January 4, 2013

Announcements

Yale Cancer Center Announces Grant Opportunities
Yale Cancer Center is pleased to announce the 2013 Internal Grants competitions. These grants will support innovative basic, clinical, computational, prevention/control, and translational cancer research. The primary review criteria will be scientific excellence, innovation, cancer relevance, and the likelihood of the project evolving into federally funded cancer research. Members of the Cancer Center or faculty who have applied for membership are eligible to apply.

Two types of grants will be awarded for one year, commencing on March 15, 2013:

**YCC Pilot Grants** of up to $50,000 for a specific project headed by a member of the Cancer Center. Up to eight Pilot Grants will support individual research projects.

*Application Deadline: February 14, 2013*

[Link to Pilot Grant Application]

**YCC Collaborative Pilot (Co-Pilot) Grants** of up to $100,000 for groups of two or more members of the Cancer Center. We anticipate funding up to two Co-Pilot Awards.

[Link to Co-Pilot Grant Application]

Early Drug Development Program

The Early Drug Development Program at Smilow Cancer Hospital has been established to advance the treatment of cancer by introducing new drugs and drug combinations to cancer patients who have demonstrated disease/metastatic progression on existing standard of care treatment(s) and have no clear therapeutic option that is of significant benefit.

Through the Program, both patients who respond to treatment on trial and those who do not respond will have repeat biopsies...
performed whenever possible. Whole genome sequencing and RNA expression analysis will be performed on each sample, including the patient’s original diagnostic tumor biopsy. The immediate benefit to the patient and treating physician for these biopsies will be that this information will be available for consideration of the next treatment selection. Though these results will not as yet be used to select patients for trials, the information on the molecular profile of responding vs. non-responding patients and the profile of treatment-emergent resistance will be the basis for our better understanding of cancer treatment success or failure and will help to inform future research directions.

Led by Paul Eder, MD, Assistant Director for Developmental and Experimental Therapeutics, the Program has clinic hours for patients on the 8th floor on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursday mornings. The Program offers trials for patients in need of Phase I therapy options from all 12 of the Clinical Disease Programs within Smilow Cancer Hospital and is available for referrals from the Smilow Cancer Care Centers.

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Program Members: Janee Devitto, Bill Hofmann, Anthony Papadopolous, Christine Purcell, Vickie Marler, Alexandra Minnella, Dianna Irizarry, and Joseph Paul Eder, MD.
Missing from photo: Cheryl Fullerton and Kimberly Hall

Yale Cancer Center’s weekly radio program on CT Public Radio is ranked number 2 in the world for cancer programs on iTunes. Subscribe to the show.

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Yale Cancer Center Grand Rounds
Video presentations from Yale Cancer Center members are now available online.

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Events

January 4; 12:00 PM
YCC Research in Progress Meeting
WWW 208
Cancer Care in America: Using Outcomes Research to Inform Decision Making
Cary Gross, MD and Xiaomei Ma, PhD
Learn More >> (PDF)

January 5; 1:00 PM
3rd Annual RELENTLESS Against Cancer Bowling Event
AMF Lanes, Milford
Bowling for the Battle
Learn More >> (PDF)

January 6; 6:00 PM
Yale Cancer Center Answers WNPR
Survivor Perspective
Frank Terrazzano
Learn More >>

January 8; 12:00 PM
Yale Cancer Center Grand Rounds
Park Street Auditorium
Embracing Complexity: A Fly Approach to Developing Cancer and Diabetes Therapeutics
Ross L. Cagan, PhD
Learn More >>

January 10; 12:30 PM
Pathology Grand Rounds
Fitkin Amphitheatre, LMP 1094
Progress in Cellular Therapies
Laura E. Niklason, MD, PhD

Development Update

Lion Heart Fund for Cancer Research recently awarded three research grants to members of Yale Cancer Center through their pilot funding program for 2013. A committee from Lion
Heart, along with David Stern and Donald Lannin, chose the grant recipients.

Congratulations to the following members of the Breast Center who received funding for their projects:

**Erin Hofstatter MD:** *Examination of Epigenetic Changes in Breast Tissue and Peripheral Blood of Women at Average vs Increased Risk of Breast Cancer*

**Brigid Killelea MD:** *Atypical Ductal Hyperplasia of the Breast: Is Excision Necessary?*

**Anees Chagpar MD:** *Understanding the Intersection Between Intratumoral Heterogeneity and Clinical Phenotype in Breast Cancer*

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**Employee Profile: Kadisha Relcade**

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.

