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AACI HEADLINES

[AACI Announces 2023 Award Recipients](#)



AACI congratulates this year's **Distinguished Scientist, Cancer Health Equity**, and **Champion for Cures** award recipients, selected by the AACI Board of Directors. The awards will be presented in person on **Monday, October 2**, during the **2023 AACI/CCAF Annual Meeting**.

Pictured, clockwise from top right: Dr. Patricia LoRusso (Distinguished Scientist), Dr. Amelie Ramirez (Cancer Health Equity), and Dana Dornsife, founder and chief mission and strategy officer, Lazarex Cancer Foundation (Champion for Cures) [Read More](#)

[NCI Journal Publishes AACI Report on COVID-19 Impact on Clinical Trials](#)



A report published last month in the *Journal of the National Cancer Institute (JNCI) Cancer Spectrum* shares the results of an AACI survey on the impact of COVID-19 on cancer clinical trials offices. Lead authors are **Thomas J. George, MD, FACP**, University of Florida Health Cancer Center; **Tara L. Lin, MD**, The University of Kansas Cancer Center; and **Theresa L. Werner, MD**, Huntsman Cancer Institute, University of Utah.

Pictured, clockwise from top right: Drs. Thomas J. George, Theresa L. Werner, and Tara L. Lin [Read More](#)

[DEI Summit to Be Held in Conjunction With AACI/CCAF Annual Meeting](#)

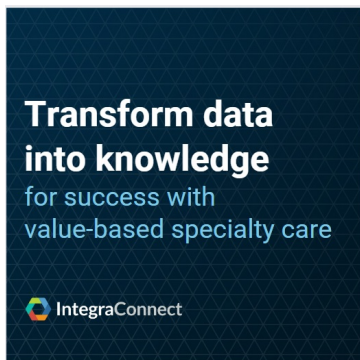
In partnership with the American Cancer Society and the Cancer Center DEI Network, AACI will hold the second Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Summit on **Saturday, September 30**, in conjunction with the

[Promote Your Cancer Center With an AACI/CCAF Annual Meeting Program Ad](#)



AACI invites you to promote your cancer center by purchasing an ad in the **2023 AACI/CCAF Annual Meeting** digital program book. The program book offers an excellent opportunity to showcase your center while supporting the annual meeting, **October 1-3** in Washington, DC. [Read More](#)

[Integra Connect: A Value-Based Precision Medicine Company](#)



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NEWS FROM THE CENTERS

AWARDS & HONORS

[DuBois Inducted Into Royal College of Physicians](#)

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



MUSC Hollings Cancer Center Director **Raymond N. DuBois, MD, PhD**, was inducted as a fellow into the Royal College of Physicians, an accolade held by some of the most innovative and inspirational physicians in the world. Dr. DuBois is known for his work illuminating the relationship between inflammation and cancer. [Read More](#)

[Researcher Provides Voice for State Residents in Cancer Clinical Trials](#)

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

University of Hawai'i Cancer Center researcher, **Erin Bantum, PhD**, has been re-elected to serve another three-year term on the National Cancer Institute's Symptom Management and Quality of Life Steering Committee. This committee addresses the design, prioritization, and evaluation of concepts for Phase II and Phase III clinical trials to control



cancer symptoms and cancer treatment side effects. [Read More](#)

GRANTS & GIFTS

[Comprehensive Cancer Center Designation Renewed](#)

[University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center](#)

[Study Examines Income Supplementation, Cancer Inequities in Persistent Poverty Areas](#)

[Stanford Cancer Institute](#)

[NCI MERIT Award to Support Colorectal Cancer Research](#)

[Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center](#)

[\\$3.9 Million Grant Funds E-Cigarette Flavoring Research](#)

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

[Hepatocellular Carcinoma Focus of Federal Grant](#)

[UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

[Grant Supports Study of Imaging Surveillance Strategies to Optimize Lung Cancer Outcomes](#)

[University of Florida Health Cancer Center](#)

[Funding Received to Explore Pre-Op Health in Native American Cancer Patients](#)

[The University of Arizona Cancer Center](#)

[\\$1.2 Million Awarded to Study Impact of Nutrition on Children's Behavioral, Mental Health Conditions](#)

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

[Addressing Health in Areas Characterized by Persistent Poverty](#)

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

[Project Aims to Create Dormant Cancer Cell Biosensor](#)

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

LEADERSHIP TRANSITIONS

[Eckhardt Joins Baylor College of Medicine](#)

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

S. Gail Eckhardt, MD, FASCO, will join Baylor College of Medicine as associate dean for experimental therapeutics and associate director for translational research at Dan L Duncan Comprehensive Cancer Center in



September. Dr. Eckhardt, a former member of AACI's Board of Directors, is the director of the Livestrong Cancer Institutes at the University of Texas. [Read More](#)

[George, Crispen Appointed to Executive Leadership Positions](#)

[University of Florida Health Cancer Center](#)



The University of Florida Health Cancer Center has appointed two oncologists to key executive leadership roles. **Thomas George, MD, FACP**, has been named deputy director. He is chair-elect of the AACI Clinical Research Innovation Steering Committee. **Paul Crispen, MD**, has been named associate director for clinical research. [Read More](#)

[Mustian Named Associate Director for Population Science](#)

[Wilmot Cancer Institute, UR Medicine](#)



Karen Mustian, PhD, MPH, a longtime leader at the Wilmot Cancer Institute, has been promoted to associate director of population science. She joined the University of Rochester Medical Center in 2003 as a research assistant professor and the inaugural fellow in the URMCI National Cancer Institute-funded Cancer Control Training Program. [Read More](#)

