Announcements

Yale Cancer Center Answers
Ranks #1
Our weekly radio show, Yale Cancer Center Answers, recently moved up to the number one listed podcast for cancer information in the world on iTunes! I would like to thank Drs. Francine Foss and Lynn Wilson for taking time from their busy schedules to host the show. The program topics and guests are an excellent reflection of the exciting clinical and research initiatives at Smilow Cancer Hospital and Yale Cancer Center.

The 30-minute radio show airs on Sunday evenings at 6 PM on WNPR and is archived on our website and on iTunes. Each week features a different cancer-related topic and guest expert. Please contact Emily Fenton if you are interested in participating as a guest on the show to discuss your clinical or research specialties.
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YCC Grand Rounds Evaluation
Please take a moment to complete the end of year evaluation for Yale Cancer Center’s Grand Rounds. The evaluations are used for CME compliance and help us plan our schedule for next year.
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Notables

Yale Cancer Center members Valerie Horsely, Natalia Ivanova, Frank Slack, and Julie Ann Sosa have received grants Connecticut Stem Cell Fund to support research projects and to seed new ideas in stem cell research for cancer.
Alfred Lee, MD, PhD, received the Teacher of the Year Award from the Department of Internal Medicine for his leadership in the Traditional Internal Medicine Residency Program.

Diane Krause, MD has been selected to participate in a prestigious year-long leadership training program for women in medicine called Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM) at Drexel University.

Julie Ann Sosa, MD has been named to the Society for Surgical Oncology Steering Committee directed to create the Surgical Oncology Self-Assessment Program (SOSAP), which is modeled after the American College of Surgeon's SESAP program. Dr. Sosa will represent the endocrine/head and neck disease sites.


Valentina Pirazzoli, a postdoctoral fellow in the Politi lab, has received a fellowship renewal from the American Italian Cancer Foundation. Valentina's project is entitled, Uncovering mechanisms of resistance to new combinations of targeted therapies using mouse models of EGFR mutant lung adenocarcinoma.

In the News

AACR Tobacco Control Briefing on Capitol Hill
Roy S. Herbst, MD, PhD, Chief of Medical Oncology at Yale Cancer Center and Smilow Cancer Hospital, participated in a congressional briefing on Capitol Hill on Tuesday, June 12 to raise awareness of the continued need for tobacco control and research, and legislative support for the issues. Also in attendance from Yale was Dr. Benjamin Toll, Director of the Smoking Cessation Program at Smilow Cancer Hospital.

Connecticut Senator, the Honorable Richard Blumenthal, gave the closing remarks at the briefing and reiterated his support for tobacco control and research.

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Closer to Free Bike Ride
Join us on September 8, 2012

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Employee Profile: Sage Vogel

The Employee Profile recognizes the diverse contributions made by Yale Cancer Center and Smilow Cancer Hospital staff have to meet our patient care, research, education, and outreach goals. The staff profiled are examples of the great work being done here, and the dedication and values we possess. To suggest someone to be profiled, please contact Emily Fenton.

Sage Vogel, Clinical Oncology Social Worker on the 8th floor outpatient clinic at Smilow Cancer Hospital, interacts with patients diagnosed with melanoma, GI cancers, or brain tumors. The number of patients Sage
meets with on a daily basis can vary, but they are all dealing with unique problems related to their cancer.

"Cancer touches every aspect of a patient's life, whether it is their career, relationships, or finances. I enjoy helping them adjust to their new life with cancer, because it is not easy, and being involved in that process is very rewarding for me," Sage explained.

Sage facilitates the GI and Melanoma Support Groups at Smilow, and commented that although patients may initially be hesitant to attend support groups, it often helps them realize that they are not alone, and it can be an empowering experience. Sage is also involved with the PACT (Parenting at a Challenging Time) Program, which helps guide parents, and grandparents, diagnosed with cancer. "PACT is specifically for parents or grandparents that have been diagnosed and working with them to figure out the best way to communicate with their children. I enjoy the variety of ways in which this allows me to interact with patients."

Bonnie Indeck, LCSW, Manager of Oncology Social Work at Smilow Cancer Hospital, and Sage's manager commented, "Sage is warm, courteous, friendly, and skilled. She is our "go to" person and is always willing to help our Social Work team, as well as members of the medical team. She goes out of her way to ensure that the needs of all patients and family members are met. Sage embodies what social work, and Smilow, are all about."

**Recent Publications**

**Tobacco Quitlines Need to Assess and Intervene with Callers' Hazardous Drinking.**
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**Obesity and endometrial cancer survival: a systematic review.**
Arem H, Irwin ML.
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**EGFR/TGFα and TGFβ/CTGF Signaling in Neuroendocrine Neoplasia: Theoretical Therapeutic Targets.**
Kidd M, Schimmack S, Lawrence B, Alaimo D, Modlin IM.
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Validation of the Knowledge of Care Options Instrument To Measure Knowledge of Curative, Palliative, and Hospice Care.

Deletion of the endothelial Bmx tyrosine kinase decreases tumor angiogenesis and growth.

Lin28 regulates HER2 and promotes malignancy through multiple mechanisms.

Sexual functioning among testicular cancer survivors: A case-control study in the U.S.

Tipping the balance in the powerhouse of the cell to "protect" colorectal cancer.

Nanomedicine: Downsizing tumour therapeutics.