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As Administrative Assistant in the Business Office at Yale
Cancer Center, Kadisha Recalde has an instrumental role in supporting business office functions, administration, and the faculty of the Smilow Cancer Hospital Care Centers. In her position, she was involved with the successful integration of the 8 Smilow Care Centers, which included the on boarding of 23 new physicians. Furthermore, as Yale Cancer Center continues to grow and acquire new faculty, her expertise has also helped with supporting these transitions. Kadisha is dedicated to serving the administrative support needs of the faculty of the Smilow Care Centers and other faculty members within Yale Cancer Center.

"I view my job as a fortunate opportunity to be a part of this great movement of Care Centers: a name designated to illustrate the effective and compassionate care the patients receive from the dedicated physicians and staff affiliates," said Kadisha. "Not to mention, I am able to meet and develop relationships with different physicians, and their staff - it's all very rewarding." She manages equipment orders such as cell phones, computers, etc., maintains the physicians' CVs/Biosketches, medical licenses, registrations, and hospital credentialing, processes expense reimbursements, makes travel arrangements, and assists with grant support and other various necessary administrative needs.

Kadisha also assists members of the Business Office, and ensures that everything runs smoothly. From working on special projects with the managers and directors, to assisting with general requests, Kadisha has a huge impact on coordinating the day to day fundamental needs of the Business Office.

Her manager, Jennifer Mulligan, Associate Director of Finance and Administration, commented, "In the year that Kadisha has been with the Cancer Center, she has become an invaluable member of the Business Office Team. In addition to her support and coordination of Business Office activities, Kadisha also does a phenomenal job supporting our 23 Care Center faculty, a daunting task that Kadisha does with ease. I consider us lucky to have such outstanding talent."

We seek your assistance in the recruitment of qualified Oncology Research Nurses to join the Cancer Center for full time research opportunities. Positions traditionally require a minimum of BSN and 4 years of research nursing experience with a strong preference within oncology. In lieu of research experience, trained oncology nurses with little or no research experience are considered for positions of the same level. Should you know of any potential candidates, please encourage them to go on-line to www.yale.edu/jobs and navigate to the STARS employment website in search of positions 18343BR and 18943BR, upload the resume and apply. They may also contact Sandra Greer for further information.

**Funding Opportunities**

**2013 AACI Translational Research Fellowship**
Applications are now being accepted for the 2013 AACI Translational Cancer Research Fellowship. The fellowship is designed to help ensure that qualified applicants receive research training and experience under the guidance of highly trained, well-respected researchers who have demonstrated success in their field of research. The goal is to assist the trainee in becoming a high-caliber, productive independent researcher with an enduring focus on the importance of

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**Submissions**

Please submit your recent publication and grant announcements to:

Renee Gaudette
Director, Public Affairs and Marketing
renee.gaudette@yale.edu
translational research relevant to cancer.

Application Deadline: February 1, 2013
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Recent Publications

Research: The moving parts.
Devita VT Jr.
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Cervical cancer screening in the Vietnamese American population.
Wong JY, Knobf MT.
Read More >>

Massive splenic infarction in an adolescent with hemoglobin S-HPFH.
Whyte D, Forget B, Chui DH, Luo HY, Pashankar F.
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Jairam V, Roberts KB, Yu JB.
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SLI-1 Cbl Inhibits the Engulfment of Apoptotic Cells in C. elegans through a Ligase-Independent Function.
Anderson C, Zhou S, Sawin E, Horvitz HR, Hurwitz ME.
Read More >>

FOLFIRINOX for locally advanced and metastatic pancreatic cancer: single institution retrospective review of efficacy and toxicity.
Gunturu KS, Yao X, Cong X, Thumar JR, Hochster HS, Stein SM, Lacy J.
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Class III β-tubulin overexpression in gynecologic tumors: implications for the choice of microtubule targeted agents?
English DP, Roque DM, Santin AD.
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Long-Term Ovarian Cancer Survival Associated With Mutation in BRCA1 or BRCA2.
McLaughlin JR, Rosen B, Moody J, Pal T, Fan I, Shaw PA,
Lin28 regulates BMP4 and functions with Oct4 to affect ovarian tumor microenvironment.
Ma W, Ma J, Xu J, Qiao C, Branscum A, Cardenas A, Baron AT, Schwartz P, Maihle NJ, Huang Y.
Cell Cycle. 2012 Dec 19;12(1).

Dental x-rays and risk of meningioma: Response to Drs. Calnon, Jorgensen, and White.
Claus EB, Wiemels J, Wrensch M.
Cancer. 2012 Dec 18.

Cryptopleurine analogs with modification of e ring exhibit different mechanism to rac-cryptopleurine and tylophorine.
Wang Y, Wong HC, Gullen EA, Lam W, Yang X, Shi Q, Lee KH, Cheng YC.