March 17, 2017

Announcements

Extended Care Clinic Opening
Smilow Cancer Hospital will open an Extended Care Clinic for our patients on the 12th floor in NP 12-3001 on Monday, April 3. The clinic will be available for our patients who need priority medical attention to promote continuity of care and to decrease our patients' use of avoidable emergency room services. Services will include pain management, hydration, and other acute care needs. Staffed by APPs, RNs, and PCAs, the Clinic will be available 7 days/week from 7am - 11pm. Patients will need to be referred by their provider or on call physician for care, and then should be sent to the 12th floor clinic. To refer a patient, call (203) 200-ECC1 (3221).

Please join the leadership of Smilow Cancer Hospital for an open house and ribbon cutting to celebrate the opening of the Extended Care Clinic on Tuesday, March 28th from 3:30-5:00pm. Official remarks will be made at 4:00pm.

Learn More >>

Accrual and Screening to LAPS and Lung-MAP Trials
I am pleased to report that in our third year of Lead Academic Participating Site (LAPS) funding for the NCI's National Clinical Trials Network (NCTN), Yale Cancer Center is ranked #10 nationally in accrual to the program. In addition, we are 3rd nationally in screening to the Lung-MAP trial. Congratulations to our entire Clinical Trials Office team, especially to

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
Read recent articles featuring experts from Yale Cancer Center
News Center >>
Dr. Howard Hochster, Dr. Roy Herbst, and Rebecca Lilian for their leadership on these initiatives.

**U.S. News Best Hospitals - VOTE NOW**

Voting remains open on Doximity for the annual Best Hospitals survey in *U.S. News & World Report*. If you have not taken the opportunity to vote, please login and vote and support cancer services at Yale New Haven Hospital. Please take the time to do this, and to recognize the great team that you are a part of each day at Smilow Cancer Hospital and at our Care Centers.

**Dr. Shams Shakil Joins VA Cancer Center**

Dr. Michal Rose is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Shams Shakil, Assistant Professor of Medicine (Medical Oncology). Dr. Shakil will care for patients at the VA Cancer Center in West Haven and will participate in the Yale Cancer Center clinical trials program, along with the Smilow Cancer Hospital Gastrointestinal Cancers Program. He joins us from Markey Cancer Center at the University of Kentucky. Dr. Shakil received his medical degree in Bangladesh, and later conferred to MD by the University of The State of New York. He completed his residency and fellowship at Brookdale University Medical Center, New York.

**Medical Oncology Retreat**

Despite the snowy March weather, over 60 members of our medical oncology team met in Westbrook last Friday for the third annual Medical Oncology Retreat, hosted by Dr. Roy Herbst and Dr. Michal Rose. Priorities for the section of medical oncology, clinical trial accrual, and research updates filled the day's agenda, along with special presentations from Dr. Babar Khokhar, Yale Medicine's Chief Clinical Transformation Officer and Ms. Marna Borgstrom, President and CEO of Yale New Haven Health System. The day concluded with time for networking and discussion and dinner with guest, Jim Fyfe, actor and comedian.
Notables

Dr. Stephanie Halene and Dr. Manoj Pillai were both promoted to the positions of Associate Professor of Medicine (Hematology).

Heather Purvis RN, BSN, OCN has been appointed as Assistant Patient Service Manager of the Smilow Care Centers in Guilford, Orange, and North Haven. Heather brings with her many years of experience caring for medical oncology and hematology patients in different hospitals in the New York City area most recently, at Memorial Sloan Kettering and Westchester Medical Center.

Members of Yale Cancer Center and the University College of London Cancer Center are participating in the at the limits oncology symposium sponsored by The Lancet this week in London. Co-chaired by Roy Herbst, presenters from Yale included, Joann Sweasy on DNA Repair in Cancer, Mark Saltzman on Using Nanoparticles for Drug Delivery, Susan Kaech on Fattening up T Cell Responses to Cancer and Infection, Roy Herbst on Personalized Immunotherapy for Advanced NSCLC, and Melinda Irwin on Examining the Effect of Exercise and Weight Loss on Cancer Biomarkers, Treatment Side Effects, and Quality of Life.

LATEST POSTS:

Researchers at Yale Cancer Center recently published an article in the Journal of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network calling attention to racial disparities in the treatment of breast cancer. Through an analysis of over 8,000 patients, the team found that black and Hispanic women with breast cancer were less likely to receive gene expression profiling than white women, which has significant implications for treatment decisions.

"Understanding and mitigating racial barriers to gene expression testing in women with breast cancer is imperative to narrowing disparities in breast cancer outcomes," said Cary Gross, MD, lead author of the study.

A new study published in the medical journal Cancer details the financial burdens facing cancer patients in the United States. The study examined U.S. national health surveys from 2011 to 2014 and found that 32% of people recently diagnosed with cancer changed their prescription drug use because of financial burdens, compared with 21% of people with no cancer history.

