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## News From the Association of American Cancer Institutes | November 2021

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### AACI HEADLINES

#### Winer to Lead Yale Cancer Center



After an extensive national search, Yale School of Medicine and Yale New Haven Health have announced that **Eric P. Winer, MD**, will be the next director of Yale Cancer Center and physician-in-chief of Smilow Cancer Hospital at Yale New Haven, effective February 1, 2022. Dr. Winer is currently vice president for medical affairs at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. [Read More](#)

#### AACI Welcomes HOPA to Sustaining Members



AACI welcomes the **Hematology/Oncology Pharmacist Association (HOPA)** to its roster of sustaining members. Founded in 2004, HOPA is a professional society for hematology/oncology pharmacists and associates. The organization's mission is to support these pharmacy practitioners and optimize the care of individuals affected by cancer. HOPA also promotes the importance of oncology pharmacists to the cancer care team. [Read More](#)

#### 2021 AACI/CCAF Annual Meeting Highlights Equity, Diversity

With continued health concerns and restrictions caused by the coronavirus pandemic, the **2021 AACI/CCAF Annual Meeting** was held virtually in October. More than 500 cancer center members and other colleagues participated in the three-day event. Presentations covered a wide range of topics including telehealth; COVID-19's impact on cancer centers; computational oncology; cancer care across the lifespan; research at basic science cancer centers; and adapting clinical trials to



patients' changing needs. [Read More](#)

## CRI 2021 Abstract Book Now Available



The **13th Annual AACI CRI Meeting Abstracts and Posters Book** is now available to AACI members. The digital book features 62 abstracts from 27 cancer centers submitted for virtual presentation at the CRI meeting this past July. This year's submissions covered topics in several categories, including Clinical Trial Operations; Investigator-Initiated Trials; Training, Quality Assurance, Remote Monitoring, and Auditing; and Trial Recruitment & Community Outreach and Engagement. [Read More](#)

## Patient Resource Navigator: Your Solution to Guiding Each Patient's Journey



### Improves Adherence & Outcomes

93% of patients surveyed report Patient Resource Guides assist them in following their physician's treatment plan.

**"I felt more in control with the aid of the guide."  
- Breast Cancer Patient**

For more information, contact [Amy Galey](#). [Learn More](#)

## Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center Now Hiring for Multiple Positions



The Clinical Research Services (CRS) department in the Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center is expanding and is currently hiring for multiple Clinical Research, Regulatory, and Research Nurse positions at all levels. To be considered for the openings, submit your application to job no. R100044788. [Learn More](#)

## NEWS FROM THE CENTERS

### AWARDS & HONORS

## Carpten to Chair National Cancer Advisory Board

**USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center**



President Joe Biden has appointed **John Carpten, PhD**, to serve as chair of the administration's National Cancer Advisory Board. Dr. Carpten is the founding chair of translational genomics at the Keck School of Medicine of USC, founding director of the USC Institute of Translational Genomics, and associate director of basic sciences for the USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center. [Read More](#)

## Heslop Elected to National Academy of Medicine

**Dan L Duncan Comprehensive Cancer Center at Baylor College of Medicine**

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**Helen Heslop, MD, DSc (Hon)**, director of the Center for Cell and Gene Therapy at Baylor College of Medicine, Texas Children's Hospital and Houston Methodist Hospital and interim director of the Dan L Duncan Comprehensive Cancer Center at Baylor, has been elected to the National Academy of Medicine. [Read More](#)

## Eng Named Co-Chair of NCI Clinical Trials Steering Committee

**Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center**

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**Cathy Eng, MD**, has been elected co-chair of the National Cancer Institute Gastrointestinal Cancer Steering Committee, which is responsible for supervising clinical trials. Trials overseen by the committee include neuroendocrine tumors, gastroesophageal carcinoma, rectal-anal and colon cancers, hepatocellular tumors, and pancreatic cancer. [Read More](#)

