May 18, 2012

Celebrating our Nurses

Following up on National Nurses Week, I want to take this time to acknowledge and appreciate the outstanding Oncology Nursing community at Smilow Cancer Hospital and its Care Centers.

Oncology nursing requires special skill - not only must the nurse possess superior knowledge and clinical and research expertise, he or she must have a special combination of compassion, empathy, and sensitivity. In short, what all of us know as an incredible capacity to care.

I also want to commend our research nurses on their tireless work and commitment to clinical research at Smilow. The nursing team is largely responsible for the increased participation in clinical trials we have seen over the last 12 months and I am grateful for their efforts.

Abe Lopman, Cathy Lyons, and I receive many letters from patients and families about their experience at Smilow. What comes through consistently are the amazing stories of how the nurses connect with those for whom we care. It is that "connection" that is at the heart of our patient experience and it is our nurses who are the ones who show us how to do it.

Congratulations to all!

2012 Award Recipients:

YNHH Nursing Excellence Award for Nursing Education: Monica Fradkin

Smilow Excellence in Oncology Nursing Awards:
Sandy Hurd - Breast Center
Cheryl Corso - NP 11

Smilow PCA Award for Excellence:
Arlene Touranjoe
Cancer Survivors Day

Yale Cancer Center and Smilow Cancer Hospital at Yale-New Haven will celebrate Cancer Survivors Day with our patients and their families tomorrow at Yale's West Campus. The event will begin at 11 AM with a keynote presentation by Carolyn Taylor, cancer survivor and founder of Global Focus on Cancer.

This is a family friendly event, and your families are invited to join in the celebration with our patients and their families. Kids' activities will include a Moon Bounce, Video Game Truck, Ice Cream Truck, Arts and Crafts, and Human Hamster Balls.

At 12:00, we will host a picnic supper with entertainment by local band, String Theorie. Please encourage your patients to attend with their families.

Learn More >>
RSVP to Attend >>

Special Lecture Today

Lecture by Dr. Robert Croyle
Please join us for a visit and presentation by Dr. Robert Croyle, NCI Director of Cancer Control and Population Sciences, from 12-1 PM today in the Cohen Auditorium, Yale Child Study Center. Lunch will be served. We look forward to seeing you at this great presentation and exchange of ideas of the future of cancer research.

Funding and Award Opportunities

Angel Foundation for Cancer Research Medical Research Grants
To support the conduct of innovative and insightful medical research on the hematologic malignancies. Funds are provided for basic or clinical research that will lead to novel therapeutic approaches that could replace, or be used in combination with effective therapies for lymphoma, leukemia, and related cancers of the blood. For assistant professors with an MD or PhD. $225,000 to be used over 3 years.
Internal Deadline: June 6, 2012
Learn More >>

Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation Nurse Researcher Grant Opportunities
Explorer, Pathfinder, and Discovery Awards available for
nurses to support pediatric oncology research and to improve nursing care for children with cancer.

**Application Deadline: August 1, 2012**

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**Department of Defense Peer Reviewed Cancer Research Program Funding Opportunities**

**Visionary Postdoctoral Fellowship Award**

Eligibility - Principal Investigator: M.D./Ph.D. graduate with a total of less than 4 years of postdoctoral research experience

Mentor(s): Independent investigator at the level of Assistant Professor or equivalent at the time of the award

Research must be in one or more of the FY12 PRCRP Topic Areas

Supports training of postdoctoral fellow in the laboratory of an early-career investigator (mentor) with expertise in one or more of the FY12 PRCRP Topic Areas

Supports training of postdoctoral fellow to include a budget option for research supplies

Applications must not address breast, prostate, lung (excluding mesothelioma), or ovarian cancer research

**Career Development Award**

Eligibility - Principal Investigator: Independent investigator at the level of Assistant Professor or equivalent at the time of the award.

Research with emphasis in discovery must be in one or more of the FY12 PRCRP Topic Areas.

Supports investigator in the early stages of their career.

Applications must not address breast, prostate, lung (excluding mesothelioma), or ovarian cancer research.

**Pre-application Due Date: June 19, 2012**

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**Avon Safety Net Grant Opportunities**

The Avon Foundation for Women "Safety Net" program supports public, community, and safety net hospitals and health care systems that provide breast care to low-income, at-risk, uninsured and underinsured individuals. The goal of this initiative is to support programs that improve access to quality breast diagnostics and access to treatment for the medically underserved. A demonstrated commitment to providing health care to underserved populations will be considered in the review process.

**Letter of Intent Due: June 22, 2012**

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**Yale School of Public Health Ovarian Cancer Research Grants**

This annual award is made possible by a generous gift from the Tina Brozman Foundation. The award is to provide funding

**Events**

May 18; 12 PM

**Cancer Prevention and Control Research Program Seminar**

Cohen Auditorium/Yale Child Study Center

Robert Croyle, PhD

Learn More >>

May 19; 10:30 AM

**Yale Cancer Center & Smilow Cancer Hospital at Yale-New Haven Cancer Survivors Day**

West Campus

Keynote lecture by Carolyn Taylor, Fun-family activities, and a barbecue lunch

Learn More >> (PDF)

May 20; 6 PM

**Yale Cancer Center Answers**

WNPR

**Discovering New Treatments for Cancer**

Lieping Chen, MD, PhD

Learn More >>

May 20-21; 9 AM

**Yale Cancer Center 'Closer to Free' Event**

1118 Whalley Ave

Westville’s Pio’s of Italy Cut-a-thon

Learn More >>

**CANCELED**

May 23; 7 AM

**Research in Progress Meeting**

May 24; 9 AM

**Therapeutic Radiology Grand Rounds**

Smilow, Lower Level, Room E

**Imaging of Solitary Lung Nodules and Lung Cancer**

Ami Rubinowitz, MD

Learn More >>

**Employment Opportunities**
for a pilot project in ovarian cancer prevention, detection, and survivorship research, which would ultimately lead to national peer-reviewed grants. Professors, Associate Professors, Assistant Professors, and Research Track faculty of all ranks are eligible to apply. There are no restrictions for citizenship. A one-year grant up to $25,000 will be awarded and will commence on July 1, 2012.

**Application Deadline: May 31, 2012**

Ovarian Cancer Research Fund Grants

Program Project Development Grants ($900,000) provide funds for ovarian cancer research projects that may involve several investigators within one institution or collaborations between groups in multiple institutions.

Liz Tilberis Scholars awards ($450,000) are for investigators in their first academic faculty appointment. This award is open to physician-scientists (Gynecologic Oncology, Medical Oncology) and Ph.D. scientists.

Ann Schreiber Research Training Programs of Excellence grant ($75,000) funds post-doctoral trainees working in established ovarian cancer research groups.

**Letters of Intent Due: May 29, 2012**

Yale Cancer Center has several positions open.

Please share these opportunities with colleagues who may be interested in joining our team.

Genetic Counselor 2

Req# 16457

Coordinator 4: Project Manager

Req# 16563

CRN 2: Clinical Research Nurse

Req# 16345

CRN 3: Clinical Research Nurse Manager

Req# 14923

Senior Administrative Assistant

Req# 16771

**Submissions**

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