October 2, 2015

Announcements

Joann Sweasy Named Associate Director for Basic Sciences

I am very pleased to announce that Joann B. Sweasy, PhD has accepted the position of Associate Director for Basic Sciences for Yale Cancer Center. In this role, Joann will be a member of our senior leadership team, and will help enhance the cancer research environment for scientists engaged in fundamental cancer research across Yale University. She will also lead the intramural grant program at YCC, including the pilot-awards and the ACS award.

Joann takes over the position from Dr. Daniel DiMaio, who will remain Deputy Director of Yale Cancer Center and will continue to oversee our scientific endeavors and provide support to Joann during her transition.

Joann is Professor and Vice Chair of Therapeutic Radiology at Yale University School of Medicine. She is also a Professor in the Department of Genetics at Yale and an Adjunct Professor of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics at the University of Vermont. She has held a Donaghue Investigator Award and a Junior Faculty Scholar Award from the American Cancer Society. Her work focuses on genomic instability, DNA repair, and cancer.

Recent News

Read recent articles featuring experts from Yale Cancer Center

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LATEST ARTICLES:

Yale: cancer-screening guidelines may play role in decline in screening rates
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Yale Cancer Center Board Meets

On Wednesday, the leadership of Yale Cancer Center and Smilow Cancer Hospital welcomed the members of Yale Cancer Center's Director's Advisory Board to the West Campus for our semi-annual meeting. It was a great opportunity to share the many accomplishments of our Center over the last several months, and to showcase some of our very best science, including presentations from Drs. Anees Chagpar, Harriet Kluger, Mark Lemmon, Alessandro Santin, and Preston Sprenkle.

Yale Cancer Center’s new senior director of development, Julie Parr, was introduced to the group, and will be working with many of the members in the coming months to determine their individual interests and introduce them to specific areas of Yale Cancer Center and Smilow Cancer Hospital they may wish to support. Please contact Julie if you would like to learn more about the board or development opportunities.

Smilow Cancer Genetics and Prevention Program

On Monday, the Smilow Cancer Genetics and Prevention Program hosted its official ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the physical relocation of the program from 55 Church Street to their new home at 330 Orchard Street. The special event also marked the clinical redesign of the program, which is now physician-led, will take advantage of in-house testing, and boasts fully integrated cancer genetic counseling and risk assessment for patients.

Ruth McCorkle Oncology APP Award Nominations

Most commercial sunblocks are good at preventing sunburn, but they can go below the skin's surface and enter the bloodstream. They therefore pose possible hormonal side effects and may even promote the skin cancers they seek to prevent.
We are pleased to accept nominations for the 4th annual "Ruth McCorkle Oncology Advanced Practice Provider" award. This annual recognition from Yale Cancer Center/Smilow Cancer Hospital will be presented at the Yale Cancer Center Conclave on Monday, November 23, 2015.

Please consider nominating yourself or a colleague for this award. It is a unique opportunity to recognize the contributions of our Nurse Practitioner and Physician Assistant colleagues who contribute so much to oncology patient care.

Application >>
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Notables

Congratulations to the following Yale Cancer Center employees who are recognized for their service anniversaries this year:

Beth Cadugan 5
Vicky Marler 5
Vanessa McBride 5
Kira Pavlik 5
Stephanie Sellers 5
Heather Lazowski 5
Maria Sandoval-Schaefer 5
Rina Castro 5
Alicia Alston 5
Debra Reynolds 5
Adam Roshka 10
Noelle Sowers 10
Julie Baker 10
Lin Zhang 10
Michelle Corso 10
Christine Marien 10
Judy Plotkin 10
Cynthia Gianpaolo-Ostravage 10
Eraina Baker 10

This painting is part of the "Oncology on Canvas" collection, which gives people living with cancer (and those who care for them) a way to tell their stories through creativity and bring comfort to others by sharing their cancer journeys.

A year after Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital physicians removed a life-threatening brain tumor, Derby toddler Anthony Muio returned to Yale-New Haven to pay it forward. Anthony, along side his mom, dad, and brother delivered "bags of hope" and gift cards to children facing their own tough times. The Muios also delivered cookies and pumpkins to the nurses who cared for him last year.

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Employee Profile: Althea Sewell

Althea Sewell, Clinical Apheresis Associate, greets patients coming into the Apheresis/Transfusion Service on the 8th floor of Smilow Cancer Hospital. She makes sure that patients are directed to the appropriate treatment area within the clinic, and that they are comfortable while they wait for the nurse.

