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## AACI HEADLINES

### [Registration Now Open for 2022 AACI/CCAF Annual Meeting](#)



**Registration** is now open for the **2022 AACI/CCAF Annual Meeting**, which will take place in person, **October 2-4**, at InterContinental at the Plaza, Kansas City, MO. This three-day event convenes AACI cancer center members with national cancer research and advocacy groups, industry, and government health agencies to develop solutions to common challenges. Continuing Medical Education (CME) is jointly provided by the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) and AACI. [Read More](#)

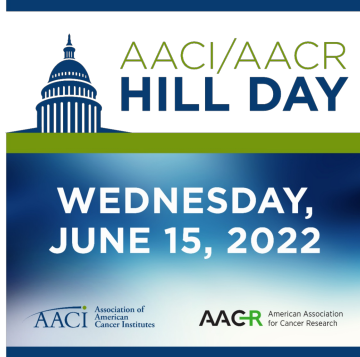
### [Abstract Winners Announced for 14th Annual AACI CRI Meeting](#)



The AACI Clinical Research Innovation (CRI) Steering Committee, with the assistance of peer reviewers from CRI committees, have selected three abstracts from 73 submissions for formal presentation on **Wednesday, July 13**, at the **14th Annual AACI CRI Meeting**. Winning abstract authors represent **Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of Miami Health System; University of Florida Health Cancer Center; and Mayo Clinic Cancer Center.** [Read More](#)

### [Register Today for the 2022 AACI/AACR Hill Day](#)

The **2022 AACI/AACR Hill Day** is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 15**. All faculty and staff of AACI cancer centers and AACR members are invited to spend the day advocating for cancer research funding through virtual meetings. **Hill Day registration closes this Friday, June 3.** [Read More](#)



## [AACI Condemns Gun Violence in New Statement](#)

AACI's Board of Directors, staff, and cancer center leaders firmly believe that the epidemic of gun violence must be confronted with a sense of urgency – just as we address cancer, COVID-19, and other crises that impact public health. As an association comprised of 104 academic and freestanding cancer centers across the United States and in Canada, AACI is committed to reducing the burden of cancer through research, treatment, and advocacy. In our role as advocates, it is our duty to seek ways to improve health outcomes and quality of life for all people. [Read More](#)

## [Maximize Market Share With Patient Resource](#)



"The *Patient Resource* guides improve and extend referring provider relationships while providing them confidence in their referral decisions." – *Lina Wilson, Physician Relations, The University of Kansas Health System*

"Based on this guide alone, if I had a friend with cancer, I'd recommend they come here so they would get this educational piece." – *Participant, Patient Focus Group*

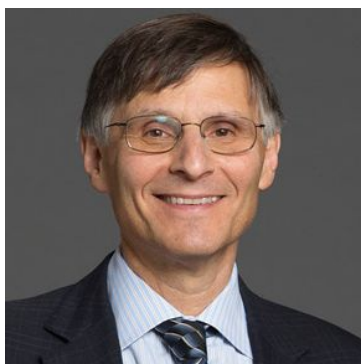
For more information, contact [Amy Galey](#). [Learn More](#)

## NEWS FROM THE CENTERS

### AWARDS & HONORS

## [Neel Elected to National Academy of Sciences](#)

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



**Benjamin G. Neel, MD, PhD**, director of the Laura and Isaac Perlmutter Cancer Center at NYU Langone Health and an internationally renowned expert in cell signaling and cancer biology, has been elected to the National Academy of Sciences. [Read More](#)

## [Eckhardt Receives Mentorship Award](#)

[Livestrong Cancer Institutes, The University of Texas at Austin, Dell Medical School](#)

**S. Gail Eckhardt, MD**, is the recipient of the 2022 Hologic Inc. Endowed Women Who Conquer Cancer Mentorship Award from the American Society of Clinical Oncology. Dr. Eckhardt, the inaugural director of the Livestrong Cancer Institutes, is being recognized for her outstanding commitment to the professional development of women in



oncology. [Read More](#)

## [NSABP Foundation Names Rastogi as CEO](#)

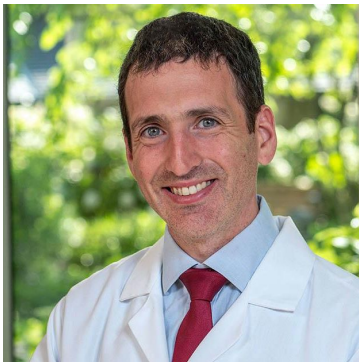
[UPMC Hillman Cancer Center](#)



