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AACI HEADLINES

[Ueno Announced as New UH Cancer Center Director](#)



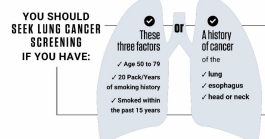
Naoto T. Ueno, MD, PhD, has been named the next director of the University of Hawai'i (UH) Cancer Center, effective December 12. Dr. Ueno is currently the executive director of the Inflammatory Breast Cancer Research Program at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, where he is also a tenured professor of medicine. He has spent 15 years in leadership roles and has nearly 30 years of experience in research and education, particularly in stem cell transplant, gene therapy, targeted therapy and immunotherapy. [Read More](#)

[AACI Endorses Initiative to Increase Lung Cancer Screening](#)

Only a fraction of Americans are getting screened for lung cancer as recommended.

Think you or someone you love may qualify?

Talk to your healthcare provider or check out resources and a statement from lung cancer experts across the country at: lungevity.org/screening-statement



AACI has partnered with more than 50 cancer organizations to issue a **call to action** urging individuals, providers, and insurers to increase access to and utilization of low-dose computed tomography (CT) scans for those at high risk for lung cancer. [Read More](#)

[PCLI Webinar: A Transdisciplinary 'Tweetorial' With Seasoned Colleagues](#)

The AACI **Physician Clinical Leadership Initiative (PCLI)** will host "**A Transdisciplinary 'Tweetorial' With Seasoned Colleagues**" at 5:00 pm



eastern time on **Tuesday, November 15**. The webinar will provide a moderated discussion with colleagues in medical, radiation, and surgical oncology about social media and how it can best be harnessed to promote individuals, teams, and the war on cancer. [Read More](#)

[AACI Attends Cancer Moonshot, ARPA-H Events](#)



On Monday, October 24, AACI Executive Director **Jennifer W. Pegher** visited the White House for the announcement of the American Cancer Society's launch of the National Breast Cancer Roundtable and the National Roundtable on Cervical Cancer. The following day, Pegher attended an event at Howard University that included a discussion between U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary **Xavier Becerra, JD**, and ARPA-H Director **Renee Wegrzyn, PhD**. [Read More](#)

NEWS FROM THE CENTERS

AWARDS & HONORS

[DiPersio Recognized for Key Discoveries in Cancer Biology, Treatment](#)

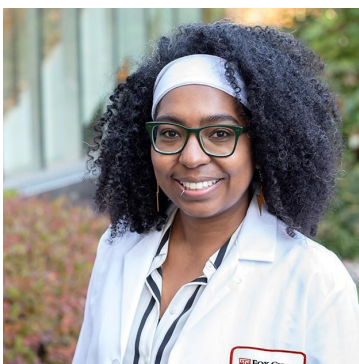
[Siteman Cancer Center](#)



John F. DiPersio, MD, PhD, director of the Division of Oncology at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, is being recognized by the American Italian Cancer Foundation with the 2022 Prize for Scientific Excellence in Medicine. [Read More](#)

[Gardiner Receives ASCB Award](#)

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



The inaugural Vincent P. and Janet Mancini Presidential Endowed Chair is **Jaye Gardiner, PhD**, has received the Merton Bernfield Memorial Award, established to honor outstanding postdocs or graduate students, from the American Society for Cell Biology. Her research focuses on the tumor microenvironment and the growth of tumors in pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma. [Read More](#)

[Markey Earns Rectal Cancer Accreditation](#)

[UK Markey Cancer Center](#)

UK Markey Cancer Center has earned a three-year accreditation from the National Accreditation Program for Rectal Cancer. UK Markey is one of around 60 centers in the nation and the first in Kentucky to hold this designation. [Read More](#)

GRANTS & GIFTS

[\\$710.5 Million Gift to Accelerate Cancer and Infectious Disease Research](#)

[Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center](#)

[\\$12 Million Grant Aimed at Study of Rare Sarcoma](#)

[University of Michigan Cancer Center](#)

[NCI Renews Lymphoma SPORE Grant for Center for Cell and Gene Therapy](#)

[Dan L Duncan Comprehensive Cancer Center at Baylor College of Medicine](#)

[NCI Award to Establish Center to Improve Radiation-Based Combination Therapies](#)

[Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University](#)

[Etzioni Receives \\$7.4 Million NCI Grant to Assess New Cancer Diagnostics](#)

[Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center](#)

[\\$6 Million Grant Supports Development of New NCI Prevention Initiative](#)

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

[Researcher to Study Barriers to Quitting Menthol Cigarettes Among African Americans](#)

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

LEADERSHIP TRANSITIONS

[Deputy AD for Diversity and Inclusion in Clinical Research Named](#)

[University of Colorado Cancer Center](#)



As lead investigator or sub-investigator on numerous clinical trials at the University of Colorado Cancer Center **Jessica McDermott, MD**, has been instrumental in improving access to cancer clinical trials for patients from medically underserved communities. She will now bring her expertise in this area to her new role as deputy associate director for diversity and inclusion in clinical research. [Read More](#)

[New Director Named for Healthy Breast Tissue Bank](#)