Althea acts as the go-to person for patients. She handles administrative tasks such as triaging phone calls, ordering supplies and scheduling, but also interacts with patients, nurses, and physicians on a daily basis. The position of Clinical Apheresis Associate was created 8 years ago, and Althea was the first person hired. Previously, nurses were required to handle many of the administrative tasks, in addition to providing patient care. Althea makes it possible for the nursing staff to stay focused on the patients and do what they need to do.

"My goal every day is to make everyone happy, which is not always an easy task. If I can put a smile on the patients face, and the faces of their family members and the nurses, then I know I am doing my job," said Althea. "I try to make the patient and their family as comfortable as possible, and provide blankets, drinks and snacks if needed. Anything to make their visit to the clinic a little easier."

"Althea is a dedicated and hard-working employee. She consistently models the 'I am Yale-New Haven' behavior. During busy times in the unit, Althea pitches in to make a bed, escort a patient or visitor to a chair, offers a drink, or gets a wheelchair for the patient to decrease wait times. Althea’s work ethic and personal conduct should be bottled and distributed among would be applicants," said Winsome Smith, RN, on the unit.

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Thank you @WTNH and @jocelynmmaminta for doing stories that matter http://bit.ly/1FFpDOq @YNHH

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Carolyn Presley tells @OncLive #cancer patients spend at least 50 days a year dealing w/ healthcare system

Pleiotropic analysis of cancer risk loci on esophageal adenocarcinoma risk. http://ow.ly/StjQr @YaleCancer

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Events
Smoking Cessation within the Context of Lung Cancer Screening

The goal of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to improve the effectiveness and/or implementation of smoking cessation interventions delivered to current smokers who undergo low-dose computed tomography (LDCT) lung cancer screening. The proposed projects must be aimed at determining:

a) the key components and characteristics of an effective smoking cessation intervention delivered in the LDCT setting; and/or

b) characteristics of an implementation strategy to optimally incorporate existing evidence-based smoking cessation intervention(s) into the LDCT setting.

Application Deadline: October 8, 2015

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The National Cancer Institute (NCI) announces the reissuance of the Outstanding Investigator Award (R35)

The NCI is pleased to announce the reissuance of the Outstanding Investigator Award (OIA) funding opportunity announcement: PAR-15-342. The OIA will support investigators with outstanding records of productivity in cancer research with $600,000 in direct costs per year for 7 years to provide funding stability.

The OIA will allow funded investigators the freedom to embark on long-term projects of unusual potential in cancer research; the opportunity to take greater risks and be more adventurous in their lines of inquiry; and sufficient time to develop new techniques.

Applications must be submitted by Institutions who have nominated a Program Director/Principal Investigator (PD/PI) with outstanding productivity in cancer research as a recipient of NCI grant(s) for at least the last 5 consecutive calendar years. The PD/PI will be expected to commit at least 50% of his/her research activities to the OIA; the Institution will be expected to commit at least 20% salary support. Interested applicants should read the reissuance closely, including eligibility requirements and research strategy page length.

October 3; 7AM
Yale CME / Urology Symposium
Water's Edge Conference Center
Men's Health Symposium: Current Concepts and Controversies
Stanton Honig, MD
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October 4; 6PM
Yale Cancer Center Answers
WNPR
New Therapies for Melanoma
Marcus Bosenberg, MD, PhD
Read More>>

October 5; 11:30AM
Special Presentation for Breast Cancer Awareness Month
55 Park Street Auditorium
Hug Your Customers
Jack Mitchell
Learn More >>

October 5; 12PM
YCC Epigenetics Interest Group Seminar Series
BCMM 206/208
Tracking Distinct RNA Populations Using Efficient and Reversible Covalent Chemistry
Erin Duffy, PhD
Read More>>

October 5; 1:30PM
Yale New Haven Health / Employee and Family Resources
NP4-101A
Strategies to Prevent Compassion Fatigue and Take Care of Self
Read More>>

October 6; 9:30AM
Pathology Research in Progress Series
TAC N-107
TBA
National Comprehensive Cancer Network® (NCCN®) /ImmunoGen Inc. Grants
National Comprehensive Cancer Network® (NCCN®) is pleased to announce that it has received a research grant from ImmunoGen Inc. to support NCCN investigator initiated pre-clinical studies of mirvetuximab soravtansine (previously known as IMGN853) in the treatment of solid tumors of special interest.

