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AACI HEADLINES

[LSU LCMC Health Cancer Center Names Ramos Director](#)



To accelerate the attainment of the **first National Cancer Institute (NCI)-Designated Cancer Center in Louisiana**, LSU Health, LCMC Health, Louisiana Cancer Research Center (LCRC), and Tulane University have aligned and signed an agreement that **Joe W. Ramos, PhD**, will serve as director of the LSU LCMC Health Cancer Center. [Read More](#)

[Kimmelman Named Director of Perlmutter Cancer Center](#)



Alec Kimmelman, MD, PhD, a renowned researcher and radiation oncologist, has been named director of the Laura and Isaac Perlmutter Cancer Center. Dr. Kimmelman will also retain his title as the Anita Steckler and Joseph Steckler Chair of the Department of Radiation Oncology at NYU Grossman School of Medicine. This appointment is effective immediately. [Read More](#)

[Rathmell Nominated as NCI Director](#)

On November 17, President Joe Biden announced his **nomination** of **W. Kimryn Rathmell, MD, PhD, MMHC**, to be the next director of the National Cancer Institute (NCI). She will be the NCI's 17th director and only the second woman to hold this position. Dr. Rathmell is the Hugh Jackson Professor of Medicine and chair of the Department of Medicine



at Vanderbilt University Medical Center (VUMC). She joined VUMC in 2015 as director of the Division of Hematology and Oncology. [Read More](#)

[Register Today for AACI's Leadership Diversity and Development Workshop](#)



Registration is now open for AACI's 2024 [Leadership Diversity and Development Workshop](#) (LDDW), which will be held **March 12-13** at Loews Chicago O'Hare Hotel. AACI cancer center directors are encouraged to select one emerging leader from their center to attend. [Read More](#)

[AACI Participates in HPV, Lung Cancer Advocacy Events](#)



Continuing its engagement with issues that affect the cancer center community, AACI staff attended several events in Washington, DC, last month. Following the Friends of Cancer Research annual meeting on Tuesday, November 14, AACI participated in advocacy events promoting HPV- and lung cancer-related legislation. [Read More](#)

[AACI Announces Additions to Inclusive Excellence Steering Committee](#)



AACI President **Robert A. Winn, MD**, director of VCU Massey Comprehensive Cancer Center, has appointed community advocates **Rudene Haynes, JD**, and **Loriana Hernández-Aldama** to the steering committee of his [Inclusive Excellence Initiative](#). [Read More](#)

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NEWS FROM THE CENTERS

AWARDS & HONORS

[Kutikov Receives Kidney Cancer Association Award](#)

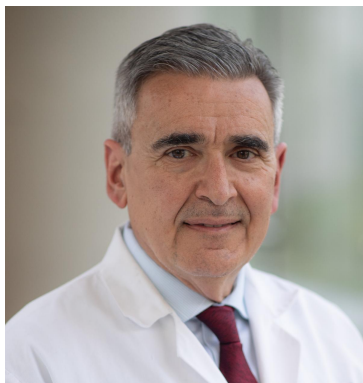
[Fox Chase Cancer Center, Temple Health](#)



Alexander Kutikov, MD, FACS, chair of the Department of Urology at Fox Chase Cancer Center, has received the Andrew C. Novick Award from the Kidney Cancer Association. [Read More](#)

[Sparano Receives Chemotherapy Foundation Award](#)

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



Joseph Sparano, MD, received the Ezra Greenspan Award from The Chemotherapy Foundation for his groundbreaking work in breast cancer and HIV-related malignancies, and his work to address cancer disparities in vulnerable populations. Dr. Sparano is chair of the Division of Hematology and Medical Oncology at Icahn Mount Sinai and deputy director of The Tisch Cancer Institute. [Read More](#)

GRANTS & GIFTS

[\\$13.5 Million Effort Aims to Understand Racial Differences in Response to Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors](#)

[Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

[\\$13.3 Million Grant Renewal to Address Cancer Health Disparities](#)

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

[\\$10.6 Million Grant to Advance Glioblastoma Research With Mathematical Oncology](#)

[Mayo Clinic Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

[Researchers Receive \\$7 Million to Improve Outcomes for High-Risk Blood Cancer Patients](#)

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

[Grant Awarded for Clinical Trial on Experimental AML/MDS Treatment](#)

[Montefiore Einstein Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

[Researchers Receive \\$2.4 Million to Develop Pancreatic Cancer Treatments](#)

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

[Blood Cancer Trials Network Will Bring Investigational Therapies to Underserved Communities](#)

[Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University](#)

[Tools Designed to Improve Treatment for Head and Neck Cancer](#)

[UK Markey Cancer Center](#)

[Leukemia Expert Awarded \\$1 Million Grant From Leukemia & Lymphoma Society](#)