[Reddy Appointed Chair in Pancreatic Cancer Surgery](#)

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



Fox Chase Cancer Center is proud to announce that **Sanjay S. Reddy, MD, FACS**, has been appointed to the Marvin S. Greenberg, MD, Chair in Pancreatic Cancer Surgery. Dr. Reddy also serves as program director of the Complex General Surgical Oncology Fellowship, clinical director of the gastrointestinal service line, and co-director the Pancreatic Cancer Institute. [Read More](#)

[Medina-Kauwe Named Inaugural Chair in Medical Discovery](#)

[Cedars-Sinai Cancer](#)

Cedars-Sinai has named **Lali Medina-Kauwe, PhD**, as the inaugural



holder of the Carol Moss Foundation Chair in Medical Discovery. Support from the foundation will enable Dr. Medina-Kauwe to advance innovative research in nanomedicine, the engineering of tiny particles to prevent and treat disease. [Read More](#)

[Russell Named Chief Quality Officer](#)

[Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University](#)



Maria C. Russell, MD, has been named chief quality officer for Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University. She joined the Emory faculty in 2012 and her clinical practice focuses on complex gastrointestinal and hepatobiliary malignancies. [Read More](#)

RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

[Team Assesses Addition of Complement Inhibitor Drug to Immunotherapy for Ovarian Cancer](#)

[Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

[Young Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders Face Highest Cancer Death Rates](#)

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

[Existing Drug Shows Promise Treating Most Prevalent Type of Lung Cancer](#)

[UK Markey Cancer Center](#)

[HPV Vaccine Cost Reimbursement Could Hinder Vaccine Access, Study Suggests](#)

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

[Studies Examine Effect of Cancer on Work and Finances](#)

[The University of Kansas Cancer Center](#)

[A Novel Approach Towards a Vaccine for Relapsing Acute Myeloid Leukemia](#)

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

[Changing the Way Immune-Based Cancer Drugs Are Delivered Could Reduce Costs by 14 Percent](#)

[University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center](#)

[Liquid Biopsy May Help Identify HPV-Associated Oropharyngeal Cancer](#)

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

[Overweight BMI Linked to Better Outcomes in Patients With Head and Neck Cancer](#)

[Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

[Study Examines Later Cardiac Complications From Pediatric Radiation Therapy](#)

[Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University](#)

[New Imaging Technology May Reduce Surgeries for Rectal Cancer Patients](#)

[Siteman Cancer Center](#)

[Gene Mutations Linked to Hereditary Kidney Cancer Predisposition But Potential Pitfall Identified](#)

[UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

[KIPA Potentially Predicts Chemotherapy Response in Triple-Negative Breast Cancer](#)

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

[New Approach Developed to Strengthen CAR T-Cell Therapy for Cancer Treatment](#)

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

[Novel Prostate Cancer Therapy Receives FDA Approval](#)

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

[Study Finds Unexpected Mechanism of Cancer Cell Spread](#)

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[Study Finds New Potential Therapy Option for Patients With Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia](#)

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[Missing a Rare Cause of Hereditary Cancer](#)

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[Study Reveals New Clue to Gastric Cancer](#)

[Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center](#)

[Vaccine Plus Immunotherapy and Antibody Spark Immune System Response in Pancreatic Cancers](#)

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

OTHER NEWS

[Cancer Screening Initiative Launched to Address Racial Disparities](#)

[Siteman Cancer Center](#)

Siteman Cancer Center launched a prostate cancer screening initiative along with an educational campaign to address the racial disparity in prostate cancer. The campaign aims to spread awareness among African American men in the St. Louis area about their higher risk for prostate cancer (one in six Black men) and why they need to start screening for prostate cancer at ages 40 to 45. [Read More](#)

[Stanford, Veterans Affairs Announce Intent to Develop Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

[Stanford Cancer Institute](#)

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Palo Alto Health Care System and Stanford Medicine have announced a collaboration on a project to potentially plan, build, and operate a National Cancer Institute-designated joint cancer care and research center on the VA Palo Alto campus. [Read More](#)

[Pinpointing Pain: Is It Cancer or Cancer Treatment?](#)

[Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center](#)



Distinguishing side effects of cancer treatment from potential metastatic recurrence can be difficult. In a Q&A, **Hanna Hunter, MD**, medical director of cancer rehabilitation at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center, shares best practices on how doctors and patients can work together to manage pain symptoms. [Read More](#)

[Radiation Oncology Center Open, Proton Therapy to Come](#)

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

The UAMS Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute has opened a new radiation oncology center with expanded capabilities to provide advanced radiation treatments for children and adults with cancer, including the state's first proton center. The \$65 million, 58,000-square-foot structure was built to accommodate three new linear accelerators. [Read More](#)

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

[Assistant/Associate Professor Position in Pharmaceutical Sciences](#)

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

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

[Stony Brook Cancer Center](#)

[Vice President, Cancer Service Line](#)

[O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of Alabama at Birmingham](#)

[Director, Research Facilities and Operations](#)

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

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

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[Senior Vice President, Chief Information Officer](#)

[Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

MEMBER MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

[2nd Annual Cancer Center Survivorship Research Forum: Implementing Equitable Cancer Survivorship Care](#)

[HYBRID EVENT](#)

[September 11-12, 2023](#)

[Stanford, CA](#)

[Women's Health and Cancer Conference](#)

[HYBRID EVENT](#)

[September 29, 2023](#)

[Burlington, VT](#)

AACI MEETINGS AND EVENTS

[Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Summit](#)

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[Washington, DC](#)

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