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AACI HEADLINES

[AACI Marks Milestone With New Member Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory](#)



AACI welcomes its newest and 100th member, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory (CSHL) Cancer Center, one of seven National Cancer Institute-designated basic laboratory cancer centers. Directed by **David Tuveson, MD, PhD**, the CSHL Cancer Center is committed to exploring the fundamental biology of human cancer. Research at the center covers a broad range of cancer types, including breast, prostate, leukemia, brain, pancreatic, sarcoma, lung, and melanoma. Three scientific research programs provide focus in Gene Regulation & Cell Proliferation; Signal Transduction; and Cancer Genetics. [Read More](#)

[Budget Deal Underscores Value of Continued Advocacy](#)

After several weeks of uncertainty, Congress united to pass a budget deal for Fiscal Year 2020. The budget allocates \$41.7 billion to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and \$6.44 billion to the National Cancer Institute (NCI), including \$212.5 million targeted toward competitive NCI grants. The boost in funding is a positive development for the cancer community at large. [Read More](#)

[Call for Abstracts: 12th Annual AACI CRI Meeting](#)



The AACI **Clinical Research Innovation** (CRI) Steering Committee is currently soliciting **abstracts** for the 12th Annual AACI CRI Meeting that will be held July 7-9 in Chicago. This year's meeting will focus on the future of cancer clinical research. The purpose of the abstracts is to inform meeting attendees about clinical trials office challenges and solutions implemented at AACI cancer centers. [Read More](#)

[Nominate a Philanthropy Champion by January 31](#)



Champion for Cures 2020

AACI cancer center directors are invited to submit nominations for the 2020 **Champion for Cures Award** by **Friday, January 31**. AACI established the award in 2018 to recognize an individual or individuals who, through direct financial support of an AACI cancer center, demonstrate exceptional leadership in advancing cancer research and care and in inspiring others to do the same. Selected by the AACI Board of Directors, the awardee will have gained distinction through their visionary approach to promoting our shared goal of a future without cancer. [Read More](#)

Save the Date for AACI/AACR Hill Day



AACI and the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) will co-host the 2020 **Hill Day** in Washington, DC, on **Wednesday, May 13**. AACI is encouraging its U.S. members to send at least one representative to Washington to advocate on your center's behalf. All faculty and staff of AACI cancer centers are invited to attend and bring patient advocates to share their impactful stories. More details will be provided in the coming months, including information about registration and patient advocate scholarships. [Read More](#)

AACI Launches Three New Leadership Listservs

AACI has launched three new leadership listservs for administrative directors and medical directors of clinical trials offices and for members of the Physician Clinical Leadership Initiative (PCLI), to allow for greater engagement among AACI members who want to share best practices, challenges, and solutions related to their specific roles. The new listservs are open only to AACI members who hold leadership roles in these areas at their institution. The listservs will be maintained and monitored by AACI staff. [Read More](#)

NEWS FROM THE CENTERS

AWARDS & HONORS

Nimer Honored With Endowed Chair

Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of Miami Health System



Stephen D. Nimer, MD, director of the Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center, which recently received designation from the National Cancer Institute, has been named the inaugural holder of the Oscar de la Renta Endowed Chair in Cancer Research. [Read More](#)

Golemis Named 2019 AAAS Fellow

Fox Chase Cancer Center, Temple Health

Erica Golemis, PhD, leader of the Molecular Therapeutics Program at Fox Chase Cancer Center, has been named a 2019 fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). Dr. Golemis and her colleagues study tumor-associated defects in protein structure and interactions that underlie the errors in cell signaling that cause aggressive tumor growth. [Read More](#)



Six Rogel Cancer Center Members Named AAAS Fellows

[University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center](#)

The University of Michigan led the nation with 22 faculty members elected as 2019 fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), including six members of the U-M Rogel Cancer Center: **Maria G. Castro, PhD**; **Jun Li, PhD**; **Linda C. Samuelson, PhD**; **Emily Scott, PhD**; **Shaomeng Wang, PhD**; and **Weiping Zou, MD, PhD**. [Read More](#)

GRANTS & GIFTS

Second Largest Gift in Jefferson History to Pave Way for New Biomedical Research Building

[Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson Health](#)

Grant Received for Innovative Approach to Attacking Metastatic Triple-Negative Breast Cancer

[Fox Chase Cancer Center, Temple Health](#)

LEADERSHIP TRANSITIONS

Kitajewski Named Interim Director

[University of Illinois Cancer Center](#)



Jan Kitajewski, PhD, director for basic research at the University of Illinois Cancer Center, is serving as the cancer center's interim director. Dr. Kitajewski replaces **Robert Winn, MD**, who was recently named director of VCU Massey Cancer Center. Before joining UIC in 2016, Dr. Kitajewski was co-director of the Cancer Signaling Networks program at Herbert Irving Comprehensive Cancer Center, Columbia University Irving Medical Center. [Read More](#)

