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AACI HEADLINES

[Schwartz Named New Director at Case Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)



Gary Schwartz, MD, will become director of the Case Comprehensive Cancer Center this spring, succeeding Stanton L. Gerson, MD, a past AACI president, who has led the center since 2004. Dr. Schwartz is chief of the Hematology & Oncology Division at Columbia University Irving Medical Center and deputy director of its Herbert Irving Comprehensive Cancer Center. [Read More](#)

[AACI Welcomes LSU-LCMC Health Cancer Center](#)



In January the Louisiana State University-Louisiana Children's Medical Center (LSU-LCMC) Health Cancer Center became the 108th member of AACI. Professor of Surgery and Interdisciplinary Oncology **John H. Stewart, IV, MD, MBA**, is the founding director of the cancer center, which was established in 2021. [Read More](#)

[CRI Abstract Submission Tool Now Open](#)

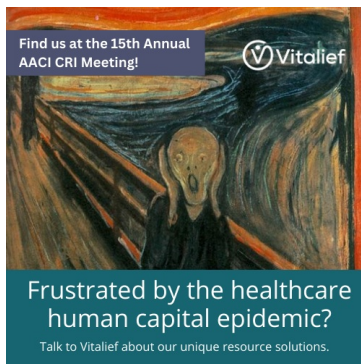
Abstract submissions are now being accepted for the **15th Annual AACI CRI Meeting**, June 26-28, 2023, at the Loews Chicago O'Hare Hotel in Rosemont, IL. This year's meeting theme will focus on taking innovations in cancer clinical research from abstract to reality. Completed abstracts are due by 5:00 pm Pacific time on **Monday, March 13**. [Read More](#)



[Champion for Cures Nominations Due March 31](#)

AACI cancer center directors are invited to submit nominations for the 2023 [**Champion for Cures Award**](#). The submission deadline is **Friday, March 31**. The Champion for Cures Award will be presented during the [**2023 AACI/CCAF Annual Meeting**](#), October 1-3, at the Salamander Washington DC. [*Read More*](#)

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NEWS FROM THE CENTERS

AWARDS & HONORS

[Uzzo Presents Rhoads Oration for Philadelphia Academy of Surgery](#)

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



Joining more than 100 previous orators, **Robert Uzzo, MD, MBA, FACS**, president and CEO of Fox Chase Cancer Center, delivered the Rhoads Oration for the Philadelphia Academy of Surgery at The College of Physicians of Philadelphia. His oration discussed the origins of kidney cancer, as well as environmental and tissue-specific responses that may affect its development. [*Read More*](#)

[Weissman Receives Award for Lifetime Achievement in Hematology](#)

[Stanford Cancer Institute](#)

Irv Weissman, MD, was presented with the American Society of Hematology's (ASH) highest honor, the 2022 Wallace H. Coulter Award for Lifetime Achievement in Hematology. He is the former director of Stanford's Institute for Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine. [*Read More*](#)



[Wargo Recognized for Microbiome Research](#)

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



Jennifer Wargo, MD, has received a 2023 Edith and Peter O'Donnell Award in Medicine from the Texas Academy of Medicine, Engineering, Science and Technology (TAMEST) for her contributions to the understanding of how the gut microbiome influences responses to immunotherapy and other cancer treatments. [Read More](#)

[Researcher Receives Asbestos Disease Awareness Award](#)

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



Andrea Wolf, MD, director of the New York Mesothelioma Program at the Mount Sinai Health System, has received the 2022 Irving J. Selikoff Lifetime Achievement Award from the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization. [Read More](#)

[Ermann Selected as Mentoring Program Scholar](#)

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



Daniel Ermann, MD, hematology and oncology fellow at Huntsman Cancer Institute, has been selected as a scholar for the 2023 Lymphoma Scientific Research Mentoring Program by the Lymphoma Research Foundation. As a scholar, Dr. Ermann will receive a \$10,000 career development help with his current clinical trial and develop skills to apply for grants for future studies. [Read More](#)

[Winkfield Named to ACS CAN National Board of Directors](#)

[Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center](#)

Karen Winkfield, MD, PhD, executive director of the Meharry-Vanderbilt Alliance, has been named one of three new members of the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network's national board of directors. Dr.