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

The Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Comprehensive Cancer Center has named **Michele Coté, PhD**, director of the Susan G. Komen



Tissue Bank, the world's only healthy breast tissue bank. She succeeds Anna Maria Storniolo, MD, a pioneering clinical scientist who co-founded the tissue bank in 2007. [Read More](#)

[Hyslop Returns as Cancer Risk and Control Program Co-Leader, Center for Health Equity Director](#)

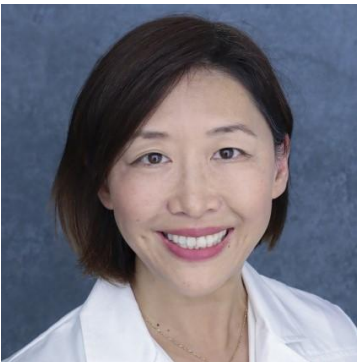
[Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson Health](#)



Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center (SKCC) welcomes transdisciplinary population health researcher **Terry Hyslop, PhD**, as co-leader of the Cancer Risk and Control Program. She will also head the newly formed SKCC Center for Health Equity. Dr. Hyslop is returning to the cancer center from Duke Cancer Institute. [Read More](#)

[Physician Scientist to Lead Breast Oncology Program](#)

[Cedars-Sinai Cancer](#)



Yuan Yuan, MD, PhD, a breast medical oncologist and physician scientist who specializes in triple-negative breast cancer and breast cancer immunotherapy, has joined Cedars-Sinai Cancer as director of breast oncology. Dr. Yuan will also treat patients at Huntington Cancer Center, an affiliate of Cedars-Sinai Cancer. [Read More](#)

[Christopher Joins Cancer Care Teams](#)

[UMMC Cancer Center and Research Institute](#)



The University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) welcomes **Wade Christopher, MD**, who will be part of the UMMC Cancer Center and Research Institute's interdisciplinary liver and bile duct cancer care team and the gastrointestinal cancer care team. He'll also work with patients with sarcoma, thyroid, and melanoma cancers. [Read More](#)

[Four New Oncologists Welcomed](#)

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

The addition of four new oncologists—**Sonia T. Orcutt, MD**; **Cesar Giancarlo Gentile Sanchez, MD**; **Santanu Samanta, MD**; and **Anusha**

Jillella, MD—will expand services and increase access for patients at UAMS Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute and its growing network of clinics at Baptist Health locations. [Read More](#)



[Lowery Named Assistant Director for Dissemination and Implementation](#)

[University of Colorado Cancer Center](#)



Jan Lowery, PhD, MPH, who started her career as a researcher at the University of Colorado Cancer Center, has returned as assistant director for dissemination and implementation for the Office of Community Outreach and Engagement. In her new role, Dr. Lowery will lead efforts to develop, conduct, and disseminate implementation-focused projects in cancer prevention, early detection, and survivorship. [Read More](#)

[Radiation Oncologist Joins NYU Langone Health](#)

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

NYU Langone Health has announced the appointment of physician and researcher **Oren Cahlon, MD**, as senior vice president and deputy chief clinical officer. Dr. Cahlon will also maintain a clinical practice within the Department of Radiation Oncology at Perlmutter Cancer Center. [Read More](#)

[New Endowed Chair and Fellowship Holders, and Renewed Endowed Chairs](#)

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

Huntsman Cancer Institute announces the appointment of two researchers as holders of endowed chairs at the University of Utah. Another colleague was awarded a fellowship, and two other distinguished endowed chairs have been renewed. [Read More](#)



RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

[Oncology Therapy at the End of Life: Have We Missed the Mark?](#)

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

[Policy, Resources Crucial for Lung Cancer Screening](#)

[Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center](#)

[Researchers Identify Key Player in Cellular Response to Stress](#)

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

[A Novel Strategy to Suppress Prostate Cancer Growth](#)

[Dan L Duncan Comprehensive Cancer Center at Baylor College of Medicine](#)

[Clinical Trial Begins to Help Black, Latina Women Concerned About Chemotherapy-Induced Hair Loss](#)

[Montefiore Einstein Cancer Center](#)

[Researchers Find Link Between Immune Cells' Closest Neighbors and Survival Time in Patients With Pancreatic Cancer](#)

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

[Scientists Identify Unique Breast Cancer Cells That Control Their Ability to Proliferate and Colonize the Lungs](#)

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

[CAR22 Therapy Granted Breakthrough Designation by FDA](#)

[Stanford Cancer Institute](#)

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

[Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center](#)

[Experimental Test Promises to Predict Side Effects, Return of Cancer in Patients Treated With Immunotherapy](#)

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

[Study Provides New Insights on Improving Immunotherapy Efficacy](#)

[Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University](#)

[Survey Finds Most Women Unaware of Signs of Aggressive Form of Breast Cancer](#)

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

[Researchers Create New Cancer Fighting Compound](#)

[UK Markey Cancer Center](#)

[Researchers Develop 'Goldilocks' Drug to Treat Triple-Negative Breast Cancer](#)

[The University of Arizona Cancer Center](#)

