September 8, 2017

**Announcements**

**Closer to Free is Tomorrow!**

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the 7th Annual Closer to Free Ride tomorrow! We are expecting a record turnout this year. If you are not riding, please line up along the Smilow driveway at 7am for the Smilow Salute to cheer on the cyclists. You can also join us at the Yale Bowl for the festivities after the ride and welcome our riders back through the finish line. Enjoy the finish line festival with our riders and their families with live music, kids activities, and a food truck village. The weather looks fantastic for the entire Smilow community to take part in the day!

**Medical Oncology Faculty Promoted**

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**from the desk of**

**Charles S. Fuchs, MD, MPH**

**Director, Yale Cancer Center**

**and Physician-in-Chief**

**Smilow Cancer Hospital**

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**Recent News**

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**LATEST ARTICLES:**
I was happy to join Dr. Roy Herbst at dinner last week to celebrate the promotion of several members of the section of medical oncology. Congratulations on your hard work and dedication to clinical care and research at Smilow Cancer Hospital and Yale Cancer Center. The following promotions were announced for 2017:

- Kerin Adelson, MD, Associate Professor of Medicine
- Anne Chiang, MD, PhD, Associate Professor of Medicine
- Erin Hofstatter, MD, Associate Professor of Medicine
- Edward Kaftan, PhD, Research Scientist
- Christos Hatzis, PhD, Associate Professor of Medicine
- Jeremy Kortmansky, MD, Associate Clinical Professor

State of the Science: Genitourinary Cancers
Please join the Smilow Cancer Hospital Prostate and Urologic Cancers Program for a State of the Science Summit on Genitourinary Cancers on Tuesday, September 19 from 5-9pm at Yale's West Campus. The free program will feature presentations and case-based discussions from our faculty.
Learn More >>
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Tissue Imaging Mass Spectrometry Symposium
Yale Cancer Center and Yale School of Public Health will host a symposium to explore the advantages and challenges in tissue imaging mass spectrometry on Thursday, October 19 in the Winslow Auditorium. The program is chaired by Vasilis Vasilou, Professor and Chair of the Department of Environmental Health Sciences at Yale School of Public Health and will feature a keynote address by Richard Caprioli, Director of the Mass Spectrometry Research Center at Vanderbilt University.
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Notables
The National Cancer Institute has named Peter M. Glazer, MD, PhD, as a recipient of its Outstanding Investigator Award (OIA). Dr. Glazer is the Robert E. Hunter Professor of Therapeutic Radiology, Professor of...
Genetics, and Chairman of the Department of Therapeutic Radiology. The NCI established the OIA in 2014 for principal investigators who have achieved significant research accomplishments. Dr. Glazer will receive $7 million in research funding over seven years from the NCI.

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Congratulations to Andre Levchenko, PhD, John C. Malone Professor of Biomedical Engineering, Director of the Yale Systems Biology Institute, and a member of Yale Cancer Center’s Signal Transduction Research Program. Dr. Levchenko was elected as a Fellow of the Biomedical Engineering Society.

Lajos Pusztai, MD, DPhil, Professor of Medicine (Medical Oncology) and Co-Director of the Genetics, Genomics, and Epigenetics Research Program, has received an R01 from the National Cancer Institute. The grant provides nearly $2 million in funding over 4 years and will study the immune biological differences between Triple Negative Breast Cancer in African American and non-African American women and the potential immunotherapy opportunities to improve treatment outcome for these patients.

Employee Profile:
Misailah Evardo

Misailah Evardo, RN, works in the Bone Marrow Transplant Day Hospital on the seventh floor of Smilow. She cares for patients following stem cell transplants and her main task is to monitor for any signs of graft-versus-host (GVHD) disease. As one of two nurses on the unit, she is also responsible for

$1.8 Million Granted to Yale School of Public Health to Study Effectiveness of HPV Vaccine
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Happy Birthday: 75 Years of Chemotherapy is Worth Celebrating
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Twin to Ride in Place of Sister Battling Breast Cancer at ‘Closer to Free’
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Family Fights Cancer With Bottle It Up!
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LATEST POSTS:
administering chemotherapy, antibodies, and immunosuppressants, and making sure her patients are feeling okay.

