Fox Eccles School of Medicine at the University of Utah. [Read More](#)

Hatcher Returns to Office of Community Outreach and Engagement

The University of Arizona Cancer Center

Jenna Hatcher, PhD, vice provost and chief inclusion officer for the University of Arizona, has been appointed to return to the University of Arizona Cancer Center as associate director of community outreach and engagement. [Read More](#)



RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

[Khasraw to Lead U.S. Arm of International Glioblastoma Trial](#)

[Duke Cancer Institute](#)

[Targeted Strategy Prevents Untreatable Nerve Pain Caused by Chemotherapy](#)

[VCU Massey Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

[Study Offers Reassurance for Patients With Some Cancer-Linked Genes](#)

[University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center](#)

[Pinworm Medication Has Potential to Treat Aggressive Skin Cancer](#)

[The University of Arizona Cancer Center](#)

[Clinical Trial Investigates Immunotherapy for Glioblastoma](#)

[The University of Kansas Cancer Center](#)

[Genetic Mutation in Some Ashkenazi Jewish Men May Be Linked to Higher Prostate Cancer Risk](#)

[Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins University](#)

[Immunotherapy Improves Survival of Patients With Locally Advanced Head and Neck Cancer](#)

[Siteman Cancer Center](#)

[Study Finds Genetic Driver of Drug Resistance in Small Cell Lung Cancer](#)

[Fred Hutch Cancer Center](#)

[Wildfire Pollution May Lower Survival Chances for Lung Cancer Patients](#)

[UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

[10,000 Patient Milestone Reached in National Cancer Research Network](#)

[UK Markey Cancer Center](#)

[New Technology for Breast Cancer Surgeries](#)

[Stanford Cancer Institute](#)

[More Men With Prostate Cancer Are Avoiding Unnecessary Surgery](#)

[University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center](#)

[Study Advances Understanding of Personalized Vaccines for Bladder Cancer](#)

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

[Study Uncovers a Novel Source of Genetic Variation Influencing Childhood Brain Tumors](#)

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

[AI Could Help Improve Early Detection of Interval Breast Cancers](#)

[UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

[Study Suggests Unique Tumor Microbiome Linked to Colorectal Cancer Disparities in Appalachian Kentucky](#)

[UK Markey Cancer Center](#)

[Guidance on Radiation Therapy a First for Anal Cancer Patients](#)

[Duke Cancer Institute](#)

[New Compound Targets Circadian Clock Machinery in Cells to Fight Glioblastoma](#)

[USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

[Positive Progress Seen in Clinical Trial of Novel Immunotherapy SurVaxM](#)

[Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

[Study Sheds Light on How Inherited Cancer Mutations Drive Tumor Growth](#)

[Siteman Cancer Center](#)

[Prostate Cancer Discovery Opens Door to More Tailored Treatments](#)

[University of Virginia Cancer Center](#)

[Blocking a Surprising Master Regulator of Immunity Eradicates Liver Tumors in Mice](#)

[Stanford Cancer Institute](#)

[New Technology Being Tested to Treat, Remove Kidney Cancer Tumors](#)

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

OTHER NEWS

[How Federally Funded Research Helped Navy Veteran Beat Lung Cancer](#)

[Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins University](#)

Thanks to cancer research and clinical trials, Navy veteran and stage 4 non-small cell lung cancer survivor John Ryan has witnessed milestones including the birth of his grandchildren. [*Read More*](#)



[Classical Hematology Clinic Treats Broad Range of Blood Disorders](#)

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



UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center's Classical Hematology clinic helps patients who have a broad range of noncancerous blood disorders and chronic blood cancers. **Ala Ebaid, MD**, directs the program. [Read More](#)

[PAMN is Now the Cancer Marketing and Communications Association](#)

[Cancer Marketing and Communications Association](#)

Following a three-year strategic planning process, the Public Affairs and Marketing Network (PAMN) has adopted a new name: the Cancer Marketing and Communications Association (CMCA). [Read More](#)



[AYA Oncology and Oncofertility Conference Builds Bridges to Reduce Gaps in Care](#)

[University of Florida Health Cancer Center](#)

Leading experts from numerous disciplines, including medical oncology, obstetrics and gynecology, endocrinology, and pediatrics, came together with the goal of improving cancer care for young people during the first-of-its kind University of Florida AYA Oncology and Oncofertility Conference in April. [Read More](#)

[Roswell Park Nationally Ranked as Excellent Workplace](#)

[Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center has been recognized by two organizations for its excellence as a workplace. *Forbes* has named Roswell Park to its list of America's Best Midsize Employers, placing it among the top 11 employers in healthcare nationally. *Becker's Hospital Review* also included Roswell Park on its recent 150 Top Places to Work in Healthcare. [Read More](#)

[Professor, Cellular & Molecular Medicine \(Tenure Track\)](#)

[The University of Arizona Cancer Center](#)

[Associate Director, Research Development](#)

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

[Cancer Center Director](#)

[University of Cincinnati Cancer Center](#)

[Director, Oncology Strategic Partnerships](#)

[UC San Diego Moores Cancer Center](#)

[Hematology/Oncology - Solid Tumor Faculty](#)

[Case Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

[Cancer AI Alliance \(CAIA\) Operations Director](#)

[Fred Hutch Cancer Center](#)

[Director, Cancer Center](#)

[Laura and Isaac Perlmutter Cancer Center at NYU Langone](#)

[Medical Director, University of Maryland St. Joseph Cancer Institute](#)

[University of Maryland Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

2025 AACI MEETINGS

[17th Annual AACI CRI Meeting](#)

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[June 23-25, 2025](#)

[Loews Chicago O'Hare Hotel](#)

[Rosemont, IL](#)

[2025 AACI/CCAF Annual Meeting](#)

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[Salamander Washington DC](#)

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