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AACI HEADLINES

[Register Today for the 2026 AACI CADEx Conference](#)



Registration is now open for the **2026 AACI Catchment Area Data Excellence (CADEx) Conference, March 9-11**, in Atlanta. This year's meeting theme is *Bringing Data to Life: Connecting Catchment Area Science to People*. Abstracts will be accepted for the conference through 5:00 pm Pacific time on **Monday, December 1**. [Read More](#) | [Register Today](#)

[Annual Meeting Highlights Persistence Amid Uncertainty](#)



Photo by Randy Belice

Nearly 400 cancer center directors and administrators, representing 95 AACI member cancer centers, gathered in Washington, DC, last month for the 2025 AACI/CCAF Annual Meeting. Outgoing President **Dr. Robert A. Winn** set the tone of the three-day meeting in his opening remarks, stating, "Our communities, families, future leaders, and future scientists are depending on us to be strong – at this point, it is our only choice." [Read More](#)

[Lung Cancer Awareness Advocate Delivers Keynote, Calls for Stories](#)

Photo by Randy Belice



On **Monday, October 20**, lung cancer advocate and former NFL linebacker, **Chris Draft**, presented a keynote titled "How the Game Has Changed: Raising Cancer Awareness and the Crucial Catch Initiative." During the emotionally charged talk, Draft challenged attendees to tackle the task of raising awareness of cancer research as "one team" with "one fight," not as individual cancer leaders or organizations. [Read More](#)

[GR Forum Tackles Key Policy Issues in Tumultuous Year](#)



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AACI held its annual Government Relations (GR) Forum on **Monday, October 20**, in conjunction with the 2025 AACI/CCAF Annual Meeting. More than 70 government relations representatives and AACI sustaining members gathered in Washington, DC, to discuss timely cancer-related public policy topics amid an unprecedented government shutdown. [Read More](#)

[IgniteData Shares Insights From Recent AACI Roundtable](#)



On October 7, AACI **Tech Gold** member **IgniteData** hosted a roundtable discussion with cancer center clinical research leaders and industry sponsors. Panelists shared how EHR-to-EDC automation is transforming clinical research at their institutions and across the cancer research ecosystem. [Read More](#) | [Watch the Webinar](#)

NEWS FROM THE CENTERS

AWARDS & HONORS

[Eberlein Named President-Elect of American College of Surgeons](#)

[Siteman Cancer Center](#)



Timothy J. Eberlein, MD, FACS, director of Siteman Cancer Center, has been elected president-elect of the American College of Surgeons. The three-year commitment includes one-year terms each as president-elect, president, and immediate past president. [Read More](#)

Woodard Elected to National Academy of Medicine

Siteman Cancer Center



Pamela K. Woodard, MD, director of Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology (MIR) at WashU Medicine and Siteman Cancer Center, has been elected to the National Academy of Medicine. She was honored for her leadership as director of MIR, one of the largest academic radiology departments in the U.S., ranking third in funding from the National Institutes of Health. [Read More](#)

GRANTS & GIFTS

NCI Comprehensive Designation Renewed

Dan L Duncan Comprehensive Cancer Center at Baylor College of Medicine

\$16 Million National Study Looks at AI in Breast Cancer Screening

UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center

\$22.4 Million Grant to Advance Research and Clinical Trials for Leptomeningeal Disease

Moffitt Cancer Center

\$13 Million Grant Funds Battle Against Acute Myeloid Leukemia

University of Virginia Cancer Center

\$6.5 Million NIH Award to Help Create 3D Atlas of Human Body

Stanford Cancer Institute

Bernstein Receives Melanoma Research Foundation Award

The Tisch Cancer Institute at Mount Sinai

National Study Will Test Lung Cancer Screening Program

UK Markey Cancer Center

LEADERSHIP TRANSITIONS

Inaugural Chair Named for Department of Biochemistry, Molecular Biology and Pharmacology

Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Comprehensive Cancer Center



Indiana University School of Medicine has appointed **John J. Turchi, PhD**, as chair of the newly merged Department of Biochemistry, Molecular Biology and Pharmacology. Dr. Turchi is an internationally recognized investigator in DNA damage response, whose work has been consistently funded by the National Cancer Institute and foundations. [Read More](#)

Zandberg Announced as Associate Director for Clinical Research

UPMC Hillman Cancer Center



Dan P. Zandberg, MD, began serving as associate director for clinical research at UPMC Hillman Cancer Center, effective October 1. In his new role, Dr. Zandberg will work closely with Clinical Research Service leadership and staff to roll out new initiatives designed to enhance our clinical trial accruals and portfolio management. [Read More](#)

Top AI Scientist Will Focus on Translational Cancer Outcomes

Cedars-Sinai Cancer



Eytan Rupp, MD, PhD, who pioneers artificial intelligence-based methods for predicting individual patients' response to cancer therapies, has joined Cedars-Sinai Cancer as deputy director of the Translational Research Institute. He will also serve as director of Integrative Data Sciences in the Division of Surgical Research. [Read More](#)

