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AACI HEADLINES

[Califano Named New Director of Moores Cancer Center](#)



Joseph A. Califano III, MD, has been named director of Moores Cancer Center at UC San Diego Health. He succeeds Scott Lippman, MD, who announced in November 2021 that he would be stepping down as director to lead the National Cancer Institute's PreCancer Genome Atlas. [Read More](#)

[Leadership Diversity and Development Initiative Conducts First Workshop](#)



AACI hosted its first Leadership Diversity and Development Initiative (LDDI) Workshop on November 8-9 in Chicago. **Dr. Caryn Lerman**, AACI president and director of the USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center, welcomed nearly 100 participants from 78 AACI cancer centers. The attendees represented a diverse group of cancer center leaders as well as emerging leaders nominated by their centers. LDDI is Dr. Lerman's [AACI presidential initiative](#). [Read More](#)

[Catchment Area Research and Data Science Listserv Launched](#)

December 1 marks the launch of AACI's Catchment Area Research and Data Science (CARDS) listserv. The goal of the new listserv is to build a supportive and collaborative community for those involved in cancer center data collection, analysis, and utilization. CARDS is for individuals from community outreach, biostatistics, cancer informatics and anywhere else in our cancer centers where this work is happening. [Read More](#)

[CRI Digital Abstracts and Posters Book Available](#)



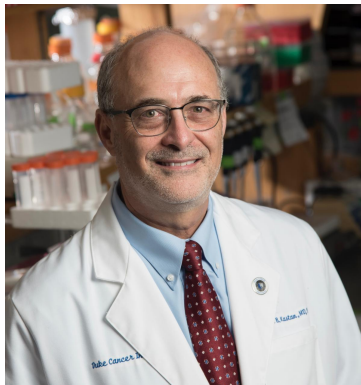
The **14th Annual AACI CRI Meeting Abstracts and Posters Book** is now available to AACI members. The digital book features 74 abstracts from 28 cancer centers submitted for presentation at the CRI meeting this past July – the first in-person CRI meeting since 2019. Abstract topics spanned several areas of clinical trial operations, including quality assurance, community outreach and engagement, and trial start-up and activation. [Read More](#)

NEWS FROM THE CENTERS

AWARDS & HONORS

[Kastan Named 2022 Failla Award Winner](#)

[Duke Cancer Institute, Duke University Medical Center](#)



The Radiation Research Society has bestowed its highest honor—the Failla Memorial Lecture Award—on **Michael B. Kastan, MD, PhD**, executive director of Duke Cancer Institute. The 59th recipient of the annual award, Dr. Kastan reported a number of seminal discoveries demonstrating that the protein p53 is a critical mediator of how cells respond to DNA damage. [Read More](#)

[Porpiglia Inducted Into Philadelphia Academy of Surgery](#)

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



The inaugural Vincent P. and Janet Mancini Presidential Endowed Chair is Fox Chase Cancer Center's **Andrea Porpiglia, MD, MSc, FACS**, was recently inducted as a fellow into the Philadelphia Academy of Surgery. Founded in 1879, the academy is the oldest continuously meeting surgical society in the United States. [Read More](#)

GRANTS & GIFTS

[\\$3.7 Million Grant Aims to Increase Minority Accrual to Cancer Treatment Trials](#)

[Moffitt Cancer Center](#)

[Community Case Studies Engage Middle Schoolers in STEM to Reduce Health, Workforce Disparities](#)

[Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University](#)

[Researchers Receive NCI Grant to Increase Targeted Cancer Treatments to Rural Patients](#)

[The University of Kansas Cancer Center](#)

[Attardi Receives Outstanding Investigator Award](#)

[Stanford Cancer Institute](#)

LEADERSHIP TRANSITIONS

[Uzzo Appointed President and CEO](#)

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



Robert Uzzo, MD, MBA, FACS, has been formally named president and CEO of Fox Chase Cancer Center following a period of interim leadership. In addition, Dr. Uzzo will assume the roles of executive vice president, cancer services, for Temple University Health System and senior associate dean, clinical cancer research at the Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University. [Read More](#)

