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AACI HEADLINES

[Sanchez Named to Head the UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)



Yolanda Sanchez, PhD, has been named to head the UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center. Dr. Sanchez is currently associate director of basic sciences at Dartmouth Cancer Center. She will start in her new role on February 6, 2023, becoming the first Hispanic woman to lead a National Cancer Institute-Designated Comprehensive Cancer Center. [Read More](#)

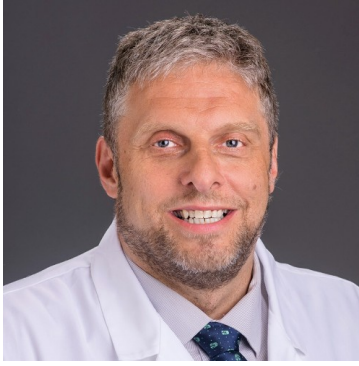
[Mesa to Lead Atrium Health Cancer Service Line](#)



Ruben A. Mesa, MD, FACP, has been named president and executive director of Atrium Health's cancer service line—which includes both Atrium Health Levine Cancer Institute and Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist Comprehensive Cancer Center—and vice dean for cancer programs at Wake Forest University School of Medicine. A member of AACI's Board of Directors, Dr. Mesa currently serves as executive director of Mays Cancer Center at UT Health San Antonio MD Anderson and professor of medicine at UT Health Science Center San Antonio. [Read More](#)

[Ellis Fischel Cancer Center Becomes AACI's Newest Member](#)

AACI is pleased to add Ellis Fischel Cancer Center to its membership roster. Directed by **Gerhard Hildebrandt, MD, FACS**, Ellis Fischel's strategic imperative is to use research and innovation to create accessible, value-based, cancer care and prevention. With more than 200 cancer-focused researchers across four Missouri campuses, the center has launched an innovative plan to create a consortium



partnership with another AACI member, Siteman Cancer Center. [Read More](#)

[Call for Abstracts: 15th Annual AACI CRI Meeting](#)



The AACI CRI Steering Committee is currently soliciting **abstracts** for the 15th Annual AACI CRI Meeting. This year's meeting theme will focus on taking innovations in cancer clinical research from abstract to reality. The purpose of the abstracts is to inform meeting attendees about clinical trials office challenges and solutions implemented at AACI cancer centers. [Read More](#)

[AACI Applauds Passage of FY 2023 Omnibus Spending Package](#)

Top congressional appropriators came to an agreement on a \$1.7 trillion omnibus spending package for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023. The budget was passed and signed by President Biden ahead of the December 23 deadline. The agreement framework from the House and Senate Appropriations Committees on the omnibus includes funding numbers that fall short of AACI's requests. However, the final budget numbers still represent significant increases for both the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and National Cancer Institute (NCI). [Read More](#)

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NEWS FROM THE CENTERS

AWARDS & HONORS

[Jensen Appointed to ACS CAN Board](#)

[The University of Kansas Cancer Center](#)



Roy Jensen, MD, vice chancellor and director of The University of Kansas Cancer Center, has been named to the national board of directors for the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN). [Read More](#)

[Hitchcock Appointed Vice Chair of National DEI Committee](#)

[University of Florida Health Cancer Center](#)



Kate Hitchcock, MD, PhD, assistant professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology in the University of Florida College of Medicine, has been appointed vice chair of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee of NRG Oncology, a nonprofit research organization. [Read More](#)

[Clinicians Named to List of World's Most Highly Cited Researchers](#)

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



Fox Chase Cancer Center physicians **Hossein Borghaei, DO, MS**, and **Elizabeth Plimack, MD, MS**, have been named to the 2022 list of Highly Cited Researchers by Clarivate, an information and analytics firm focused on research. [Read More](#)

[Bhardwaj Honored With ESMO Award](#)

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



Nina Bhardwaj, MD, PhD, was honored with the 2022 ESMO Award for Immuno-Oncology from the European Society for Medical Oncology in recognition of her outstanding contributions to cancer immunology research. Dr. Bhardwaj delivered her award lecture on December 7 during the ESMO Immuno-Oncology Congress 2022. [Read More](#)

[Flowers Receives ASH Mentor Award](#)

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



Christopher Flowers, MD, division head *ad interim* of cancer medicine and chair of Lymphoma and Myeloma at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, has received a 2022 ASH Mentor Award from the American Society of Hematology in acknowledgment of his career-long commitment to mentoring. [Read More](#)

[Gersbach Elected Fellow of the National Academy of Inventors](#)

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

Charles Gersbach, PhD, associate professor of surgery, orthopedic surgery, and cell biology, and Duke Cancer Institute member, has been elected Fellow of the National Academy of Inventors Class of 2022.