## The International Society of Gastrointestinal Oncology Welcomes Sun as President

**The University of Kansas Cancer Center**

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The International Society of Gastrointestinal Oncology, a nonprofit global educational organization committed to gastrointestinal oncology, recently named **Weijing Sun, MD**, as its new president. Dr. Sun is associate director of clinical research at The University of Kansas Cancer Center. [Read More](#)

## Center to Advance Palliative Care Recognizes Livestrong Initiative

**Livestrong Cancer Institutes, The University of Texas at Austin, Dell Medical School**

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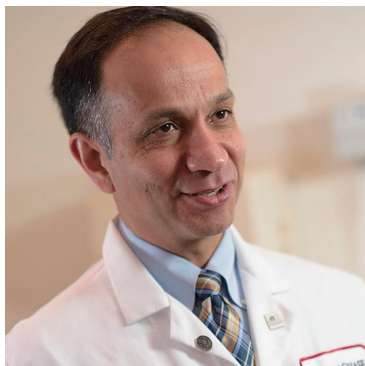
"The CaLM Model: Hardwiring Cancer Centers for Whole Person Care," an initiative of Livestrong Cancer Institutes of Dell Medical School at The University of Texas at Austin, is a Silver Winner in CAPC's second

Tipping Point Challenge, an innovation and quality improvement challenge from the Center to Advance Palliative Care (CAPC) and The John A. Hartford Foundation. [Read More](#)

## Borghaei Honored as Lung Cancer Hero

Fox Chase Cancer Center, Temple Health

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Hossein Borghaei, DO, MS, chief of the Division of Thoracic Medical Oncology at Fox Chase Cancer Center, has been named one of three winners of the second annual Lung Cancer Heroes awards program.

[Read More](#)

## Cukierman Appointed Senior Editor of New Journal

Fox Chase Cancer Center, Temple Health

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Fox Chase Cancer Center's Edna "Eti" Cukierman, PhD, co-director of the Marvin & Concetta Greenberg Pancreatic Cancer Institute, has been named a senior editor for *Cancer Research Communications*, a new online journal. [Read More](#)

## GRANTS & GIFTS

### UCSF to Coordinate Health Disparities Research in Multiple Chronic Diseases With \$22.5 Million Grant

UCSF Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center

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### Researchers Part of Collaborative \$12.4 Million SPORE Grant

Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Comprehensive Cancer Center

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### \$7.5 Million to Study Elusive Cell Type Important in Aging, Cancer, Other Diseases

Siteman Cancer Center

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### \$3 Million Grant to Fund Studies of Stress and Lung Cancer in the Black Community

USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center

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### Researcher Receives NCI Outstanding Investigator Award to Study Two Deadly Blood Diseases

Albert Einstein Cancer Center, Albert Einstein College of Medicine

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### Study To Evaluate How Environment Impacts Cancer Risk

Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center

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### Can Intermittent Fasting Lower Cancer Risk Better Than Counting Calories?

University of Illinois Cancer Center

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## Koss Earns NIH Director's Award

[UAMS Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute](#)

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## Researcher Receives Grant to Study Pediatric Proton Therapy

[Huntsman Cancer Institute, University of Utah](#)

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### LEADERSHIP TRANSITIONS

## First Associate Director of DEI Named

[Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

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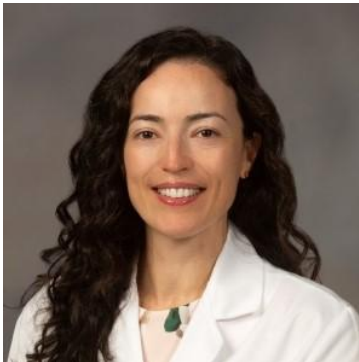


The Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Comprehensive Cancer Center has named **Antwione Haywood, PhD**, its associate director of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI). Dr. Haywood is the first person to hold the chief diversity officer position at the cancer center. [Read More](#)

## Domino Joins Urologic Team

[UMMC Cancer Center and Research Institute](#)