Winkfield is a professor of radiation oncology at Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center, and professor of Medicine at Meharry Medical College. [Read More](#)

[Graduate Student Recognized With ASH Abstract Achievement Award](#)

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



Billy Truong, a doctoral candidate at Fox Chase Cancer Center, was awarded the American Society of Hematology (ASH) Abstract Achievement Award for a poster that he presented at the 64th ASH Annual Meeting and Exposition. His project addresses a critical gap in knowledge for mitogen-activated protein kinase-targeted therapy. [Read More](#)

[Moul AUA Award Announced](#)

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



Retired colonel and Duke Cancer Institute member **Judd Moul, MD**, has been named to receive a Distinguished Contribution Award for his "prolific contributions and leadership in prostate cancer research and dedicated military service" from the American Urological Association. [Read More](#)

[Bravo-Cordero Elected MRS Secretary](#)

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



Jose Javier Bravo-Cordero, PhD, has been elected secretary of the Metastasis Research Society (MRS), which supports progressive research on processes fundamental to metastasis. Dr. Bravo-Cordero is an associate professor of medicine, hematology and medical oncology in the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. He served as a member of the MRS board from 2020-2022. [Read More](#)

GRANTS & GIFTS

[Cancer Center Receives Landmark \\$43 Million Federal Investment](#)

[The University of Kansas Cancer Center](#)

[Diversity in Clinical Trials Award Program to Expand](#)

[Lamba Receives \\$3.3 Million Grant for Pediatric AML Research](#)

[University of Florida Health Cancer Center](#)

[Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Appears Promising for Head and Neck Cancer Survivors](#)

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

[Foundation Gifts Create Cancer Informatics Chair](#)

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

[Cancer Center Gets \\$1.1 Million Gift for Holistic Cancer Care](#)

[The University of Arizona Cancer Center](#)

[UVA, Community Health Centers Expand Cancer Screenings for Underserved](#)

[University of Virginia Cancer Center](#)

LEADERSHIP TRANSITIONS

[Cullen to Retire as Director](#)

[University of Maryland Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)



Kevin J. Cullen, MD, the longtime director of the University of Maryland Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum Comprehensive Cancer Center (UMGCCC), will transition from this position in 2023. Dr. Cullen has overseen four applications for National Cancer Institute designation at UMGCCC and a fifth as interim director of the Georgetown Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center. [Read More](#)

[Gadi Named Deputy Director](#)

[University of Illinois Cancer Center](#)

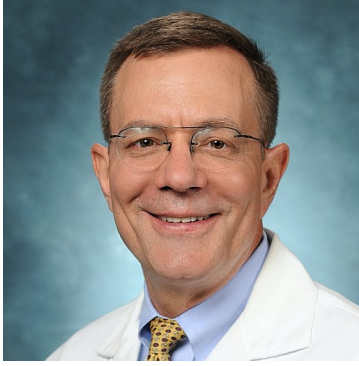


VK Gadi, MD, PhD, whose laboratory and clinical research has focused primarily on breast cancer, is the new deputy director of the University of Illinois Cancer Center. Dr. Gadi joined the cancer center in March 2020 as associate director of translational medicine. [Read More](#)

[Kelly Appointed Chair of Medical Oncology](#)

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

Wm. Kevin Kelly, DO, has been appointed chair of the Department of Medical Oncology for the Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University. An expert in genitourinary cancers and drug



development for prostate cancer and other malignancies, Dr. Kelly joined Jefferson in 2010 and currently serves as associate director of clinical research in the Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center. [Read More](#)

[Rogers Appointed Associate Cancer Center Director for DEI](#)

[Yale Cancer Center, Yale Medical School](#)



Faye Rogers, PhD, associate professor of therapeutic radiology, has been appointed associate cancer center director for diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) at Yale Cancer Center. She will lead the center's efforts to enhance its culture of belonging, including programs and training in cultural and structural humility, counteracting stigma and stereotypes, and gender discrimination. [Read More](#)

[Holzbeierlein Appointed Physician in Chief](#)

[The University of Kansas Cancer Center](#)



Jeffrey Holzbeierlein, MD, was named physician in chief of The University of Kansas Cancer Center. He will assume the role held by Terry Tsue, MD, who retired in January after serving in the health system appointed position for the past 10 years. [Read More](#)

[Associate Director of Research Administration Appointed](#)

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



Travis Poole, MHA, has been appointed as associate director of research administration at MUSC Hollings Cancer Center. Poole works closely with the director and members of senior and programmatic leadership to build and support the research infrastructure crucial to the cancer center's mission. [Read More](#)

[Yang Joins Markey as Chair of Radiation Medicine](#)