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

LEADERSHIP TRANSITIONS

[Rocconi Returns Home to Lead Call to Improve Cancer Care](#)

[UMMC Cancer Center and Research Institute](#)



The epic fight against cancer is personal for University of Mississippi alumnus **Rodney Rocconi, MD**. He was appointed director of the UMMC Cancer Center and Research Institute in July, following 16 years in various leadership roles at the University of South Alabama Mitchell Cancer Institute. [Read More](#)

[Friedman Named Cancer Center Deputy Director](#)

[Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center](#)



Debra Friedman, MD, MS, holder of the E. Bronson Ingram Chair in Pediatric Oncology, has been named deputy director of Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center. Dr. Friedman serves as associate director for Community Science and Health Outcomes for Vanderbilt-Ingram and served as a research program leader for Vanderbilt-Ingram from 2008-2023. [Read More](#)

Robinson Named Director of Neuro-Oncology

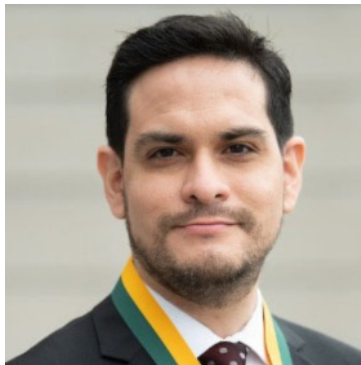
Comprehensive Cancer Center St. Jude Children's Research Hospital



Giles Robinson, MD, has assumed the role of director for the Department of Oncology's Division of Neuro-Oncology. He has also become co-leader of the Neurobiology and Brain Tumor Program within the St. Jude Comprehensive Cancer Center. [Read More](#)

Herrera Appointed Associate Director of DEI

The University of Vermont Cancer Center



Diego Adrianzen Herrera, MD, assistant professor of medicine, has been appointed to serve as associate director of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) for the University of Vermont Cancer Center. [Read More](#)

Researcher Leads New AI for Health Institute

Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University



Launched in November under the umbrella of Emory University's AI.Humanity initiative, the Emory Empathetic AI for Health Institute will be led by **Anant Madabhushi, PhD**, a member of the Cancer Immunology research program at Winship Cancer Institute. [Read More](#)

Ely Joins Thoracic Oncology Program

GW Cancer Center



For **Gladys Tsao-Wu, MD**, and **Jennifer Chan, MD**, reconstruction is as much about helping patients recover emotionally as it is about physical restoration. After more than a decade working together in private practice, the duo has joined UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center to help breast cancer survivors reclaim what cancer took from them. [Read More](#)

[Goecks Named Assistant Center Director of Research Informatics](#)

[Moffitt Cancer Center](#)



Moffitt Cancer Center has announced **Jeremy Goecks, PhD**, as its assistant center director of research informatics. Dr. Goecks will lead adoption of innovative technology platforms and computing standards within the data-related core services, as well as transition research innovations to clinical applications through the Center of Digital Health. [Read More](#)

[Gynecological Oncologist Joins GWU](#)

[GW Cancer Center](#)



Jennifer Vaz, MD, has joined the GW University Cancer Center and the GW Medical Faculty Associates as a gynecological oncologist. She specializes in malignant and benign tumors of the pelvis, including ovarian, uterine, cervical, and vulvar/vaginal malignancies. [Read More](#)

RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

[Potato Starch Supplements Could Be Solution to Bone Marrow Transplant Complications](#)

[University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center](#)

[Using Human In Vitro Models to Study Prostate Cancer](#)

[The University of Arizona Cancer Center](#)

[AI Model Can Help Predict Survival Outcomes for Patients With Cancer](#)

[UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

[Nutrient Found in Beef and Dairy Improves Immune Response to Cancer](#)

[The University of Chicago Medicine Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

[Turning Drug Resistance Against Itself](#)

[Stony Brook Cancer Center](#)

[Can Gene Expression Predict if a Brain Tumor is Likely to Grow Back?](#)

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

[Computer Models Fill Critical Knowledge Gaps to Help Reduce Cancer Disparities](#)

[Georgetown Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

[Lung Cancer Screening Guidelines Perpetuate Racial Disparities](#)

[Stanford Cancer Institute](#)

[Novel Immunotherapy Approach Shows Promise in Metastatic Triple-Negative Breast Cancer](#)

[Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

[First-in-Human Trial of New Drug Raises Hopes for Patients With Relapsed Blood Cancer](#)

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

[Metabolite Tells Cells Whether to Repair DNA](#)

[University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center](#)

[Pathologic Scoring Shows Promise for Assessing Lung Tumor Therapy Response](#)

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

[Liver Cancer Rates Increase in Each Successive Generation of Mexican Americans, Study Finds](#)

[USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

[Urban Environmental Exposures Drive Increased Breast Cancer Incidence](#)