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**Paula Domino, MD**, a urologic surgeon specializing in restoring function for patients with urinary and pelvic challenges, has joined the University of Mississippi Medical Center from Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, where she completed a fellowship in voiding dysfunction and pelvic reconstruction. [Read More](#)

## Nursing Leaders Appointed to New or Expanded Roles

[Roswell Park Cancer Center](#)

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A number of veteran nursing team members have been promoted to new leadership roles, including a newly named deputy chief nursing officer and supervisors overseeing key clinical programs. [Read More](#)

## Regional Chief of Cancer Services Announced

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

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Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson Health (SKCC) welcomes **Marcia Brose, MD, PhD**, as vice chair of medical oncology and SKCC regional chief of cancer services at Jefferson Torresdale Hospital in Northeast Philadelphia. [Read More](#)

## Zoellner New Co-Leader of Cancer Prevention and Population Health

[University of Virginia Cancer Center](#)

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**Jamie Zoellner, PhD, RD**, has assumed the role of co-lead of the Cancer Prevention and Population Health (CPH) program. She will work with **Li Li, MD, PhD**, who is continuing his role as CPH co-leader. [Read More](#)

## RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

### Study Shows Nutrient-Regulated Hormone Alters Stem Cell Function

[UK Markey Cancer Center](#)

### Cancer Centers Provide Superior End-of-Life Care to Dual-Eligible Cancer Patients

[University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center](#)

### Lymphoma and 'Chemo Brain': New Research Shows a Connection

[Wilmot Cancer Institute, UR Medicine](#)

### How Ovarian Cancers Evade the Immune System

[Stanford Cancer Institute](#)

### Testing Troubles

[University of New Mexico Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

### CAR T Immunotherapy Could Be Improved to Kill Solid Tumors

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

### Incidence of Pancreatic Cancer Rising in Younger Women

[Cedars-Sinai Cancer](#)

### Treating Anal Cancer Precursor Lesions Reduces Cancer Risk for People With HIV

[UCSF Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

### ATR Inhibitor RP-3500 Demonstrates Safety and Early Clinical Benefit

[The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center](#)

### UAMS, Mayo Clinic Researchers Discover Key to Unlocking Molecular Cancer Therapies

[UAMS Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute](#)

### Who Addresses Cancer in Rural Communities?

[University of Illinois Cancer Center](#)

### Novel Therapy Could Be Effective Against Pediatric Leukemia

[The Tisch Cancer Institute at Mount Sinai](#)

### Abdominal Fat Linked to Worse Outcomes for Black Breast Cancer Survivors

[Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey](#)

### Chronic Stress May Impact Treatment Completion, Survival Outcomes in

## Patients With Breast Cancer

The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center - James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute

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## Glioma Subtype May Hold the Secret to Success of Immunotherapies

University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center

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## Researchers Uncover New Genetic Factors That Contribute to the Success of BMT

Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center

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## Tobacco Marketing Exposure Linked to Community Vulnerability

UK Markey Cancer Center

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## Women With Genetic Mutations Fare No Worse With Breast, Ovarian Cancer

Stanford Cancer Institute

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## African American Breast Cancer Patients Less Likely to Receive Genetic Counseling, Testing

Siteman Cancer Center

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## Thyroid Cancer Overdiagnosis Might Be Addressed Through Better Patient-Doctor Conversations

University of Florida Health Cancer Center

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## A Consensus View: Proton Therapy for Breast Cancer

Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey

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### OTHER NEWS & COVID-19

## First Lady Promotes Health Equity, Breast Cancer Awareness

Hollings Cancer Center, Medical University of South Carolina

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U.S. First Lady **Jill Biden** visited MUSC Hollings Cancer Center on October 25. In attendance were MUSC President **David J. Cole, MD, FACS**; Hollings Director **Raymond N. DuBois, MD, PhD**; **Marvella E. Ford, PhD**, Hollings associate director of population sciences and cancer disparities; and **Norman E. Sharpless, MD**, director of the National Cancer Institute. [Read More](#)