[Gottlieb Joins MD Anderson as Vice President for Research](#)

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



The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center has announced that **Eyal Gottlieb, PhD**, has been named the institution's vice president for research. Since 2020, Dr. Gottlieb has served as director of the Rappaport Institute for Biomedical Research and vice dean of research for the Technion Faculty of Medicine. [Read More](#)

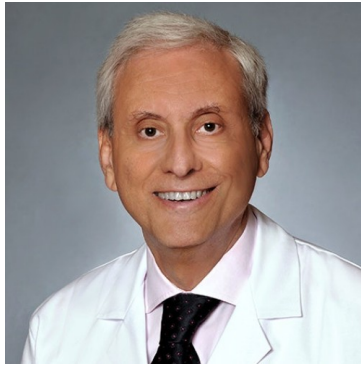
[Kornbluth Named President of MIT](#)

[Duke Cancer Institute, Duke University Medical Center](#)



Duke University Provost **Sally Kornbluth, PhD**, has been appointed president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), beginning in January 2023. Dr. Kornbluth has been a member of Duke Cancer Institute since 1990. Her lab, which studied the regulation of complex cellular processes, closed when she assumed the role of provost in 2014. [Read More](#)

[Iavarone is New Deputy Director](#)



Antonio Iavarone, MD, has made a decades-long commitment to finding better treatments for glioblastoma and other aggressive brain tumors. As the new deputy director of Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, he will have opportunities to do even more. [Read More](#)

[Steidl Appointed Chair of Cell Biology](#)

[Montefiore Einstein Cancer Center](#)



Ulrich Steidl, MD, PhD, has been named the chair of the department of cell biology at Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Dr. Steidl assumes his new position as Arthur Skoultschi, PhD, who has led the department for 24 years, steps down from departmental leadership. Dr. Steidl is currently deputy director of Montefiore Einstein Cancer Center and co-director of its Blood Cancer Institute. [Read More](#)

[Inaugural Associate Director for Cancer Workforce Equity Named](#)

[The University of Kansas Cancer Center](#)



The University of Kansas Cancer Center has announced the appointment of **Megha Ramaswamy, PhD, MPH**, as its inaugural associate director for cancer workforce equity. In this newly created role, Dr. Ramaswamy will be responsible for developing a plan to diversify the cancer research and care workforce. [Read More](#)

[Rieger Named Vice President, Chief Innovation Officer](#)

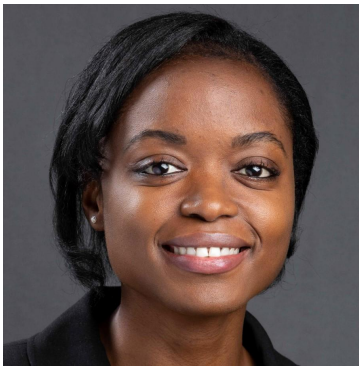
[Moffitt Cancer Center](#)



Jarett Rieger, Esq., MBA, has been named Moffitt Cancer Center's new vice president and chief innovation officer. He will continue to oversee Moffitt's Office of Innovation and Industry Alliances, which is focused on commercializing intellectual property. Rieger joined Moffitt in 2004 and has served as the manager, director, and senior director of this office before being promoted to the new role. [Read More](#)

[Cancer Surgeon-Scientist Joins Division of Surgical Oncology](#)

[UK Markey Cancer Center](#)



The Division of Surgical Oncology is pleased to welcome **Mautin Barry-Hundeyin, MD**, to the UK College of Medicine Department of Surgery. Dr. Barry-Hundeyin joins the NCI-designated UK Markey Cancer Center as a surgical oncologist specializing in the management of hepatopancreatobiliary and gastrointestinal malignancies. [Read More](#)

[Cingam Joins UNM](#)

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



Having completed his undergraduate and medical degrees in his native India before coming to the U.S., **Shashank Cingam, MD**, completed an internal medicine residency at Louisiana State University and then came to UNM Cancer Center in 2018 for a fellowship in hematology-oncology. Dr. Cingam recently joined the faculty at the UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center. [Read More](#)

RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

[Blood Cancer Research Points to New Treatment for Bone Marrow Cancer](#)

[University of Virginia Cancer Center](#)

[Researchers Find That T Cell Effector Programming is Regulated by the Mediator Kinase Module](#)

[Stanford Cancer Institute](#)

[Dietary Change Starves Cancer Cells, Overcoming Treatment Resistance](#)

[University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center](#)

[Study Reveals Pathways for Aggressive Prostate Cancer Subtype](#)

[Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center](#)

[Novel AI Blood Test Detects Liver Cancer](#)

[Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins University](#)

[Study Shows Targeted Therapy for Pediatric High-Risk Hodgkin Lymphoma Reduces Relapse](#)

[Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University](#)

[Unraveling the Biology Behind Aggressive Pediatric Brain Tumor Reveals Potential New Treatment Avenue](#)

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[Cardiac Antigen Identified as Mechanism for Heart Complication With Immunotherapy-Related Myocarditis](#)

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[Developing Therapies for Treatment-Resistant Prostate Cancer](#)

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[New Optimism on Myelodysplastic Syndromes](#)

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

[Can Targeted Therapy for KRAS Mutations Double as Part of Immunotherapy?](#)

[Laura and Isaac Perlmutter Cancer Center at NYU Langone](#)

[Nanotechnology Platform Enables Immune Conversion of Cancer Cells, Sensitizing Them to Immunotherapy](#)

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

[AI-Enabled Study Unravels the Mechanics of Aging And Disease Progression](#)

[Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

[Machine Learning Can Help Predict Patient Response to Cancer Immunotherapy](#)

[Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins University](#)

OTHER NEWS

[Geriatric Oncology Center of Excellence Established](#)

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



Jefferson Health's Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center has launched the Geriatric Oncology Center of Excellence to address the needs of a growing patient population through multidisciplinary research and care delivery. The center identifies and removes barriers for older patients with cancer to optimize health outcomes and improve quality of life. [*Read More*](#)

[New Program Aims to Identify Lung Cancers Earlier That May Otherwise Go Undetected](#)

[The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center - James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute](#)

The new Lung Nodule Program at The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center – The James combines the benefits of automated natural language processing tools with a subspecialized treatment team to create a system for flagging and methodically evaluating incidental lung nodule findings to capture subtle signs of lung cancer. [*Read More*](#)

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

[Chief, Division of Hematology/Oncology](#)

[UCI Chao Family Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

[Director of Marketing and Communications](#)

[Hollings Cancer Center, Medical University of South Carolina](#)

[Clinical Research Nurse](#)

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

[Clinical Research Intern](#)

[University of Florida Health Cancer Center](#)

[Clinical-Community Navigator](#)

[University of Florida Health Cancer Center](#)

[Faculty Position - Cancer Disparities and Health Equity Research](#)

[University of Florida Health Cancer Center](#)

[Senior Staff Bioinformatician](#)

[University of Florida Health Cancer Center](#)

[Associate Director for Research Administration](#)

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

[Associate Director, Clinical Research Office](#)

[Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center, UT Southwestern Medical Center](#)

[Director, Cancer Research Conduct & Data Management](#)

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

[Operations Administrator, Cancer Center](#)

[Sanford Burnham Prebys Medical Discovery Institute](#)

[Tenure Track Faculty Positions](#)

[Sandra and Edward Meyer Cancer Center at Weill Cornell Medicine](#)

AACI MEETINGS AND EVENTS

[AACI/AACR Hill Day](#)

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[May 18, 2023](#)

[Washington, DC](#)

[15th Annual AACI CRI Meeting](#)

[SAVE THE DATE](#)

[June 26-28, 2023](#)

[Loews Chicago O'Hare Hotel](#)

[Rosemont, IL](#)

[2023 AACI/CCAF Annual Meeting](#)

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[October 1-3, 2023](#)

[Salamander Washington DC \(formerly Mandarin Oriental, DC\)](#)

[Washington, DC](#)



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