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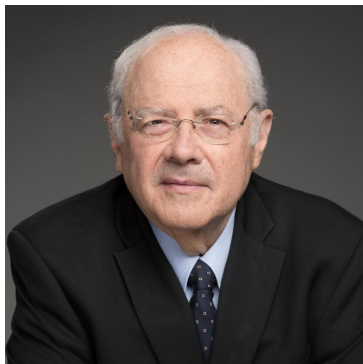
[National Accreditation for Multidisciplinary High-Quality Care Renewed](#)

[University of Florida Health Cancer Center](#)

The UF Health Cancer Center has received a three-year reaccreditation from the Commission on Cancer, or CoC, a quality program of the American College of Surgeons, in recognition of its commitment to providing high-quality, patient-centered cancer care. [Read More](#)

[Wolmark Recognized for Scientific Distinction](#)

[UPMC Hillman Cancer Center](#)



Norman Wolmark, MD, received the 2022 Susan G. Komen Brinker Award for Scientific Distinction at the recent San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium (SABCS). Dr. Wolmark, chair of the NSABP Foundation and chair and principal investigator of NRG Oncology, delivered his address, "The Contribution of NSABP Clinical Trials to the Management of Early Breast Cancer: PAST AS PROLOGUE," on December 9 at SABCS.

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[Lovly Receives Lung Cancer Award](#)

[Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center](#)



The GO2 Foundation for Lung Cancer has recognized **Christine Lovly, MD, PhD**, with the 2022 Asclepius Award. The foundation recognized Dr. Lovly for her work on understanding and developing improved therapeutic strategies for specific clinically relevant molecular subsets of lung cancer, with a focus on mechanisms of sensitivity and resistance to agents used in clinical practice. [Read More](#)

GRANTS & GIFTS

[\\$12 Million Grant Launches Research Center to Study Obesity and Obesity-Related Disease](#)

[The University of Kansas Cancer Center](#)

[\\$10.8 Million Initiative Unites Engineering, Health Researchers to Improve Cancer Treatments](#)

[The University of Arizona Cancer Center](#)

[Improving Bladder Cancer Trials and Treatments Goal of New \\$6 Million CPRIT Recruit](#)

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

[Researcher Receives Grant to Study Synthetic Targets for Tumor Drug Delivery](#)

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

Sobol Appointed Associate Director for Basic Research

Legorreta Cancer Center at Brown University



Robert W. Sobol, PhD, has been appointed associate director for basic research and co-leader of the Cancer Biology Program at the Legorreta Cancer Center at Brown University. He leads efforts toward continued growth of the basic science program and will serve as the co-leader of the Cancer Biology Program. [Read More](#)

Fatatis Appointed Associate Director for Basic Research

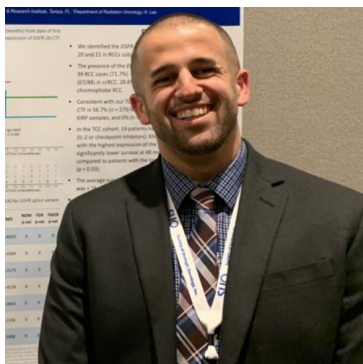
Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center at Jefferson Health



Alessandro Fatatis, MD, PhD, has been named associate director for basic research at Jefferson Health's Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center (SKCC). Dr. Fatatis previously served as co-leader for SKCC's Translational and Cellular Oncology Research Program. [Read More](#)

Hajiran Named Chief of Urologic Oncology

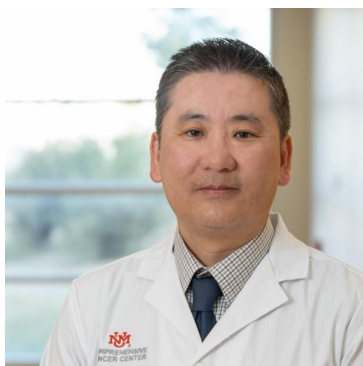
WVU Cancer Institute



West Virginia University Medicine is proud to announce the appointment of **Ali Hajiran, MD**, as the new chief of Urologic Oncology. He specializes in treating complex cases of kidney, bladder, prostate, and testicular cancers using minimally-invasive robotic and traditional surgical techniques. [Read More](#)

Lee Named Director of Radiation Oncology

University of New Mexico Comprehensive Cancer Center



David Y. Lee, MD, PhD, has been named director of radiation oncology at the UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center. He joined UNM in September 2012 and assumed his new role on December 1, 2022. [Read More](#)

[Associate Director of Translational Oncology Appointed](#)

[Legorreta Cancer Center at Brown University](#)



Sendurai A. Mani, PhD, has been appointed associate director for translational oncology at the Legorreta Cancer Center at Brown University and professor of pathology and laboratory medicine, effective December 1, 2022. [Read More](#)