## Researchers Mobilize at Hospital's Front Door to Expand Cancer Screenings

Wilmot Cancer Institute, UR Medicine

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To find people who are behind on cancer screenings and then motivate them to follow through, an innovative team is leveraging the emergency department at UR Medicine sites. The study looks at whether a text message reminder is more effective than a standard referral for prompting screenings. [Read More](#)

## Tech That Saves Lymph Nodes in Women With Breast Cancer Adopted

VCU Massey Cancer Center

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VCU Massey Cancer Center is now using an FDA-approved substance called Magtrace that allows surgeons to spare the lymph nodes in the vast majority of early-stage breast cancer patients, reducing their risk of developing lymphedema months or years later. [Read More](#)

## UVA Joins National Effort to Increase Minority Representation in Cancer Clinical Trials

[University of Virginia Cancer Center](#)

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University of Virginia (UVA) Cancer Center is participating in a pilot project that seeks to increase racial and ethnic diversity among cancer treatment trial volunteers. The initiative is led by the American Society of Clinical Oncology and the Association of Community Cancer Centers. [Read More](#)

## Community Engagement Ensures Equitable Inclusion in Vaccine Trials

[Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center](#)

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A team of research experts from the COVID-19 Prevention Network, or CoVPN, headquartered at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, have demonstrated that through robust community engagement, equitable inclusion in vaccine clinical trials can make a powerful impact in the health of underrepresented communities. [Read More](#)

### JOB OPPORTUNITIES

#### Research Development Coordinator

[UCI Chao Family Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

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#### Associate Director, SCCC Clinical Research Services

[Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of Miami Health System](#)

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#### Clinical Research/Regulatory Openings

[Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of Miami Health System](#)

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#### Executive Director, Clinical Research Services

[Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of Miami Health System](#)

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#### Manager, Regulatory Support

[Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of Miami Health System](#)

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#### Project Manager, Research Support

[Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of Miami Health System](#)

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#### Deputy Director - VCU

[VCU Massey Cancer Center](#)

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#### Senior Research Scientist, Melanoma & Cutaneous Oncology

[Cedars-Sinai Cancer](#)

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#### Faculty Member, Health Economist/Health Services Researcher

[Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center](#)

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#### Assistant Director, Clinical Research Administration

[University of Florida Health Cancer Center](#)

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#### Clinical Research Auditor III

[Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Harvard Medical School](#)

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#### Clinical Research Manager - Genitourinary Oncology

[UCSF Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

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#### Unit Manager, Solid Tumors

[University of Florida Health Cancer Center](#)

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#### Clinical Research Activation Manager

[The University of Arizona Cancer Center](#)

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## Clinical Research Administrative Director

The University of Arizona Cancer Center

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## Director of Regulatory Affairs

The University of Kansas Cancer Center

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## Investigator-Initiated Trial (IIT) Manager - Multiple Positions

The University of Arizona Cancer Center

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## Regulatory Affairs Coordinator

University of Colorado Cancer Center

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## Cancer Biology Investigator

UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center

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## Laboratory Director, Biospecimen Repository Core Facility

The University of Kansas Cancer Center

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## Regulatory Clinical Research Coordinator

UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center

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## Senior Clinical Research Coordinator

UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center

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### MEMBER MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Artificial Intelligence in Oncology Symposium: Precision Medicine and Cancer Disparities

**VIRTUAL EVENT**

Case Comprehensive Cancer Center

November 8-9, 2021

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### AACI MEETINGS AND EVENTS

## 14th Annual AACI CRI Meeting

**SAVE THE DATE**

July 12-14, 2022

Loews Chicago O'Hare Hotel

Rosemont, IL

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## 2021 AACI/CCAF Annual Meeting

**SAVE THE DATE**

October 2-4, 2022

InterContinental at the Plaza

Kansas City, MO

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