"If the cost of drugs prescribed by your physician creates a barrier to taking them, or will result in major financial burdens, it is important to speak with your physician," said Amy Davidoff, PhD, MS, Senior Research Scientist at the Yale School of Public Health and an author of the study.
Development Update

Over 450 guests filled Woodwinds in Branford on Saturday, February 25 for the Melissa Marottoli Hogan Foundation Gala for a Cure. The event is held in memory of Melissa Marottoli Hogan and supports translational research in the Thoracic Oncology Program at Smilow Cancer Hospital. The Gala raised over $150,000 that evening.

Employee Profile: Carrie Pyer

Colon cancer takes more than 50,000 lives annually, is the third most common cancer in the United States, and the second leading cause of cancer death in the US. When caught early, however, colon cancer is highly treatable, with chemotherapy and...
surgery options both improving quality of life and extending survival time.

March is colorectal cancer awareness month, so it’s an ideal time to spread the word about colon cancer and encourage friends and colleagues to schedule a screening. Learn more about colon cancer screening.

Searching for a new look? Or maybe just looking for your usual trim? Book an appointment for a cut or style with H Salon on Sunday, March 26th between 11 am and 5 pm and the proceeds will be donated to Jim McNiff Memorial Cut-a-Thon to support the Jim McNiff Fund for Kidney Cancer Research at Yale Cancer Center. This event is a perfect way to both keep your hair looking fresh and know your money is going to a great cause. Call 203-255-0798 to book today!

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Carrie Pyer, RN, is Nurse Coordinator for the Hematology/Oncology Clinic on the seventh floor of Smilow Cancer Hospital. She has been in this role for three years, but has been with Yale in various departments since 1982. She works with patients that have been newly diagnosed with malignant blood disorders, or are coming to the practice for the first time. As the initial point of contact for patients, she is responsible for answering any questions and making sure they are referred to the appropriate disease team.

When a patient arrives for their first visit, Carrie has already spoken with them and arranged for the necessary multidisciplinary pieces to be in place. This can include social work, dieticians, tobacco treatment, or someone to discuss financial or insurance issues. She meets with patients on the day of their first visit to complete the nursing assessment and provide educational materials. Once they have met with their doctor, Carrie coordinates any additional testing, or refers them on for treatment and informs them of the drugs they will be receiving, and the side effects they may experience.

As a 17-year breast cancer survivor, Carrie knows what patients are going through when they receive their diagnosis. "It's a very difficult time, as this is all new to them and they are dealing with the unknown. I try to alleviate any anxiety by making sure they know exactly what to expect," said Carrie. "I have been in their shoes and know how scary that first appointment can be for the patient and for their family as well." Carrie also helps to prepare the agenda for the weekly Tumor Board Meetings and communicates often with the physicians.

Maureen McGlennon, RN, Patient Services Manager for NP 7, commented, "Carrie has a nurturing quality and makes our patients feel comfortable before and during their first visit. Carrie works with multiple disciplines to coordinate care smoothly and timely and patients have acknowledged the great experience that was enhanced by Carrie's professional and personal approach."

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**Funding and Award Opportunities**

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**LATEST TWEETS:**

- @DrRoyHerbst
  - "Day 2 of oncology at the limits #oatl2017 @TheLancetOncol in London: @YaleCancer and @uclcancer"

- @AneesChagpar
  - "As healthcare costs continue to skyrocket, the resulting financial hemorrhage needs to be addressed"

- #WinterStormStella Update: All #Smilow Cancer Hospital and Care Center ambulatory sites will be closed Tuesday, March 14.

- How do you console and prepare a patient for dying? Dr. Putnam @YaleCancer http://bit.ly/1G7S583 #hpm #Cancer

- Including a phase II head and neck cancer #clinicaltrial led by Dr. Bhatia @YaleCancer funded through #NCCN

- Listen to @YaleCancer Answers on @wnpr at 7:30pm est today with @HH_Oncodr on #ColonCancerAwarenessMonth @YNHH

- Thank you Rosemary for sharing your courage, strength and inspiration with our guests at tonight's #lungcancer symposium #lcsm

- Daily challenges of dealing with #lungcancer@YaleCancer#lcsm

- "We learn from your #courage and your grace as you go through your #cancer journey," Emily Duffield, APRN - presenting 'Coping with Cancer'

- "We can't impose what well means; we try to understand what each patient's goals for well means and help them achieve it." #tumorboard
All current funding opportunities are archived on the Yale Cancer Center website, and searchable by topic, funding agency, and due date. Please check the site often for new opportunities.