Patients are seen 2-3 times a week following transplant, depending on how well they are doing, and after 100 days, they come every two weeks. Many patients are very sick and experience a lack of appetite, so their weight has to be monitored closely as well. Misailah reports any adverse events, and refers patients to a dietician as needed. She also arranges for visiting nurses and helps put patients in touch with any additional resources they may need such as social work.

"We become very close with our patients, and they get to know us very well," said Misailah. "A positive and warm attitude is so important. They come in and are very sick and under a lot of stress, and we have to be understanding of that. Every day you have to be aware of what they are going through."

Misailah was also the recipient of a YNHH Great Catch Award, which recognizes actions taken to improve patient safety. Amy Barile, a nurse practitioner on the unit, commented, "Misailah is a pleasure to work with. Her positive attitude is contagious in a stressful environment. She always greets her patients with a smile on her face and takes the time to listen to their physical and emotional ailments."

**Funding Opportunities**

**Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's (LLS) Career Development Program (CDP)**

LLS offers career development awards to postdoctoral fellows as well as early career, independent investigators. This year the application will be completed in 3 phases.

**Deadlines:**

**Abstract:** September 15th  
**Full Application:** October 3rd  
[Learn More >>]

**Department of Defense**

If you're a man between the ages of 55 and 69, listen up! Smilow Cancer Hospital and Yale Cancer Center are offering a Free Prostate Cancer Screening -- Thursday, September 14 from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

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Researchers at the Yale School of Public Health have successfully landed a grant from the National Institutes of Health to study the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine in more detail. The HPV Working Group at Yale, led by Yale Cancer Center's Linda Niccolai PhD, will use the four-year grant to measure how timing affects the effectiveness of the vaccine.

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Help us give a warm welcome to Mandar Muzumdar, MD, the newest member of the Cancer Biology Institute at Yale Cancer Center. Dr. Muzumdar has been appointed an Assistant Professor of Genetics and his research focuses on the environmental and genetic factors that contribute to the growth and development of pancreatic cancer. His work at the Cancer Biology Institute will strive to identify new approaches for both
Lung Cancer Research Program Funding Opportunities for 2017:

Career Development Award
Letter of Intent Due: September 13, 2017
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The Pancreatic Cancer Detection Consortium (U01)
This FOA invites applications from multi-disciplinary teams of researchers and clinicians to establish the Pancreatic Cancer Detection Consortium (PCDC) to conduct research to improve the detection of early stage pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma (PDAC) and characterization of its precursor lesions.
Application Deadline: September 21, 2017
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2018 Blavatnik National Awards for Young Scientists
The national faculty competition celebrates the past accomplishments and future potential of the most promising young faculty-rank scientists and engineers in the United States - faculty under 42 years of age working in the life sciences, physical sciences and engineering, and chemistry.
Submit all requested documents to Melanie Smith
Application Deadline: September 25, 2017, 5:00pm
Learn More>>

Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation
Nurse Researcher Grants
ALSF’s Nurse Researcher Grants program is dedicated to improving the quality of life for young cancer patients and their families by supporting studies to discover better ways to care for children undergoing treatment.
Nurse Researcher Fellowship
Application deadline: September 25, 2017
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NIH Discovery of Small Molecule Immunomodulators for Cancer Therapy Grant (R01)

This week marks the 75th anniversary of the first use of chemotherapy treat a cancer patient, and here at Yale we have an even more special reason to celebrate: that first dose was administered at our hospital! Many people don’t know that chemotherapy, one of the reasons cancer survival rates have increased so drastically, was first used here.