[Owusu Assumes Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Role](#)

[Case Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)



Cynthia Owusu, MD, is the new associate director for diversity, equity, and inclusion for the Case Comprehensive Cancer Center. She is the principal investigator on a \$2.8 million research grant awarded by the National Institute on Minority Health and Disparities. [Read More](#)

RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

[Family History, Gene Variants Put Black Men at Risk for Early Prostate Cancer](#)

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

[Liquid Biopsies Could Predict Survival Odds for Patients With Metastatic Cancer](#)

[University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center](#)

[Cooling Glioblastoma to Room Temperature Extends Survival in Preclinical Study](#)

[Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University](#)

[New Approach to Managing Post-Surgery Pain Reduces Opioid-Based Medication Use by 50 Percent](#)

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

[Personalized Immune Therapy Extended Survival in Patients With Aggressive Brain Cancer](#)

[Wilmot Cancer Institute, UR Medicine](#)

[Study Finds Inherited Link to Appendix Cancer](#)

[Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center](#)

[Clues Found Regarding Tumor Suppressor Gene Breast Cancer Activity](#)

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

[Killing Pancreatic Cancer With T Cells That Supercharge Themselves](#)

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

[Study Shows Menthol Cigarette Alternatives Pose Significant Addiction and Health Risks](#)

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

[Study: Hodgkin Lymphoma Survivors Show Signs of Dementia in Early Adulthood](#)

[Wilmot Cancer Institute, UR Medicine](#)

[Experimental Cancer Therapy Shows Success in More Than 70 Percent of Patients in Global Clinical Trials](#)

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

[P53 Could Be Key to Therapies for Salivary Gland Cancer](#)

[University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center](#)

[Women With Elevated Breast Cancer Risk Could See Mortality Benefit From Estrogen-Blocking Drugs](#)

[Georgetown Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

[Researchers Generate Lab-Grown Human Tissue Model for Food Tube Cancer](#)

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

[Accelerating Innovations in Early-Phase Oncology Trials](#)

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

[Novel Drug Combinations and Targeted Therapies Show Promise for Patients With Leukemia](#)

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

[Study Finds Black Women Have Worst HR+/HER2- Breast Cancer Outcomes of All Racial and Ethnic Groups](#)

[Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University](#)

[Myocarditis in Cancer Patients is Driven by Specific Immune Cells](#)

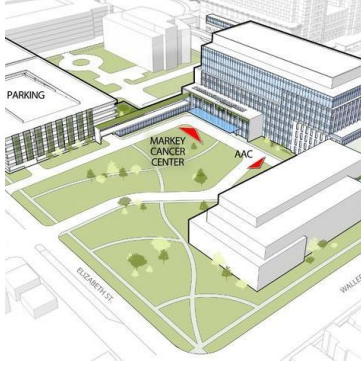
[UCSF Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

OTHER NEWS

[Construction, Expansion Approved for New Cancer Center Complex](#)

[UK Markey Cancer Center](#)

The University of Kentucky Board of Trustees approved the initiation of the construction of the new UK HealthCare cancer and advanced ambulatory complex. It also approved an expansion of the original design for the facility. The revised financial scope of this project is \$500 million. [*Read More*](#)



[Approval Received to Build Myeloma Research Institute](#)

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



Two years ago, when **C. Ola Landgren, MD, PhD**, joined Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center to lead the myeloma program, he told Director Stephen D. Nimer, MD, that his goal was to establish a "top three" U.S. myeloma program within five years. [*Read More*](#)

[Center for Amputation Reconstruction Launches Osseointegration Program With FDA-Approved Implant System](#)

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

NYU Langone Health has completed its first set of surgeries using the only U.S. Food and Drug Administration-approved implantable prosthetic for people with limb loss available in the greater New York City area. [*Read More*](#)

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

[Cancer Research Education - Assistant Professor](#)

[The University of Vermont Cancer Center](#)

[GI Medical Oncology - Assistant Professor](#)

[The University of Vermont Cancer Center](#)

[Cancer Redox Biology Tenure Pathway Faculty](#)

[The University of Vermont Cancer Center](#)

[Associate Director of Community Outreach and Engagement](#)

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

[Associate Professor - Nanomedicine Department](#)

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

[Associate Center Director for Education](#)

[Karmanos Cancer Institute, Wayne State University](#)

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

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

[Project Management Manager](#)

[Project Manager III \(Multiple Positions\)](#)

[University of Arizona Cancer Center](#)

AACI MEETINGS AND EVENTS

[AACI/AACR Hill Day](#)

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[May 18, 2023](#)

[Washington, DC](#)

[15th Annual AACI CRI 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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