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AACI HEADLINES

[AACI to Honor Lowy With Distinguished Scientist Award](#)



Douglas R. Lowy, MD, acting director of the National Cancer Institute (NCI), will receive the AACI **Distinguished Scientist Award** on October 21, during the 2019 AACI/CCAF Annual Meeting, in Washington, DC. AACI is recognizing Dr. Lowy for his long-term research on the molecular biology of tumor viruses and growth regulation, his role in enabling the development of human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccines, and his exploration of oncogenes and tumor suppressor genes and their signaling pathways. [Read More](#)

[Abstract Winners Selected for AACI CRI Meeting](#)



The AACI Clinical Research Innovation (CRI) Steering Committee and CRI Education Committee have selected three abstracts from 66 submissions for formal presentation at the **11th Annual AACI CRI Meeting**, July 9-11, in Chicago. Winning abstract authors represent Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center; Hollings Cancer Center, Medical University of South Carolina; and Masonic Cancer Center, University of Minnesota. [Read More](#)

[How the Lower Health Care Costs Act Will Impact the Cancer Community](#)

On Wednesday, June 26, the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) approved S. 1541, the Tobacco-Free Youth Act. The bill, introduced by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) and Senator Tim Kaine (D-VA), would raise the national age for purchasing tobacco products to 21. S. 1541 was included in the manager's amendment of a larger Senate HELP package, S. 1895, the Lower Health Care Costs Act, authored by



Chairman Lamar Alexander (R-TN) and Ranking Member Patty Murray (D-WA), which aims to end surprise medical bills. [Read More](#)

AACI Endorses Call for Elimination of HPV-Related Cancers



On June 27, AACI joined the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR), Biden Cancer Initiative, and Moffitt Cancer Center to host a congressional briefing titled "Let's End HPV-related Cancers" in Washington, DC. In conjunction with the briefing, leading health organizations, patient advocates, and AACI cancer centers issued a call to action urging policymakers and other stakeholders to help eliminate cervical cancer and other cancers caused by human papillomavirus (HPV). [Read More](#)

NEWS FROM THE CENTERS

AWARDS & HONORS

Kuettel Named to National Health Care Advisory Panel

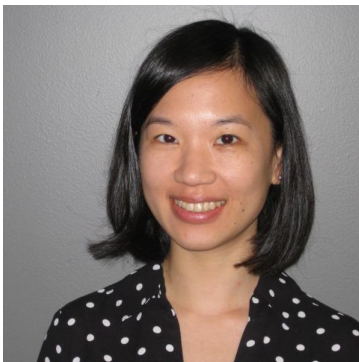
Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center



Michael Kuettel, MD, MBA, PhD, FASTRO, professor and Barbara C. & George H. Hyde Chair in Radiation Medicine at Roswell Park, has been appointed to the Advisory Panel on Hospital Outpatient Payment. The panel provides expert guidance to the secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services on issues affecting outpatient medical care. [Read More](#)

Mentorship, Collaboration Inspire a Passion for Improving Outcomes for Older Adults With Cancer

UCSF Helen Diller Comprehensive Cancer Center



Li-Wen Huang, MD, received the 2019 Conquer Cancer Foundation of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) Endowed Young Investigator Award (YIA) in Geriatric Oncology in honor of Arti Hurria, MD, FASCO. Dr. Huang, a Hematology Oncology Fellow at the University of California, San Francisco, credits mentorship within a close-knit community with driving interest in the field of geriatric oncology. [Read More](#)

Cancer Center Earns CEO Cancer Gold Standard Re-Accreditation



Fox Chase Cancer Center has earned CEO Cancer Gold Standard re-accreditation for satisfying the latest comprehensive requirements of the Gold Standard. Founded by President George H.W. Bush, the CEO Roundtable on Cancer created the Gold Standard to recognize employers for taking exceptional health and wellness measures on behalf of their employees. **Richard I. Fisher, MD**, is president and CEO of Fox Chase. [Read More](#)

GRANTS & GIFTS

City of Hope to Invest More Than \$1 Billion in a Comprehensive Cancer Campus

[City of Hope Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

NCI Renews Roswell Park Comprehensive Designation

[Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

UK Part of \$11 Million Project to Combat Cervical Cancer in Appalachia

[UK Markey Cancer Center](#)