Moffitt Taps New Chief Digital Innovation Officer

[Moffitt Cancer Center](#)



Edmondo Robinson, MD, MBA, FACP, has joined Moffitt Cancer Center as the new senior vice president and chief digital innovation officer. With more than 16 years of clinical and technology experience, Dr. Robinson will be responsible for expanding Moffitt's ecosystem from within and outside of health care to support growth and competitive advantage. [Read More](#)

New Target Identified for Advanced Prostate Cancer

Duke Cancer Institute, Duke University Medical Center

New Tumor Suppressor Protein in Prostate Cancer Identified

Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center

Experimental Kidney Cancer Therapy May Be Better for Repeat Patients Than FDA-Approved Drug

City of Hope Comprehensive Cancer Center

New Prognostic Markers Guide Triple-Negative Breast Cancer Treatment Decisions

The University of Kansas Cancer Center

Targeted Therapy Drug Helps Women with Aggressive Breast Cancer Live Longer

UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center

Researchers Find Gene Mutation Involved in Cancer Progression

University of Florida Health Cancer Center

Researchers Predict Which Triple-Negative Breast Cancer Patients May Avoid Recurrence, Those at High Risk of Relapse

Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Cancer Center

Access to Clinical Trials May Drive Differences in Childhood Hodgkin Lymphoma Outcomes

Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center

Acupuncture Reduces Radiation-Induced Dry Mouth for Cancer Patients

The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

Glow-in-the-Dark Cells Show Mutations Driving Malignancy

Duke Cancer Institute, Duke University Medical Center

Immune Outposts Inside Tumors Predict Post-Surgery Outcomes

Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University

How Seaweed Might Prevent Colon Cancer and Digestive Tract Inflammation

University of Florida Health Cancer Center

Machine Learning, Imaging Technique May Boost Colon Cancer Diagnosis

Siteman Cancer Center

Researchers Find Protein Promotes Cancer, Suppresses Anti-Tumor Immunity

The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

Researchers Program Cancer-Fighting Cells to Resist Exhaustion, Attack Solid Tumors in Mice

Stanford Cancer Institute

Annual Over Biennial Mammograms Linked to Less Advanced Breast Cancer

University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center

Rapid Tissue Donation Program Offers Feasible Approach to Improving Research

Moffitt Cancer Center

Study Shows Inhibition of Gene Helps Overcome Resistance to Immunotherapy

UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center

Protein Overexpression Tied to Pancreatic Cancer

The University of Kansas Cancer Center

Tanning Salons Cluster in Gay Neighborhoods in Large U.S. Cities, Study Finds

Stanford Cancer Institute

OTHER NEWS

New State Bill Would Remove Barriers to Treatment Access for Stage IV Cancer Patients

The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center, James Cancer Hospital & Solove Research Institute

Together with two state legislators, OSUCCC – James has announced new legislation that would ensure immediate access to treatment for stage IV cancer patients in Ohio. Under the proposed bill, Ohio insurance providers would be required to eliminate "fail first" provisions that require patients to first try an insurer's preferred and often generic alternative drug prior to receiving financial coverage for the therapy prescribed by a treating physician. [Read More](#)

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Cancer Center Director

The University of Arizona Cancer Center

Clinical Research Manager - Clinical Operations

Samuel Oschin Comprehensive Cancer Institute, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

Deputy Associate Director for Administration

Case Comprehensive Cancer Center

Program Manager- Clinical Research Finance

Samuel Oschin Comprehensive Cancer Institute, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

Program Manager - Survivorship, Lifestyle, and Supportive Health

Samuel Oschin Comprehensive Cancer Institute, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

Director, Clinical Trials

Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University

2020 AACI MEETINGS AND EVENTS



AACI/AACR Hill Day

May 13, 2020

Washington, DC

12th Annual AACI CRI Meeting



July 7-9, 2020
Chicago



AACI/CCAF Annual Meeting
October 11-13, 2020
Kansas City

MEMBER MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS



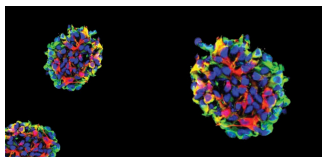
**4th Annual Cancer Disparities Symposium:
Cultivating Science and Community Engagement to
Address Cancer Health Disparities**
March 6, 2020
Cleveland, OH

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**Immunotherapy of Cancer: CAR T Cell to Checkpoint
Inhibitors**
March 18-21, 2020
Las Vegas, NV

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Cancer Stem Cell Conference 2020
August 4-6, 2020
Cleveland, OH

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