We are proud to announce that Joseph Contessa, MD, PhD is the recipient of this year’s Class of ’61 Cancer Research Award. Dr. Contessa has made major contributions to multiple cancer research fields including the use of genetic profiling to guide radiotherapy for brain cancers, as well as developing new approaches to tumor imaging.
The purpose of this FOA is to promote the discovery of novel small molecules that may enhance the ability of the immune system to selectively recognize and attack cancer cells.

**Application Deadline:** October 5, 2017

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**Melanoma Research Alliance**

The MRA is pleased to announce RFP’s for high-impact pre-clinical, translational, and early clinical research that has the potential to lead to near-term clinical application in melanoma prevention, detection, diagnosis, staging, and treatment.

**Application Deadline:** October 6, 2017 (Team Science Award); November 17, 2017 (Young Investigator Award and Academic-Industry Partnership Award)

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**YCCI Multidisciplinary Post-Doctoral Training Program RFA**

We are pleased to announce the YCCI Multidisciplinary Post-Doctoral Training Program in Translational Research RFA, which will provide support to a select number of postdoctoral trainees who are strongly committed to careers in translational research.

**Deadline for Application:** October 13, 2017, 5:00pm

Submit Application here: [http://ycci.yale.edu/](http://ycci.yale.edu/)

**NCI Clinical and Epidemiological Research on Chronic Disease in the Caribbean**

The purpose of this FOA is to support US-Caribbean collaborative research to develop or extend cohort or surveillance studies on chronic disease in the Caribbean region that are aligned with existing publicly available US datasets.

**Application Deadline:** November 15, 2017

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**Recent Publications**
EGFR Exon 19 Deletion in Pancreatic Adenocarcinoma Responds to Erlotinib, Followed by T790M-Mediated Resistance.
Cecchini M, Sklar J, Lacy J.
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Cell Division Cycle 42 plays a Cell type-Specific role in Lung Tumorigenesis.
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Radiofrequency ablation versus resection for hepatocellular carcinoma in patients with Child-Pugh A liver cirrhosis: a meta-analysis.
Jia JB, Zhang D, Ludwig JM, Kim HS.
Read More >>

Timed sequential therapy for acute myelogenous leukemia: Results of a retrospective study of 301 patients and review of the literature.
Read More >>

Untreated oral cavity cancer: Long-term survival and factors associated with treatment refusal.
Cheraghlou S, Kuo P, Mehra S, Yarbrough WG, Judson BL.
Laryngoscope. 2017 Sep 2.
Read More >>

Increased Number of Beam Angles Is Associated With Higher Cardiac Dose in Adjuvant Fixed Gantry Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy of Left-Sided Breast Cancer

medical oncology @YaleCancer promoted faculty. Celebrating achievements together @YNHH

Dr. Skyler Johnson on CNN en Español explaining his alternative medicine research to an international audience.

Cherishing life, Westbrook family fights cancer with 'Bottle It Up!'
http://via.fox61.com/hzFo9
via @FOX61News@caponcancer
@YaleCancer@YNHH

Twin to Ride for Sister Diagnosed With Breast Cancer
#twins#sisterlove#bcsm
#closertofree
@CTFRide @nbccconnecticut

Tune in to .@wnpr at 7:30 tonight to learn how to care for the unsung heroes of #cancer care - all the amazing caregivers! #podcast

#Smilow Day is underway @connecticutopen! Visit our staff for information on #cancer screening and prevention and the @CTFRide! #ctopen

Closer to Free
The fund to advance cancer research and enhance patient care

Calendar of Events

September 8; 8AM
Pharmacology 2017 Retreat
Yale’s West Campus
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Novel Molecular Targets for Chemoprevention in Malignancies of the Head and Neck.
Bhatia A, Burtness B.
Cancers (Basel). 2017 Aug 31;9(9).

Comparison of the diagnostic accuracy of three current guidelines for the evaluation of asymptomatic pancreatic cystic neoplasms.

Using ALoFT to determine the impact of putative loss-of-function variants in protein-coding genes.

Nipple sparing mastectomy in breast cancer patients and long-term survival outcomes: An analysis of the SEER database.
Li M, Chen K, Liu F, Su F, Li S, Zhu L.

