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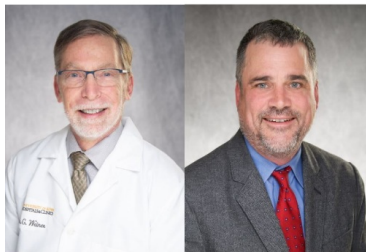
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AACI HEADLINES

[Weiner to Step Down as Director of Holden; Henry to Serve as Interim Director](#)



George Weiner, MD, director of University of Iowa (UI) Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center, will step down from the leadership role on March 31. Dr. Weiner is a past president of AACI. **Michael Henry, PhD**, deputy director and professor in the UI Department of Molecular Physiology and Biophysics, will serve as interim director of the cancer center, effective April 1. [Read More](#)

[Register Today for the 15th Annual AACI CRI Meeting](#)



Registration is open for the **15th Annual AACI Clinical Research Innovation (CRI) Meeting**, which will be held June 26-28 at the Loews Chicago O'Hare Hotel in Rosemont, IL. This year's programming for the CRI meeting, "Taking Innovations in Clinical Research From Abstract to Reality," aims to stimulate cancer center interactions and maximize resources by creating opportunities for peer-to-peer networking and collaboration. [Read More](#)

[AACI Returns to Capitol Hill to Advocate for Cancer Research Funding](#)

Registration is now open for AACI's joint **Hill Day** with the **American Association for Cancer Research (AACR)**, which will take place in person in Washington, DC, on **Thursday, May 18**. AACI is also

accepting recommendations for Cancer Research Ally Award nominees and Hill Day speakers. [Read More](#)



[New Members Join PCLI Steering Committee](#)



Seven new members have been selected to join AACI's **Physician Clinical Leadership Initiative** (PCLI) Steering Committee. The new members' terms began February 1. PCLI pursues a variety of objectives, including developing better methods to disseminate information across cancer centers, identifying and addressing oncology care model barriers, faculty career development, and measuring quality. [Read More](#)

[New Sustaining Member: Prevent Cancer Foundation](#)



AACI welcomes the **Prevent Cancer Foundation®** to its **sustaining members**. The Prevent Cancer Foundation is the only U.S.-based nonprofit organization solely dedicated to cancer prevention and early detection. Founded in 1985, the foundation focuses its work in four areas: research, education, outreach, and advocacy. [Learn more](#)

[PCLI Manuscript Published in ASCO Journal](#)



The AACI Physician Clinical Leadership Initiative (PCLI) distributed surveys to understand unintended consequences of the 21st Century Cures Act mandate on the immediate release of clinical information. *JCO Oncology Practice* has published a report based on the survey's findings, "**Impact of the Immediate Release of Clinical Information Rules on Health Care Delivery to Patients With Cancer.**" AACI PCLI steering committee member **Taher Abu Hejleh, MBBS**, is the lead author. [Read more](#)

[2022 AACI Annual Report Published](#)

In 2022, AACI focused on leadership, hosting both the inaugural Leadership Diversity and Development Initiative (LDDI) Workshop and its first-ever meeting designed for new cancer center directors. Also in 2022, the association welcomed Ellis Fischel Cancer Center, Houston Methodist Dr. Mary and Ron Neal Cancer Center, Koch Institute for Integrative Cancer Research at MIT, and Northwell Health Cancer Institute. [Read the report](#)



[Nominate a Philanthropy Champion by 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 award will be presented during the **2023 AACI/CCAF Annual Meeting, October 1-3**, at the Salamander Washington DC. [Read More](#)

[Vitalief: We Are Your Solution](#)



Vitalief is a Functional Service Provider (FSP) offering robust solutions to research and clinical trial organizations that are founded in a future-ready, flexible, people-first culture to deliver greater value for client organizations and our employees.