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

[Scientists Discover Key to Potential Natural Cancer Treatment Potency](#)

[University of Florida Health Cancer Center](#)

[Tumors Can Hijack the Biological Machinery of Brain Plasticity](#)

[Stanford Cancer Institute](#)

[Cancer Blood Tests Jumpstart Diagnoses and Targeted Therapy](#)

[UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

[Study Finds New Genetic Variants Linked to Prostate Cancer](#)

[USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

[Study Provides Valuable Insights Into Drivers of Cancer Risk](#)

[UK Markey Cancer Center](#)

[Oral Pouch Products Do Little to Curb Addictive Nicotine Cravings](#)

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

[Disrupting Cancer Cell-Fat Cell Interactions Prevents Metastasis in Ovarian Cancers](#)

[The University of Chicago Medicine Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

[Hospitals Serving Large Black, Latino Populations Have Fewer Resources for Cancer Care](#)

[UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

[Inclusion of New Risk Factors Improves Prediction of Invasive Breast Cancer](#)

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

[Promising Target for CAR T Cells Helps Cancer Trick the Immune System](#)

[Comprehensive Cancer Center St. Jude Children's Research Hospital](#)

OTHER NEWS

[Northwell Opens \\$52 Million Cancer Center, Multispecialty Practice in Queens](#)

[Northwell Health Cancer Institute](#)



Northwell Health has opened a suite of medical practices meant to cover a host of conditions and deliver complex, coordinated health care in the heart of Queens. The \$52 million, 70,000-square-foot facility is easily reachable by car, subway, or bus line and anchored by the largest outpatient cancer center in the borough. [*Read More*](#)

[Worthy to Spearhead Cancer Moonshot Project Geared Toward Black Breast Cancer Patients](#)

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



The White House Cancer Moonshot program has signaled its support for a new initiative led by TOUCH, to bolster Black women's breast cancer clinical trial participation by 2025. The White House also highlighted a connected program, TOUCH Care, led by **Valarie Worthy, MSN, RN**, that provides nurse navigator services to assist Black breast cancer patients in clinical trials. [*Read More*](#)

[Statewide Collaboration to Attain NCI Designation Announced](#)

[LSU LCMC Health Cancer Center](#)

Governor John Bel Edwards has announced a new statewide collaboration among LSU, LCMC Health, Louisiana Cancer Research Center, and Tulane University to accelerate the attainment of the first National Cancer Institute (NCI)-Designated Cancer Center in Louisiana. [*Read More*](#)

[Understanding How Data Impact Cancer Care](#)

[Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center](#)

When Reiko Horst was diagnosed with early-stage breast cancer, she knew next to nothing about the disease. To help determine the best treatment plan, her medical oncologist at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center recommended doing a test called Oncotype DX to help predict Horst's risk of the cancer returning and the benefit of chemotherapy. [*Read More*](#)

[Jefferson Health Pledges to Share Data to Improve Veteran Health Care](#)

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

Jefferson Health is joining the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), alongside 12 other community health care systems, to share data to improve the veteran experience regardless of where veterans receive their health care – inside or outside of the VA. [Read More](#)

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

[Vice President, DEI Strategy, Insights, and Innovation](#)

[American Cancer Society](#)

[Community Health Open Rank Faculty \(Cancer Focused\)](#)

[LSU LCMC Health Cancer Center](#)

[Environmental Health Open Rank Faculty \(Cancer Focused\)](#)

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[Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center](#)

[Faculty Position in Cancer Research Focused on Indigenous Populations](#)

[Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center](#)

[COE Postdoctoral Fellow](#)

[The University of Kansas Cancer Center](#)

MEMBER MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

[1st Annual Catchment Area Data Conference: Beyond Definition](#)

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[December 7-9, 2023](#)

[Richmond, VA](#)

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[AACI Leadership Diversity and Development Workshop](#)

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[March 12-13, 2024](#)

[Loews Chicago O'Hare Hotel](#)

[Rosemont, IL](#)

[2024 AACI/AACR Hill Day](#)

[SAVE THE DATE](#)

[May 16, 2024](#)

[Washington, DC](#)

[16th Annual AACI CRI Meeting](#)

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[June 24-26, 2024](#)

[Loews Chicago O'Hare Hotel](#)

[Rosemont, IL](#)

[2024 AACI/CCAF Annual Meeting](#)

[SAVE THE DATE](#)

[October 20-22, 2024](#)

[Loews Chicago Hotel](#)

[Chicago, IL](#)

[17th Annual AACI CRI Meeting](#)

[SAVE THE DATE](#)

[June 23-25, 2025](#)

[Loews Chicago O'Hare Hotel](#)

[Rosemont, IL](#)

[2025 AACI/CCAF Annual Meeting](#)

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