[UK Markey Cancer Center](#)

The University of Kentucky College of Medicine is excited to announce that **Eddy Shih-Hsin Yang, MD, PhD**, will join the college as the new chair of the department of radiation medicine and the Markey Cancer Foundation Endowed Chair in Radiation Medicine. Dr. Yang is joining the College of Medicine from the

RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

[Sotorasib Shows Meaningful Anticancer Activity in KRAS G12C-mutated Metastatic Pancreatic Cancer](#)

[University of Florida Health Cancer Center](#)

[Study: Chronic Opioid Use Reduced by Limiting Prescribed Opioids After Surgery](#)

[Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

[Metastasis Markers](#)

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

[Researchers Circumvent Radiation Resistance in Subtype of Brain Tumors](#)

[University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center](#)

[Using a Seaweed Sugar to Trigger Immune Responses That Suppress Melanomas](#)

[Moffitt Cancer Center](#)

[Aggressive Surgery Increases Survival With Low-Grade Brain Tumors](#)

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

[After 10 Years and One Thousand Studies, Epigeneticists Uncover Trouble in Their Toolbox](#)

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

[Mitochondrial Uncoupling Induces Epigenome Remodeling and Promotes Differentiation in Neuroblastoma](#)

[Stanford Cancer Institute](#)

[Updated Online Tool First to Assess Risk of Cancer, Heart Disease Using Family Data](#)

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

[Researchers Uncover New Pathway for Molecular Cancer Drug Therapies](#)

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

[Taming Overactive mTOR in Renal Cell Cancer](#)

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

[Luck Favors the Prepared Mind](#)

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

[Study Finds New Genetic Risk Factors for Colorectal Cancer, Paving the Way For Better Screening, Prevention](#)

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[Study Shows How Liver Cancer Hijacks Circadian Clock Machinery Inside Cells](#)

[USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

[Neuronal Molecule Makes Prostate Cancer More Aggressive](#)

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

[Quality of Treatment for Lung Cancer Varies Widely Across U.S.](#)

[Siteman Cancer Center](#)

[Scientists Develop Novel mRNA Delivery Method Using Extracellular Vesicles](#)

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

[Scientists Identify How a Biological Pathway Leads Stem Cells to Die or Regenerate](#)

[Cedars-Sinai Cancer](#)

[Study Addresses Colorectal Cancer Disparities in Black Communities](#)

[UK Markey Cancer Center](#)

[Study Suggests a Way To Re-Energize Tired T Cells When Treating Cancer, Viral Infections](#)

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

[Certain Gene Signaling Rewires Tumors After Immunotherapy](#)

[University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center](#)

[Findings Could Help Prevent Side Effects for Breast Cancer Patients](#)

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

[New Approach Outperforms Existing Cancer Susceptibility Models](#)

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[Older Patients Left Behind in Progress Against Lung Cancer](#)

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[Study Reveals How Chronic Blood Cancer Transitions to Aggressive Disease](#)

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OTHER NEWS

[Streamlining Lung Cancer Screening](#)

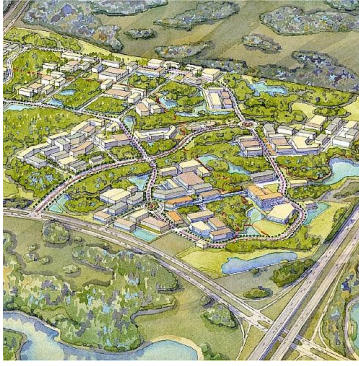
[Cedars-Sinai Cancer](#)

Cedars-Sinai Cancer is taking on the country's leading cause of cancer-related death with a new lung cancer screening program designed to reach more patients, simplify the screening process, and provide fast access to follow-up care. [Read More](#)

[Moffitt Breaks Ground on New Campus](#)

[Moffitt Cancer Center](#)

A January groundbreaking and naming celebration for "Speros FL" officially kicked off construction of the 775-acre Pasco County, FL campus featuring 16 million square feet of lab, office, manufacturing and



clinical space. The name, Speros, is a derivative of the Latin verb "Sperare," meaning "to hope" or "to look forward to." [Read More](#)

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[UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill](#)

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[Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center](#)

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[UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Institute](#)

[Clinical Study Initiation Analyst](#)

[UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Institute](#)

[Senior Project Manager](#)

[UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

[Faculty Position - Chief Medical Research Officer for Network Integration](#)

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[Senior Grants & Contract Specialist](#)

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