Leadership Appointments to Further Enhance Cancer Care Through Integration

Fox Chase Cancer Center, Temple Health

Robert Uzzo, MD, MBA's role as President & CEO of Fox Chase Cancer Center will now extend beyond the American Oncologic Hospital to include the Institute for Cancer Research. Fox Chase Cancer Center Director **Jonathan Chernoff, MD, PhD**, will assume emeritus status, and **David Wiest, PhD**, will serve as interim director, while a national search is conducted for a new director. [Read More](#)

Parsons to Lead Breast Cancer Initiatives

Fred Hutch Cancer Center



Heather Parsons, MD, MPH, has joined Fred Hutch Cancer Center as program head of the Breast Oncology Program. She is also an associate professor in the Fred Hutch Clinical Research Division. Previously a physician at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Dr. Parsons conducted research on new ways to test a person's blood for signs of cancer. [Read More](#)

Hill Joins Breast Care Team

University of New Mexico Comprehensive Cancer Center

Nicole Datrice Hill, MD, wasn't always focused on surgery as a career, but a diagnosis in her family eventually led her to a place on the breast care team at the University of New Mexico Comprehensive Cancer Center. Dr. Hill's experience includes a two-year research and clinical oncology fellowship at the National Cancer Institute. [Read More](#)



RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

[Lung Cancer Rewires Immune Cells in the Bone Marrow to Weaken Body Defenses](#)

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

[9/11 Study Shows How Toxic Exposures May Lead to Blood Cancers](#)

[Montefiore Einstein Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

[Study Identifies Mechanism of Action for Discontinued Cancer Drug](#)

[Stanford Cancer Institute](#)

[Clinical Trial Aims to Improve Quality of Life for Prostate Cancer Survivors](#)

[Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

[Fish Oil Supplements May Not Work for Certain Cancer Patients](#)

[University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center](#)

[Making Cancer Vaccines More Personal](#)

[The University of Arizona Cancer Center](#)

[Novel Immunotherapy Combination Destroys Colorectal Liver Metastases](#)

[UCSF Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

[Trial Improves Survival for Patients With Colorectal Cancer](#)

[UPMC Hillman Cancer Center](#)

[For Rapid, Precise Lung Cancer Resections, Researchers Look to a Pen](#)

[UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

[Study Links Survivorship Care to Longer Life for Childhood Cancer Survivors](#)

[Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University](#)

[DNA Shed by Colon Cancers May Help Personalize Postsurgical Treatment](#)

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

[BiTE-Based Immunotherapy Strategy Could Point to Ovarian Cancer Breakthrough](#)

[Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

[Could This Birth Control Shot Increase Your Risk for Brain Tumor?](#)

[UCSF Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

[Drug Combo Cuts Risk of Death in Advanced Prostate Cancer by 40 Percent](#)

[Cedars-Sinai Cancer](#)

[Next-Generation CAR T Cells Could Expand Solid Cancer Treatment Options](#)

[USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

[Understanding Patient Preferences in Therapies for Multiple Myeloma](#)

[Duke Cancer Institute](#)

[AI Helps Scientists Better Predict, Diagnose Hard-to-Detect Form of Breast Cancer](#)

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

[Finally a Proxy for Tracking Responses in Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia](#)

[Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University](#)

[Obesity Weakens Cancer Immunity. Can GLP-1 Drugs Turn It Back On?](#)

[Duke Cancer Institute](#)

[Study Finds Hidden Blood Mutations Spark Obesity, Diabetes, and Liver Disease](#)

[UF Health Cancer Institute](#)

[Falloposcope Cancer Screening Tool Testing Advances to Next Steps](#)

[The University of Arizona Cancer Center](#)

[New Guidelines Issued for Treating Thyroid Cancer](#)

[University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center](#)

[Biomarker Analysis Reveals Clues to Long-Term Survival in Glioblastoma Patients Treated With SurVaxM](#)

[Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

[Study Reveals Efficacy of Nicotinamide for Skin Cancer Prevention](#)

[Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center](#)

OTHER NEWS

[UF Health Cancer Center is Now an Institute](#)

[UF Health Cancer Institute](#)

The University of Florida has conferred the prestigious title of institute to the University of Florida Health Cancer Center, a reflection of its prominence in cancer research at UF and as one of the country's top institutions for cancer care and research. [Read More](#)

VUMC Performs Nation's First Surgery Using Latest Generation of Intraoperative PET-CT Scan Technology

Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center



Surgeons in Vanderbilt University Medical Center's Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery have successfully performed the country's first procedure using the latest generation of intraoperative PET (positron emission tomography) and CT (computed tomography) technology, with the goal of improving surgical outcomes. [Read More](#)

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Professor, Cancer Epidemiology

Tampa General Hospital Cancer Institute

Assistant Director, Clinical Research Monitoring Program

Fred Hutch Cancer Center

Director, Clinical Trial Coordination

Fred Hutch Cancer Center

Chief Medical Officer

The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center - James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute

Chair, Department of Radiation Oncology

Tampa General Hospital Cancer Institute

Open Rank Faculty Position: Neuro-oncology

Cleveland Clinic Cancer Center

Deputy Chief Medical Officer

Fred Hutch Cancer Center

MEETINGS & EVENTS

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Bethesda, MD

Young Adult Cancer Symposium

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November 15, 2025

Nashville, TN

Advancing Cancer Research for Latinos and All Populations

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