**Learn More >>**

**Alliance for Cancer Gene Therapy Investigator’s Award in Clinical Translation of Cell and Gene Therapy for Cancer**

ACGT is accepting letters of intent from tenure-track or tenured faculty conducting original, independent research in cancer cell and gene therapy leading directly to clinical translation.

**Letter of Intent Due:** March 21, 2017

**Learn More >>**

**SU2C-Lustgarten Foundation Pancreatic Cancer Interception Dream Team**

This grant will provide up to $7 million over a four-year term to advance innovative approaches to intercept the disease-causing process.

**Letter of Intent Due:** March 22, 2017

**Learn More >>**

**Exploratory Grants in Cancer Epidemiology and Genomics Research (R21)**

This FOA invites applications for research on cancer epidemiology, genomics, and risk assessment.

**Application Receipt/Submission Date:** March 22, 2017

**Learn More >>**

**Pilot and Feasibility Studies Evaluating the Role of RNA Modifications (the ‘epitranscriptome’) in Cancer Biology (R21)**

This FOA encourages basic research into the role of RNA chemical modifications and their corresponding writers, readers and erasers in the initiation and progression of cancer.

**Application Receipt/Submission Date:** March 22, 2017

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**Panel of @YaleCancer#lungcancer experts answer questions from the audience at our Lung Cancer Symposium #lcsm@DrRoyHerbstYale**

"Biopsies are so important to good care - If we didn't have a biopsy, we wouldn't have personalized medicine.”

#pathology

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**Closer to Free**

The fund to advance cancer research and enhance patient care

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**Upcoming Events**

**March 17; 7:30AM**

**Urology Grand Rounds**

SHM L-221A

**Detecting Prostate Cancer Using Functionalized Nanoparticles**

Marta Boeke, PhD

Yale GU Biospecimen and Data Repository

Darryl T. Martin, PhD

**Learn More >>**

**March 17; 12PM**

**YCC Research in Progress Seminar**

NP4-101B

TBA

Kurt Schalper, MD, PhD

**Learn More >>**

**March 17; 1PM**

**YCC Developmental Therapeutics Research Program**

SHM-I 304

**Translational and Clinical Studies in Urologic Cancers**

Michael Hurwitz, MD, PhD

**Learn More >>**
Clinical and Translational Exploratory/Developmental Studies (R21)
This FOA supports the development of new exploratory research in cancer diagnosis, treatment, imaging, symptom/toxicity, and prevention clinical trials.

Application Receipt/Submission Date: March 22, 2017
Learn More >>

Administrative Supplements to Promote Research Collaborations on Fusion Oncoproteins as Drivers of Childhood Cancer
This Admin Supplement FOA is part of the Cancer Moonshot initiative to accelerate cancer research, and was developed in response to a recommendation from the Blue Ribbon Panel of experts charged with advising the National Cancer Advisory Board on the exceptional scientific opportunities that could be accelerated through this initiative.

Deadline for Application: March 28, 2017
Learn More >>

National Compassionate Caregiver of the Year Award
The National Compassionate Caregiver of the Year (NCCY) Award is a national recognition program that elevates excellence in compassionate healthcare.

Deadline for Nominations: March 31, 2017
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Roslyn and Jerome Meyer Pilot Awards for Research in Melanoma and Immuno-Oncology
Yale Cancer Center in collaboration with the Yale SPORE in Skin Cancer invites applications for funding of two-year research projects focusing on further study of the tumor immune microenvironment in melanoma and biology of melanoma with potential to provide the rationale for novel therapeutic applications.

Application Deadline: April 1, 2017.
Contact edward.kaftan@yale.edu with any questions.
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March 19; 7:30PM
Yale Cancer Answers
WNPR 90.5
Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month: Surgical Care and Colonoscopy
Harry Aslanian, MD, FASGE, AGAF
Learn More >>

March 21; 9:30AM
Pathology Research in Progress Talk
TAC N-107
TBA
Deborah Ayeni and Mate Nagy
Learn More >>

March 21; 12PM
YCC Grand Rounds
Park Street Auditorium
Yale Medicine Update
Paul Taheri, MD, MBA
Learn More >>

March 21; 4PM
Human and Translational Immunology Seminars
TAC N-203
Critical Immunotherapeutic Lessons Learned from Patients: Potent Anti-Cancer Immunization and Immunoregulation Controlled by Physiologically-Induced Dendritic Cells
Richard Edelson, MD
Learn More >>

March 22; 12PM
SCH/YCC Special Seminar
Jane Ellen Hope, H-103
Novel Targeted and Immune-Based Therapeutic Approaches in Colorectal Cancer
Marios Giannakis, MD, PhD
Learn More >>

March 23; 8:30AM
Medical Grand Rounds
LMP 1094
Yale Cancer Center 2017 Internal Collaborative (Co-Pilot) Grant Program

YCC is pleased to announce the 2017 Internal Co-Pilot Grant competition. Members of Yale Cancer Center or faculty who have applied for membership are eligible to apply.