The NSABP (National Surgical Adjuvant Breast and Bowel Project) Foundation has announced that its medical director, **Priya Rastogi, MD**, will also serve as the chief executive officer of the NSABP effective on July 1, 2022. [Read More](#)

## [Frosch Wins NCCN Foundation Award](#)

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



**Zachary Frosch, MD, MSHP**, a member of the Cancer Prevention and Control research program at Fox Chase Cancer Center, has received a Young Investigator Award from the National Comprehensive Cancer Network and the NCCN Foundation. [Read More](#)

## [Biltibo Receives Career Development Award](#)

[Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center](#)

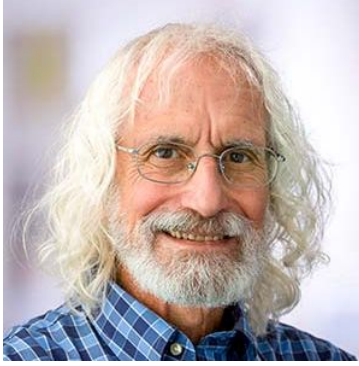


**Eden Biltibo, MD**, has been selected for the 2022 ASH-CIBMTR-ASTCT Career Development Award. The award is part of the ASH Minority Hematology Fellow Award program, which supports early-career researchers from minority groups historically underrepresented in medicine. [Read More](#)

## [Greenberg Becomes President-Elect of AACR](#)

[Fred Hutchinson Center Research Center](#)

Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center immunologist **Philip Greenberg, MD**, has begun a year-long term as president-elect of the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR), setting the stage for



him to lead the organization as president in 2023. [Read More](#)

## [Two Doctors Named Top Physicians Under 40](#)

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

The Pennsylvania Medical Society has announced its 2022 Top Physicians Under 40 award recipients. Two Fox Chase Cancer Center doctors were honored: **Kristen Manley, MD**, and **Jason Castellanos, MD, MS**. [Read More](#)

### GRANTS & GIFTS

## [Florida Cancer Hospitals Get \\$100 Million for Research](#)

## [\\$25 Million Commitment to Five Cancer Centers Aims to Reduce Cancer Care Disparities](#)

[Georgetown Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

## [\\$11.4 Million Grant Renewed to Further Cancer Research](#)

[UK Markey Cancer Center](#)

## [Researchers to Examine Obesity Treatment Options With \\$4.5 Million Grant](#)

[The University of Kansas Cancer Center](#)

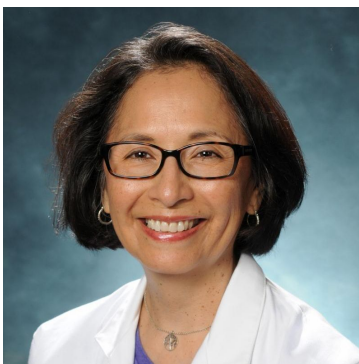
## [Investigators Receive \\$1.6 Million for Health Equity Research](#)

[Montefiore Einstein Cancer Center](#)

### LEADERSHIP TRANSITIONS

## [Lopez Named Associate Director for DEI](#)

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



Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson Health (SKCC) has appointed **Ana Maria Lopez, MD, MPH, MACP, FRCP**, as associate director for diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI). The new leadership role will facilitate and coordinate DEI efforts across the SKCC enterprise. [Read More](#)

## [New Chief of Bone Marrow Transplant and Cellular Therapies Named](#)

[Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey](#)





Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey and RWJBarnabas Health have appointed **Ira Braunschweig, MD**, as chief, Section of Transplant and Cell Therapy at Rutgers Cancer Institute, chief of the Transplant and Cell Therapy Service of the RWJBarnabas Health Oncology service line, and director for Cell Therapy and Bone Marrow Transplantation at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, an RWJBarnabas facility. [Read More](#)

## [DEI, COE Leadership Appointments Announced](#)

[Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University](#)

**Marquita Lewis-Thames, PhD; June McKoy, MD, MPH, JD, MBA; Jonathan Moreira, MD; and Adam B. Murphy, MD, MBA, MSCI**, have been named to new leadership roles within the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University. [Read More](#)