Visit us at the **15th Annual AACI CRI Meeting!** Stop by our exhibit booth to learn how we are addressing the healthcare human capital epidemic with innovative resource, advisory, and managed services. [Check Out Our Website](#)

NEWS FROM THE CENTERS

AWARDS & HONORS

[Toll Named President of the Society for Research on Nicotine & Tobacco](#)

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



As a young researcher fresh out of graduate school, MUSC Hollings Cancer Center's **Benjamin Toll, PhD**, was thrilled to present his research at the annual conference of the Society for Research on Nicotine & Tobacco (SRNT) in 2002. Fast forward 21 years and he's now taking the helm. Dr. Toll was recently elected president-elect of SRNT and will serve a three-year term. [Read More](#)

[An Extraordinary Woman in Cardiothoracic Surgery](#)

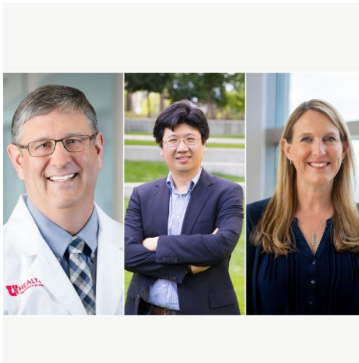
[Duke Cancer Institute, Duke University Medical Center](#)

Duke Cancer Institute surgical oncologist **Betty Tong, MD, MHS, MSME, BME**, has won the inaugural "Extraordinary Women in Cardiothoracic Surgery Award" established by the Society of Thoracic Surgeons and Women in Thoracic Surgery. [Read More](#)



[Researchers Recognized as Endowed Chairs](#)

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



Huntsman Cancer Institute's **Alana Welm, PhD**, received a five-year extension in her role as Ralph E. and Willia T. Main Presidential Endowed Chair in Cancer Research; **Aik Choon Tan, PhD**, was named the Jon and Karen Huntsman Presidential Professor in Cancer Research; and **Brad Cairns, PhD**, was named the inaugural Jon M. Huntsman Presidential Endowed Chair in Cancer Research. [*Read More*](#)

[Five Rogel Members Named 2022 AAAS Fellows](#)

[University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center](#)

Five University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center members were elected as 2022 fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. The Rogel fellows are: **Thomas Carey, PhD**; **Joerg Lahann, PhD**; **Marina Pasca di Magliano, PhD**; **Donna Martin, MD, PhD**; and **Duxin Sun, PhD**. [*Read More*](#)

[Fox Chase Receives Sixth Consecutive Magnet Designation for Nursing Excellence](#)

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

Fox Chase Cancer Center has achieved Magnet designation for nursing excellence from the American Nurses Credentialing Center for the sixth consecutive time. Fox Chase has held Magnet status continuously since 2000, when it became the first hospital in Pennsylvania and the first specialty hospital in the United States to achieve Magnet designation. [*Read More*](#)

[Blobe Elected as AAAS Fellow](#)

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



Director of the Duke Cancer Institute Office of Cancer Research Training & Education Coordination, **Gerard C. Blobe, MD, PhD**, has been elected as a 2022 AAAS Fellow by the American Association for the Advancement of Science. [*Read More*](#)

[Tabung Appointed to National Cancer Advisory Board](#)

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

President Joe Biden has appointed Ohio State University's **Fred**



Tabung, PhD, MSPH, to the National Cancer Advisory Board. He is one of six individuals from across the United States tapped to serve in this important role to help guide the national cancer research program agenda. [Read More](#)

[Shokat Honored for High-Impact Cancer Research](#)

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



Kevan Shokat, PhD, has received the Sjöberg Prize from the Swedish Academy of Sciences, the same body that awards the Nobel prizes for physics, chemistry and economics. He was also recently recognized by the National Academy of Sciences with the organization's annual Award for Scientific Discovery. [Read More](#)

[Mark Foundation Recognizes Trowbridge](#)

[The Jackson Laboratory Cancer Center](#)



Jennifer Trowbridge, PhD, has received an Emerging Leader Award from The Mark Foundation for Cancer Research. The foundation presented six of these awards, totaling \$4.5 million, to outstanding early-career investigators for projects aimed at addressing unmet needs in cancer research. [Read More](#)

[Mayes Named Chair of NCCN DEI Directors Forum](#)

[Stanford Cancer Institute](#)