\$5.4 Million Awarded to Investigate Novel Therapies for Liver Cancer

[VCU Massey Cancer Center](#)

Researchers Earn \$4.1 Million 'Moonshot' Grant

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

Duke BRPC Receives \$3.4 Million From NCI

[Duke Cancer Institute, Duke University Medical Center](#)

Grant Will Help Show How Breastfeeding Protects Against Triple-Negative Breast Cancer

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

\$1.75 Million Grant Awarded to Study New Therapies for Metastatic Melanoma

[UAMS Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute](#)

Zuckerberg Initiative Picks IU Team for Human Cell Atlas Award

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

LEADERSHIP TRANSITIONS

Goal of New BMT Medical Director: 'Make It Happen'

[Hollings Cancer Center, Medical University of South Carolina](#)

Michelle Hudspeth, MD, is the new medical director of the Blood & Marrow Transplant (BMT) Program at Hollings Cancer Center at the Medical University of South Carolina. Dr. Hudspeth has served as medical director of the pediatric oncology program since 2007 and director of quality for the adult and pediatric BMT program since 2008. [Read More](#)



RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

Biomarker Predicts Which Pancreatic Cysts May Become Cancerous

Siteman Cancer Center

POLO Trial for Advanced Pancreatic Cancer: A New Standard of Care

The University of Chicago Medicine Comprehensive Cancer Center

Out of Many Ovarian Precancerous Lesions, One Becomes Cancer

Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins University

Colorectal Cancer Vaccine Shows Positive Phase I Results

Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson Health

Cytophone Detects Melanoma in Earliest Stages, Could Prevent Fatal Disease Spread

UAMS Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute

Identifying Colorectal Cancer Subtypes Could Improve Treatment

USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center

Significant Knowledge Gap Exists in Use of Genetic Testing to Decide Cancer Treatment

Georgetown Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center

Unhealthy Gut Promotes Spread of Breast Cancer

University of Virginia Cancer Center

Study Finds Pathway for Macrophages to Nurture PTEN-Deficient Glioblastoma

University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

Approach Could Help in Treating Glioblastoma, Other Rare Cancers

University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center

New Research Helps Identify High-Risk Pediatric Cancer

The University of Chicago Medicine Comprehensive Cancer Center

Indoor Tanning May Be an Addiction Abetted by Both Genetic and Psychiatric Factors

Georgetown Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center

Most Metastatic Colorectal Cancers Have Spread Before Diagnosis

Stanford Cancer Institute

Radiation Plus Chemotherapy Does Not Improve Endometrial Cancer Recurrence-Free Survival

Epigenetic Therapy Shows Promise in Epstein-Barr Virus-Associated Lymphomas

Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Jefferson Health

Immunotherapy Shows Doubled Median Survival Time for Advanced Lung Cancer Patients

University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center

New Insights Into Treatment Targets for Men With Advanced Prostate Cancers

Huntsman Cancer Institute, University of Utah

Combination Checkpoint Blockade Effective in Pre-Surgical Setting for Early-Stage Lung Cancers

University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

Researchers First to Develop Comprehensive Models of 'Seeds' and 'Soil' to Combat Breast Cancer Metastasis

VCU Massey Cancer Center

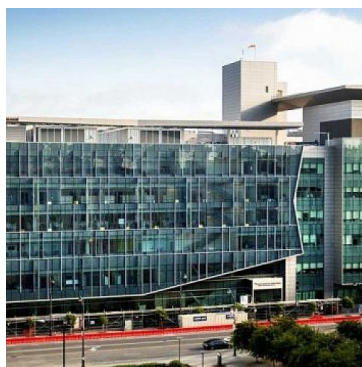
Experimental Glioblastoma Vaccine Shows Promise in Slowing Brain Tumor Growth

The Cleveland Clinic Cancer Center

OTHER NEWS

UCSF Unveils Precision Cancer Medicine Building

UCSF Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center



UC San Francisco has opened a pioneering cancer center to provide adult patients with genetic counseling, immunotherapy, molecular profiling of tumors, fully integrated clinical trials, and advanced imaging. The UCSF Bakar Precision Cancer Medicine Building places patients and families at the center of a university commitment to deliver a new generation of precision medicine. [Read More](#)