Application Deadline: October 26, 2015
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Melanoma Research Alliance Grants
The Melanoma Research Alliance (MRA) is pleased to announce a Request for Proposals (RFP) for high-impact translational research that has the potential to lead to near-term clinical application in melanoma prevention, detection, diagnosis, staging, and treatment. This cycle, proposals will be accepted for Team Science Awards, Young Investigator Awards, Academic-Industry Partnership Awards (for Established Investigators), and Special Opportunity Awards.

Letter of Intent Due: October 12, 2015
Proposals Due: November 16, 2015
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Women's Health Research at Yale Pilot Project Awards
All proposals must demonstrate innovative approaches to understanding women's health or sex differences, and describe a clear path to implementation for clinical or public health benefit. These awards offer up to $35,000 (direct costs only) in funding for research designed to meet a clear need in advancing women's health.

Application Deadline: October 29, 2015
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Leslie H. Warner Postdoctoral Fellowships
Yale Cancer Center is pleased to announce the Leslie H. Warner Postdoctoral Fellowships to be awarded for one year commencing December 1, 2015, to fellows conducting cancer research with a Yale Cancer Center member. The Fellowships will support innovative basic, translational,
Clinical, or population-based cancer research. Candidates who began postdoctoral studies on or after December 1, 2014 are eligible for this award. Up to four applications will be funded.

**Application Deadline:** October 29, 2015

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Brozman Foundation Ovarian Cancer Grants

To provide funding for a pilot project in ovarian cancer prevention and early detection, which would ultimately lead to national peer-reviewed grants.

**Application Deadline:** October 30, 2015

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**Recent Publications**

Fast Biological Modeling for Voxel-based Heavy Ion Treatment Planning Using the Mechanistic Repair-Misrepair-Fixation Model and Nuclear Fragment Spectra


Int J Rad Bio Phy Volume 93, Issue 3, 1 November 2015

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Characterization of DNA variants in the human kinome in breast cancer.


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EMMPRIN regulates tumor growth and metastasis by recruiting bone marrow-derived cells through paracrine signaling of SDF-1 and VEGF.


Oncotarget. 2015 Sep 22.

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Romidepsin for the Treatment of Peripheral T-Cell Lymphoma.

October 11; 6PM

Yale Cancer Center Answers

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Breast Cancer Awareness Month 2015

Donald Lannin, MD

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October 12; 1:30PM

Yale New Haven Health / Employee and Family Resources

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Strategies to Prevent Compassion Fatigue and Take Care of Self

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October 13; 9AM

Colloquium on the Palliative Care of Muslims

West Campus/Yale School of Nursing Room 11706

Caring for Terminally Ill Muslim Patients: The Lived Experience of Non-Muslim Nurses

Gassan Abudari, RN

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October 13; 9:30AM

Pathology Research in Progress

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TBA

Lan Shao, PhD and Mark Mooseker, PhD

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October 13; 12PM

Yale Cancer Center Grand Rounds

Park Street Auditorium

Culture and Spiritually Sensitive Palliative Care of Muslims

Omar Shamieh, MD, MBA

Spiritually Sensitive Palliative Care of Cancer Patient from the Middle East

Mohammad Zafir Al-Shahri, MD

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Barbarotta L, Hurley K.  
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Angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitors decrease the risk of radiation pneumonitis after stereotactic body radiation therapy.  
Harder EM, Park HS, Nath SK, Mancini BR, Decker RH.  
Pract Radiat Oncol. 2015 Jul 17.  
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Erratum to: A Phase 1 dose-escalation study of the safety and pharmacokinetics of once-daily oral foretinib, a multi-kinase inhibitor, in patients with solid tumors.  
Invest New Drugs. 2015 Sep 26.  
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Integrating Palliative Care Into the Care of Patients With Advanced Lung Cancer.  
Kapo JM, Akgün KM.  
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Management of Small Cell Lung Cancer: Progress and Updates.  
Altan M, Chiang AC.  
Learn More>>

Lung Cancer Brain Metastases.  
Goldberg SB, Contessa JN, Omay SB, Chiang V.  
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The Treatment of Advanced Lung Cancer in the Elderly: The Role of a Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment and Doublet Chemotherapy.  
Presley C, Lilenbaum R.  
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Gu X, Booth CJ, Liu Z, Strout MP.
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