BET inhibitors: a novel epigenetic approach.
Doroshow DB, Eder JP, LoRusso PM.

September 9; 7AM
Closer to Free Bike Ride
Yale Bowl
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September 10; 7:30PM
Yale Cancer Answers
WPNR
Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month
Mary Jane Minkin, MD and Elena Ratner, MD
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September 11; 11AM
YCC Hematology Special Seminar
FMB 115
Hodgkin Lymphoma: Poised for the Application of Precision Medicine
Andrew Evens, DO, MSc
Read More >>

September 12; 11AM
Smilow Screening & Prevention Informational Table
Park Street Auditorium
YNHH Café
Prostate Cancer Awareness Month
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September 12; 11:30AM
Genetics Department Seminar
TAC N-107
Interactome visualization sheds new light on chemoresistance, drug response, and mitochondrial function
James Bruce, PhD
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September 12; 12PM
Yale Cancer Center Grand Rounds
55 Park Street
The Local Option: Rational Use of Local Therapy in Patients at High Risk of Systemic Failure
Daniel Boffa, MD
Gut Microbiome Pharmacogenomic
Andrew Goodman, PhD
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September 12; 12PM
YSPH Biostatistics Seminar
60 College Street
Individualized Multilayer Learning with an Application in Breast Cancer Imaging
Annie Qu, PhD
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September 13; 11AM
Smilow Screening & Prevention Informational Table
SRC Cafe
Prostate Cancer Awareness Month
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September 13; 12PM
YSM Department of Genetics Seminar
SHM I-304
Small RNAs as Molecular Probes of Cancer and Basic Biology
Sohail Tavazoie, MD, PhD
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September 14; 12:30PM
Pathology Grand Rounds
LMP 1094
Regulation of Endothelial Function by Liver Kinase B
Min-Hui Zou, MD, PhD
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September 14; 2:30PM
Smilow Cancer Genetics and Prevention Program Seminar
SRC, suites 107-109
*Lynch-Like Syndrome: A Diagnostic Odyssey*
Jessy DiGiovanna, CGC
*Not One and Done: The Importance of Updated Testing*
Rebecca Leshay, CGC
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September 14; 5PM
YCC/SCH Free Prostate Cancer Screenings
SRC, suite 164
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September 14; 5:30PM
Smilow Cancer Hospital and Lawrence + Memorial Hospital Event
Mystic Marriott
*An Evening of Networking*
Rogerio Lilenbaum, MD and Oliver Mayorga, MD
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September 16; 8AM
Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer Symposium
Omni New Haven
*Advances in Cancer Immunotherapy*
Mario Sznol, MD and Marianne Davies, DNP, AOCNP
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September 16; 8AM
5th Annual Ann Miller Walk/Run
Mansfield Middle School
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September 17; 11AM
5th Annual Beverly Levy Walk
Payne Whitney Gym
A Benefit for Discovery To Cure
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September 17; 12PM
Multicultural New Haven Block Party
Divinity School Courtyard
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September 17; 7:30PM
Yale Cancer Answers
WNPR
Biostats: Fact or Fiction
Shuangge Steven Ma, PhD
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September 19; 9:30AM
Pathology Research in Progress
TAC N-107
Dillon Kavanagh and Katherine Hastings
Read more>>

September 19; 12PM
Schwartz Center Rounds
55 Park Street
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September 19; 12PM
YSPH Biostatistics Seminar
60 College Street
From Cancer Radiomics to Treatment Selection: Bayesian Predictive Modeling in Precision Medicine
Brian Hobbs, PhD
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September 19; 5PM
YCC / OncLive State of the Science Summit
West Campus
Genitourinary Cancers
Daniel Petrylak, MD
September 21; 12:30PM
Pathology Grand Rounds
LMP 1094
TBA
Uddo Oppermann, PhD
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September 21; 2:30PM
Smilow Cancer Genetics and Prevention Program Seminar
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