## [Inaugural Associate Director of DEI Announced](#)

[Siteman Cancer Center](#)



Siteman Cancer Center at Washington University School of Medicine and Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, announces the appointment of **Vetta Sanders Thompson, PhD**, as its inaugural associate director of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI). [Read More](#)

## [Surgical Oncologist Named Regional Medical Director](#)

[Cedars-Sinai Cancer](#)

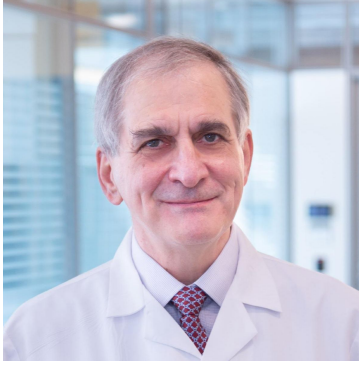


Pioneering breast cancer surgeon, clinician, and researcher **Armando E. Giuliano, MD**—who helped introduce sentinel lymph node biopsy in the early 1990s, sparing many women the need for major breast cancer surgery—has been named regional medical director of the Cedars-Sinai Cancer Breast Oncology Program. [Read More](#)

## [New Hematology Chief and Director of the Wesley Center for Immunotherapy Named](#)

[Case Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

**Koen van Besien, MD, PhD**, will lead the new Wesley Center for Immunotherapy at University Hospitals Seidman Cancer Center as well as the Division of Hematology. He joins UH Seidman Cancer Center from New York-Presbyterian Hospital. [Read More](#)



## [Glenn Named Co-Director of Cancer Research Program](#)

[UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)



The UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer has named **Beth Glenn, PhD**, co-director of its Cancer Control and Survivorship research program. Dr. Glenn is a professor in the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health and associate director of the UCLA Kaiser Permanente Center for Health Equity. She will join the research program's director, **Patricia Ganz, MD**, and co-director **Roshan Bastani, PhD**. [Read More](#)

## [Hassan Joins Breast Cancer Team](#)

[UMMC Cancer Center and Research institute](#)



**Masood Muhammad Hassan, MD**, has joined the University of Mississippi Medical Center as an assistant professor of pathology. At UMMC, he is a member of the Cancer Center and Research Institute Interdisciplinary Breast Cancer Care team as well as conducting cancer research. [Read More](#)

### RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

## [Major Study Links Breast Cancer Treatment With Increased Risk of Cardiovascular Disease](#)

[Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center](#)

## [Immunotherapy Study Offers Hope for Pancreatic Cancer Patients](#)

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

## [Nanomedicine Targeting Lymph Nodes Key to Triple-Negative Breast Cancer Treatment](#)

[University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center](#)

## [Study Illustrates Cost of Cancer Drugs Covered Under Medicare Part D](#)

[Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center](#)

## [Researchers Refining Colorectal Cancer Classification](#)

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

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

## [How Do Patients Feel About Using AI in Health Care?](#)

[Yale Cancer Center, Yale School of Medicine](#)

## [Innate Immune Cells and Metastatic Cancer](#)

[The Jackson Laboratory Cancer Center](#)

## [New Target for CAR T Cells in Solid Tumors Discovered](#)

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## [Colon Microbes Provide Clues to Favorable Treatment Options in a Subset of Colon Cancer Patients](#)

[Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey](#)

## [New Molecular Subset of Pediatric Liver Cancer Identified](#)

[University of Virginia Cancer Center](#)

## [Surgical Technique Enables Faster, Fuller Recovery After Radical Prostatectomy](#)

[Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

## [Adolescent, Young Adult Leukemia Survivors Have Shorter Life Span Compared to Those Who Have Never Had Cancer](#)

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

## [New Approach to Precision Cancer Treatment Identified](#)

[Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

## [Study Identifies New Molecular Target for Cancer Therapy](#)

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## ['Super Gene' Shows Promise for Preventing Obesity](#)

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## [Polypharmacy is Fraught With Risks, Tricky to Navigate](#)

[Wilmot Cancer Institute, UR Medicine](#)

## [Early Study Finds New Lymphoma Drug Effective](#)

[University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center](#)

## [Erasing LGBTQ+ Health Care Disparities](#)

[Cedars-Sinai Cancer](#)

## [Finding the Underlying Mutations Driving CAR T Failure](#)

## [CAR T Therapy Effective in Black and Hispanic Patients](#)

[Montefiore Einstein Cancer Center](#)