[Researchers Discover New Molecular Driver of Retinoblastoma](#)

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

[Scientists Are One Step Closer to Stopping Drug-Resistant Tumors From Growing](#)

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

OTHER NEWS

[UCSF Hosts First Lady Jill Biden to Discuss Breast Cancer Research](#)

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

First Lady **Jill Biden, PhD**, met with top UC San Francisco cancer leaders to hear about UCSF's breast cancer research and progress on



the National Cancer Moonshot. The visit highlighted the complexities of cancer, as well as UCSF advances in breast cancer research and programs that support breast cancer patients, survivors, and caregivers. [Read More](#)

[Scholars Converge to Accelerate Cancer Science](#)

[Cedars-Sinai Cancer](#)



The Convergent Science Virtual Cancer Center, a program designed to train the next generation of cancer researchers, held its first in-person workshop for its first class of scholars. The program, led by Cedars-Sinai Cancer and the University of Southern California, is funded by an inaugural grant from the Department of Defense. **Dan Theodorescu, MD, PhD**, is director of Cedars-Sinai Cancer. [Read More](#)

[Cancer Center Joins Exclusive Clinical Trials Network](#)

[The University of Kansas Cancer Center](#)

The University of Kansas Cancer Center is now a member of the National Cancer Institute's Experimental Therapeutics Clinical Trials Network (ETCTN) as part of a consortium led by Yale Cancer Center. ETCTN membership will increase the number of early-stage clinical trials the cancer center can offer to people with cancer. [Read More](#)

[New International Collaboration Established to Reduce Women's Cancers](#)

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

The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center and World Health Organization have announced a formal agreement to establish a new international collaboration concentrated on reducing the global burden of women's cancers. [Read More](#)

[Rogel Teams With Tobacco Quitline to Stem Menthol Use](#)

[University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center](#)



In Michigan, 40 percent of callers to the state's Tobacco Quitline are menthol users. Now, a new partnership between the University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center and the Quitline will develop and test strategies to help menthol users kick the habit. [Read More](#)

[Allison Institute Establishes Internal Advisory Council of Experts](#)

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

The James P. Allison Institute at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center has announced the establishment of its internal advisory council to provide scientific input and to align the work of the institute with the broader MD Anderson research enterprise. [Read More](#)

[500th CAR T-cell Infusion](#)

[Stanford Cancer Institute](#)



Stanford Health Care's Blood and Marrow Transplantation & Cellular Therapy program performed its 500th Chimeric Antigen Receptor (CAR T) T-cell therapy infusion in September. The multidisciplinary team—physicians, fellows, advanced practice providers, nurses, pharmacists, social workers, case management, clinic staff, and administrators—celebrated the milestone together. [Read More](#)

[Education and Outreach Home Under Construction](#)

[Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)



Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center is proud to break ground on a new Community Outreach and Engagement (COE) building. The project, which includes preservation of a home in Buffalo's historic Fruit Belt neighborhood, will be the new home for the cancer center's extensive COE team. [Read More](#)

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

[Associate Professor - Nanomedicine Department](#)

[Houston Methodist Dr. Mary and Ron Neal Cancer Center](#)

[Senior Clinical Trials Regulatory Research Specialist](#)

[UC San Diego Moores Cancer Center](#)

[Start-Up Manager: GU Clinical Research Team](#)

[UC San Diego Moores Cancer Center](#)

[PRMC Manager \(Protocol Review Specialist\)](#)

[Dartmouth Cancer Center](#)

[Protocol Development Specialist](#)

[Dartmouth Cancer Center](#)

[Director of Research Operations](#)

[Mays Cancer Center at UT Health San Antonio MD Anderson](#)

[Director, Early Phase Clinical Trials & Precision Therapeutics](#)

[UCI Chao Family Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

[Research Operations Manager](#)

[Dartmouth Cancer Center](#)

[Administrative Director of the Clinical Trials Support Unit](#)

[Dan L Duncan Comprehensive Cancer Center at Baylor College of Medicine](#)

[Associate or Full Researcher/Professor \(Cancer Biologist; Co-Leader Cancer Biology Program\)](#)

[University of Hawai'i Cancer Center, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa](#)

[Associate or Full Researcher/Professor \(Cancer Biology\)](#)

[University of Hawai'i Cancer Center, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa](#)

[Clinical Research Manager Cancer Immunotherapy Program](#)

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

AACI MEETINGS AND EVENTS

[AACI Leadership Diversity and Development Initiative Workshop](#)

[November 8-9, 2022](#)

[Loews Chicago O'Hare Hotel](#)

[Rosemont, IL](#)

[AACI/AACR Hill Day](#)

[SAVE THE DATE](#)

[May 18, 2023](#)

[Washington, DC](#)

[15th Annual AACI CRI Annual Meeting](#)

[SAVE THE DATE](#)

[June 26-28, 2023](#)

[Loews Chicago O'Hare Hotel](#)

[Rosemont, IL](#)

[2023 AACI/CCAF Annual Meeting](#)

[SAVE THE DATE](#)

[October 1-3, 2023](#)

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

[Washington, DC](#)



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