Landmark Scientific Paper Turns 40

Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center



Forty years ago, a team of scientists at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center published the first unequivocal report in humans that immune cells called T cells have the power to cure cancer. The finding emerged from patients who'd received a bone marrow transplant at the Hutch. The donated cells did not simply rescue patients from high doses of radiation and chemotherapy — they were key to the potential cure. [Read More](#)

Cancer Program Earns CoC Accreditation With Commendation

Duke Cancer Institute, Duke University Medical Center

Duke University Hospital's NCI-Designated Comprehensive Cancer Program recently earned a three-year accreditation rating, with commendation, from the Commission on Cancer (CoC). Established in 1922 by the American College of Surgeons, the CoC is a consortium of professional organizations dedicated to improving survival and quality of life for cancer patients through standard-setting, prevention, research, education, and the monitoring of comprehensive quality care. [Read More](#)

Brain Surgeons Turn to Basic Science to Fight Childhood Brain Cancer

[Stanford Cancer Institute](#)



In 2012, **Teresa Purzner, MD, PhD**, and her husband, **Jamie Purzner, MD**, both neurosurgery residents, traded their scrubs for lab coats in an effort to understand, at the most basic level, what causes medulloblastoma, the most common pediatric brain cancer. [Read More](#)

Telementoring Program Aims to Improve Quality of Breast Cancer Care

[The University of Kansas Cancer Center](#)

A new program led by The University of Kansas Cancer Center seeks to improve community oncology providers' knowledge of genetic testing in breast cancer patients, as well as provide tools to allow genetic counseling and testing to be incorporated in their clinical practice. Called "ePOST BC" (Efficacy of Point of Service Testing in Breast Cancer), the program is based on the Project ECHO model, which links specialists at academic institutions with primary care clinicians in local communities. Principal investigators are **Jennifer Klemp, PhD, MPH**, and **Lauren Nye, MD**. [Read More](#)

HAP Achievement Award Earned for Optimal Operations

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

Fox Chase Cancer Center has earned a 2019 HAP Achievement Award from The Hospital and Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania (HAP). The award recognizes the center's outstanding effort to enhance its processes for managing patient discharge planning and care transitions. **Mary Pat Winterhalter, MS, BSN, RN, NE-BC**, and **Tricia Heinrichs, BS, RRT, PMP**, submitted the center's entry, "Optimizing Care Transitions: Reimagining Case Management." [Read More](#)

Comment Period for Proton Radiation Therapy Guidelines

[American Society for Radiation Oncology](#)

The National Cancer Institute Radiation Research Program has released a draft update of its guidelines for the use of proton radiation therapy in cooperative group settings. Comments are being accepted through July 15 and may be directed to jeff.buchsbaum@nih.gov. [Read More](#)

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Administrative Director, Clinical Research Office

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

Senior Director of Clinical Research Operations and Management

[VCU Massey Cancer Center](#)

Clinical Administrator, Radiation Oncology

[Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University](#)

Assistant Director of Cancer Research Career Enhancement and Education

[University of Illinois Cancer Center](#)

Assistant Director, Clinical Translation Investigation Program Operations

Program Leader, Cancer Prevention and Control Associate Professor or Professor, Tenure Track

University of Colorado Cancer Center

AACI MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS



11th Annual AACI CRI Meeting

July 9-11, 2019

Chicago, IL

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2019 AACI/CCAF Annual Meeting

October 20-22, 2019

Washington, DC

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MEMBER MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

SITC Women in Cancer Immunotherapy Network Leadership Institute

August 19-20, 2019

Seattle, WA

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Wendy & Emery Reves International Breast Cancer Symposium

September 20-21, 2019

Dallas, TX

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Multidisciplinary Approaches to Cancer Symposium

October 10-13, 2019

Las Vegas, NV

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Cancer and Inflammation: From Micro to Macro

October 17-18, 2019

Bethesda, MD

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Artificial Intelligence in Oncology: Advancements and Policy

October 24, 2019

Cleveland, OH

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