**Letter of Intent Due:** April 3, 2017 to be emailed to janice.zulkeski@yale.edu

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The Yale SPORE in Lung Cancer Career Development Program and Developmental Research Program Awards

The CDP of the Yale SPORE in Lung Cancer has been established to educate the next generation of investigators committed to translational research in lung cancer.

**Letters of Intent Due:** April 28, 2017. Award amounts of up to $50,000 for one year will commence August 1, 2017.

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Recent Publications

**A Prospective, Multi-institutional, Pathologist-Based Assessment of 4 Immunohistochemistry Assays for PD-L1 Expression in Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer.**


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**Predictors of tanning dependence in white non-Hispanic females and males.**

Cartmel B, Bale AE, Mayne ST, Gelernter JE, DeWan AT, Spain P, Leffell DJ, Pagoto S, Ferrucci LM.


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Transcending Aequanimitas: Caring for the Spiritual Needs of Our Patients

Kristen Moyer, MD, MTS

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March 23; 12:30PM

Pathology Grand Rounds

LMP1094

*Endothelial Cells are Conditional Innate Immune Cells*

Xiaofeng Yang, MD, PhD

Learn More >>

March 23; 2:30PM

Smilow Cancer Genetics and Prevention Program Seminar

SRC, Suites 107-109

Learn More >>

March 24; 7:30AM

Urology Grand Rounds

SHM L-221A

*Irrational Exuberance and the Evolution of Cancer Care in the 21st Century*

Cary Gross, MD

Learn More >>

March 26; 7:30PM

Yale Cancer Answers

WNPR 90.5

*A Discussion on Gastrointestinal Cancers*

Charles Fuchs, MD, MPH

Learn More >>

March 28; 9:30AM

Pathology Research in Progress Talks

TAC N-107

TBA

Nathan Fons and Mahnaz Sahraei, PhD

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March 28; 12PM

Yale Cancer Center Schwartz Center Rounds

Park Street Auditorium

*From Quality Improvement to Harnessing Real World Evidence: The vision of ASCO's CancerLinQ*
TRAF3/CYLD mutations identify a distinct subset of human papilloma virus-associated head and neck squamous cell carcinoma.
Hajek M, Sewell A, Kaech S, Burtness B, Yarbrough WG, Issaeva N.
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A Long-Term Survivor of Metastatic Pancreatic Adenocarcinoma: Free of Recurrence 12 Years After Treatment of Oligometastatic Disease.
Stahl JM, Walther Z, Chang BW, Hochster HS, Johung KL.
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Combinatorial screening of pancreatic adenocarcinoma reveals sensitivity to drug combinations including bromodomain inhibitor plus neddylation inhibitor.
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Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Oncotype DX Test Receipt in a Statewide Population-Based Study.
Davis BA, Aminawung JA, Abu-Khalaf MM, Evans SB, Su K, Mehta R, Wang SY, Gross CP.
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RNA Methylation Clears the Way.
Kontur C, Giraldez A.
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Serine hydroxymethyl transferase 1 stimulates pro-oncogenic cytokine expression through sialic acid to promote ovarian cancer tumor growth and progression.
Gupta R, Yang Q, Dogra SK, Wajapeyee N.
Read More >>

EGFR/ARF6 regulation of Hh signalling stimulates oncogenic Ras tumour overgrowth.
Chabu C, Li DM, Xu T.
Read More >>

Management of lower-risk myelodysplastic syndromes without del5q: Current approach and future trends.
Stahl M, Zeidan AM.
Read More >>

Healthy Eating for Life English as a second language curriculum: applying the RE-AIM framework to evaluate a nutrition education intervention targeting cancer risk reduction.
Martinez JL, Duncan LR, Rivers SE, Bertoli MC, Latimer-Cheung AE, Salovey P.
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Calcium Sensor, NCS-1, Promotes Tumor Aggressiveness and Predicts Patient Survival.
Read More >>

Predictors of Nonadherence to NCCN Guideline Recommendations for the Management of Stage I Anal Canal Cancer.
Kole AJ, Stahl JM, Park HS, Khan SA, Johung KL.
Read More >>

A Radiobiological Model of Reoxygenation and Fractionation Effects.
Guerrero M, Carlson DJ.
Read More >>
The role of radiation in treating glioblastoma: here to stay.
Corso CD, Bindra RS, Mehta MP.
Read More >>

Bone Density Screening in Postmenopausal Women With Early-Stage Breast Cancer Treated With Aromatase Inhibitors.
Stratton J, Hu X, Soulos PR, Davidoff AJ, Pusztai L, Gross CP, Mougalian SS.
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March 31; 12PM
YCC Research in Progress Meeting
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TBA
Sarah Goldberg, MD, MPH
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