## [Pancreatic Cancer Cells Harness Tissue Turnover to Build Protective Barriers](#)

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

## [Scientists Develop Precision Medicine Approach to Metabolic Therapy for Breast Cancer](#)

[Yale Cancer Center, Yale School of Medicine](#)

### OTHER NEWS & COVID-19

## [New AACI Mailing Address](#)

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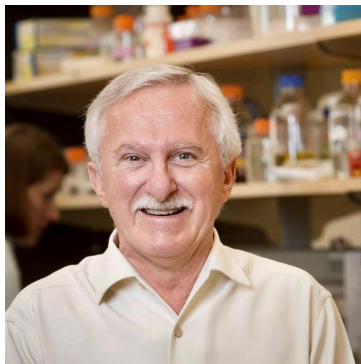
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## [Upon His Retirement, Modrich Reflects on Career](#)

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



**Paul Modrich, PhD**, James B. Duke Professor of Biochemistry, professor of chemistry, and member of Duke Cancer Institute, came to Duke in 1976 – when Durham had a small-town feel, the smell of curing tobacco filled the air, and southern accents were the norm. [Read More](#)

## [IT Innovations Capture National Attention](#)

[Wilmot Cancer Institute, UR Medicine](#)



**Eric Snyder**, director of informatics at the Wilmot Cancer Institute, wants to change the nation's thinking around information technology in health care. Snyder made headway recently when the biggest professional organization in the field invited him to make three presentations at the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society 2022 annual meeting. [Read More](#)

## [Partnership to Create First Focused Ultrasound Cancer Immunotherapy Center](#)

[University of Virginia Cancer Center](#)

UVA Health and the Charlottesville-based Focused Ultrasound Foundation have announced the launch of the



Focused Ultrasound Cancer Immunotherapy Center, the world's first center dedicated specifically to advancing a focused ultrasound and cancer immunotherapy treatment approach that could revolutionize 21st-century cancer care. [Read More](#)

## [Study Found Large Segment of Arkansans Still Susceptible to COVID-19 in Late 2020, 2021](#)

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

A team of scientists at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) carried out an eight-month seroprevalence survey that found 85 percent of the state's population was still susceptible to the virus in late 2020. [Read More](#)

## [COVID-19 Vaccine Effective in People Receiving Cancer Treatment, Study Finds](#)

[The University of Kansas Cancer Center](#)



People undergoing active cancer treatment, including stem cell transplant, should receive the COVID-19 vaccine, according to a new study. People with cancer are at a higher risk of developing severe COVID-19 and dying from it. These findings provide guidance to a group largely excluded from clinical trials evaluating the efficacy of COVID-19 vaccines. **Qamar Khan, MD**, led the study. [Read More](#)

## [Researchers Find Links Between Sociodemographic Factors, COVID-19 Preventive Efforts](#)

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

Researchers at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) Office of Community Health & Research have found that Black Arkansans who reported racial discrimination in the criminal justice system also experienced higher levels of hesitancy toward COVID-19 vaccines. [Read More](#)

### JOB OPPORTUNITIES

#### [Manager of Operations](#)

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

#### [Multiple Positions](#)

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

#### [Program Manager, Cancer Clinical Trials Office](#)

[Cedars-Sinai Cancer](#)

#### [Regulatory Associate](#)

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

#### [Associate Director for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion](#)

[Yale Cancer Center, Yale School of Medicine](#)

#### [Associate Director for Clinical Research](#)

[Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University](#)

#### [Executive Administrative Director, Cancer Clinical Trials Office](#)

[Stanford Cancer Institute](#)

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[VCU Massey Cancer Center](#)

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[The Jackson Laboratory Cancer Center](#)

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## [Department Chair for Health Outcomes and Behavior](#)

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[The University of Vermont Cancer Center](#)

### MEMBER MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

## [LGBTQ+ Cancer Symposium](#)

[Sofitel Los Angeles at Beverly Hills](#)

[June 2-3, 2022](#)

## [31st Annual Short Course on Experimental Models of Human Cancer](#)

**HYBRID EVENT**

[The Jackson Laboratory](#)

[Farmington, CT](#)

[August 14, 2022](#)

### AACI MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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[Loews Chicago O'Hare Hotel](#)

[Rosemont, IL](#)

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