Letter from the Editor

Welcome to Kaleidoscope, a quarterly e-newsletter to inform you about events, learning opportunities, and research at Yale Cancer Center related to Diversity and Health Equity. Promoting diversity and embracing health equity remain a priority for Yale Cancer Center and Smilow Cancer Hospital, and there are a lot of new and exciting initiatives going on in this regard at Yale, not to mention all of the great work that has been ongoing here for some time. We would love to hear from you as we build an interactive forum for cross-talk and collaboration! Join our working group, contribute content to our new website, participate in our upcoming conference, and find others who have similar interests in diversity related initiatives...I would really love to hear from you - so please email me, and get involved!

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Administrative Corner

Website
We are actively working on a new website to highlight the clinical, education, and research initiatives and achievements related to diversity and health equity at Yale Cancer Center. If you have content you feel would be useful to highlight - whether research projects, outreach initiatives, or links to other intra- or extramural sites - please let us know! The more robust we make the site, the better a resource it will be.

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Save the Date - Health Equity Conference: The Anlyan Center, May 10, 2013
We have been working hard with the Yale CME office, the Connecticut Cancer Partnership, the American Medical Association, and the American Cancer Society to develop a conference to start to address health equity from a variety of perspectives - clinical, research, education, and community outreach. The conference will bring together healthcare professionals, researchers, advocacy groups, and others with a view to creating an action plan to move the health equity agenda forward. Speakers are still being confirmed, but thus far will feature Dr. Thomas Lynch, Dr. Lovell Jones from MD Anderson Cancer Center, Dr. Elmer Huerta from Washington Cancer Institute, Liz Margolies from the National LGBT Cancer Network, and Dr. Jewel Mullen from the Connecticut Department of Public Health.
Clinical Corner

**Patient Family Advisory Council at Smilow Cancer Hospital**
Some of you have asked me (particularly with the PCORI grant deadlines coming up) whether there is a patient family advisory council that is cancer-specific ... and the answer is yes! The Patient Family Advisory Council at Smilow Cancer Hospital is a gem of a resource - comprised of a truly diverse population of cancer patients and family members. The group is evenly split between men and women, spans the adult age groups from 18 to over 80, and is comprised of various racial, ethnic, socioeconomic, and sexual orientation groups. They are very willing to give their input on patient education materials and other projects. Contact Jeannette Hodge for more information.

Global Partnerships
A Nigerian surgeon, Mercy Wakili Isichei, will be visiting Yale in September as part of an ASCO International Development Education Award. We look forward to hosting her and forging relationships with partners in low-middle income countries.

Education Corner

**Yale Resident/Fellow Spanish Initiative**
Let your trainees know about this wonderful opportunity to improve their communication skills with monolingual Spanish patients. The rigorous but flexible medical Spanish curriculum was developed in conjunction with the Office of Interpreter Services. For more information, contact Sarah Gottfried

**AAMC Cultural Competency Report**
The AAMC has released a new report on cultural competency for students in medicine and public health. Download the Report >>

Research Corner

**Grant Opportunities**
**NIMHD Transdisciplinary Collaborative Centers for Health Disparities Research (U54)**
Application Deadline: September 4, 2012
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**American Cancer Society Grants**
Diversity-related projects are not subject to the normal restriction of being within 6 years of the end of training. Application Deadline: October 15, 2012
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**Congratulations**
Tracy Layne won an NCI-Epidemiology Genetic Research Program Travel Award to present her work "Racial/ethnic differences in vitamin D supplementation among breast cancer survivors" as an oral presentation at the 4th annual International African-Caribbean Cancer Consortium Conference to be held in Philadelphia, PA on July 21-22, 2012.