The National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) has announced that **Terrance Mayes, EdD**, Associate Director for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion at the Stanford Cancer Institute, will serve as the inaugural Chair of the NCCN Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Directors Forum. [Read More](#)

GRANTS & GIFTS

[City of Hope Earns Highest Ranking From NCI](#)

[City of Hope Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

[MD Anderson Receives Nearly \\$19.4 Million in CPRIT Funding](#)

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

[\\$11 Million NIH SPORE Award to Continue Research Excellence in Head and Neck Cancer](#)

[UPMC Hillman Cancer Center](#)

[Baylor Receives More Than \\$5.8 Million in CPRIT Funding](#)

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

[\\$1.6 Million Gift Will Establish Endowed Chair in Gynecologic Oncology](#)

[UK Markey Cancer Center](#)

[Thompson Receives Grant to Study Cancer Patients, Caregivers](#)

[Siteman Cancer Center](#)

[Bravo-Cordero Receives Emerging Leader Award From The Mark Foundation](#)

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

LEADERSHIP TRANSITIONS

[Hatcher to Establish Office of Inclusivity, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility](#)

[The University of Arizona Cancer Center](#)



Jennifer Hatcher, PhD, MPH, MSN, has been appointed associate director of Inclusivity, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility for the University of Arizona Cancer Center. The appointment initiates establishment of a new office of diversity, equity, and inclusion at the center. Dr. Hatcher currently oversees community outreach and engagement and will serve as interim in that capacity while a national search is conducted. [Read More](#)

[Berlin Named Director of Division of Hematology and Oncology](#)

[Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center](#)



Jordan Berlin, MD, Ingram Professor of Cancer Research, has been named director of Vanderbilt's Division of Hematology and Oncology. The appointment was effective January 1, but Dr. Berlin had served as interim director for six months prior to that date. [Read More](#)

[Associate Director for Translational Sciences Appointed](#)

[LSU-LCMC Cancer Center](#)

Yaguang Xi, MD, PhD, MBA, has been appointed associate director for



translational sciences at the LSU-LCMC Cancer Center. Dr. Xi is a professor and vice chair for research in the Department of Genetics at LSU Health Sciences Center. His research interests include cancer therapeutics, cancer chemoprevention, health disparities, metastasis, immunotherapy, and new drug development. [Read More](#)

[Rai to Co-lead Tumor Biology Research Program](#)

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



Priyamvada Rai, PhD, is the new Tumor Biology Research Program co-leader at Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center, part of UHealth – University of Miami Health System. In her role, Dr. Rai will boost interactions and collaborations among Sylvester’s researchers to better understand how cancer cells behave. [Read More](#)

[Bhardwaj, Jaffee Appointed Associate Directors of the Cancer Research Institute Scientific Advisory Council](#)



The Cancer Research Institute has announced that two members of its scientific advisory council (SAC), **Nina Bhardwaj, MD, PhD**, of The Tisch Cancer Institute at Mount Sinai, and **Elizabeth M. Jaffee, MD**, of Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins University, have been appointed SAC associate directors. [Read More](#)

[Mitchell Named Enterprise Vice President for Cancer Disparities](#)

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



Edith P. Mitchell, MD, MACP, FCCP, FRCP (London), director of the Center to Eliminate Cancer Disparities, has been named enterprise vice president for cancer disparities at Jefferson Health’s Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center. [Read More](#)

[Translational and Clinical Oncology Research Program Co-Leader Named](#)

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

Jaime Merchán, MD, is the new Translational and Clinical Oncology



Research Program co-leader at Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center, part of UHealth – University of Miami Health System. Dr. Merchán, who also directs Sylvester's Phase 1 Clinical Trials Program, is leading the program alongside C. Ola Landgren, MD, PhD, director of the cancer center's new Myeloma Research Institute. [Read More](#)

[Wirthlin to Lead Huntsman Cancer Foundation](#)

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

Huntsman Cancer Foundation Chair and CEO Peter Huntsman has announced that **Kim Wirthlin** will be president and chief operating officer. During her 16 years of employment at the University of Utah, Wirthlin has worked as the vice president of government relations and as the chief marketing and communications officer for the university's health care system and Health Sciences. [Read More](#)

RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

[Neutrophil-Activating Therapy for The Treatment of Cancer](#)

[Stanford Cancer Institute](#)

[Trial Shows Significant Disease-free Survival for Patients Diagnosed With Non-small Cell Lung Cancer](#)

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

[Invention: A Blood Test to Unlock Prostate Cancer Mysteries](#)

[Cedars-Sinai Cancer](#)

[Markey Research to Inform Regulations on Latest Tobacco Products](#)

[UK Markey Cancer Center](#)

[New Analysis Sheds Light on Link Between Ovulation and Ovarian Cancer](#)

[UPMC Hillman Cancer Center](#)

[New Theranostic Treatment for Prostate Cancer Tested](#)

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

[Researchers Make Major Advance With Cancer-Killing Antibody-Drug Conjugates](#)

[University of Florida Health Cancer Center](#)

[Study Finds Medicaid Expansion Improves Cancer Survival Outcomes for Young Adults](#)

[Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University](#)

[Lung Cancer Screening More Cost Effective When Using Risk Model-Based Strategies](#)

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

[Study Provides an Explanation, Potential Solution for Severe Graft-Versus-Host Disease](#)

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

[Epigenetics and Math Converge to Predict, Intercept Cancer Cell Behavior](#)

[University of Florida Health Cancer Center](#)

[Researchers Identify Possible Approach to Prevent Cancer From Evolving to Resist Treatment](#)

[UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

[Impact of Cigarette Smoking, Alcohol Consumption on Black Breast Cancer Survivors Explored](#)

[Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey](#)

[Investigators Share Advances in Stem Cell Transplantation, Cellular Therapy at Tandem Meetings](#)

[Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

[New AI-Based Biomarker Can Help Predict Immunotherapy Response for Patients with Lung Cancer](#)

[Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University](#)

[Researchers Clarify Role of Blood Cell Mutations in Disease](#)

[Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center](#)

[Researchers Use a New Approach to Hit an 'Undruggable' Target](#)

[University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center](#)

[Cancer Patients Who Do Not Respond to Immunotherapy Lack Crucial Immune Cells](#)

[Siteman Cancer Center](#)

[Discovery of Cancer-Associated Fibroblast Origin Gives New Direction for Pancreatic Cancer](#)

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

[Study Finds Disparities in Cancer Genetic Testing](#)

[University of Florida Health Cancer Center](#)

[Smarter Breast Cancer Screening Measures Risk Down to Your DNA](#)

[UCSF Helen Diller Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

[Study Finds Age-Related Gap in Breast Cancer Treatment Recommendations](#)

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

OTHER NEWS

[Formation of New Department of Urology Announced](#)

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

Fox Chase Cancer Center has formed a new Department of Urology that will be chaired by **Alexander Kutikov, MD, FACS**. On average, the department publishes and contributes to over 100 peer-reviewed publications, book chapters, and abstracts every year. Fox Chase urology is also a nationally recognized hub for the surgical training of residents and Society of Urologic Oncology and Genitourinary Reconstruction Fellows. [Read More](#)



[Ohio State Interdisciplinary Research Building to be Named for Pelotonia](#)

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

Pending approval by The Ohio State University Board of Trustees, a new interdisciplinary research facility in the university's Carmenton innovation district will be named Pelotonia Research Center. The naming is in recognition of Pelotonia's philanthropic support for cancer research at OSUCCC–James. [*Read More*](#)

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

[Clinical Research Committee Coordinator](#)

[Wilmot Cancer Institute, UR Medicine](#)

[Clinical Research Assistants](#)

[OHSU Knight Cancer Institute](#)

[Clinical Research Manager](#)

[OHSU Knight Cancer Institute](#)

[Faculty Position - Nanomedicine Cancer Researcher and Director, nanoSTAR Institute](#)

[University of Virginia Cancer Center](#)

[Multiple Positions](#)

[University of Florida Health Cancer Center](#)

[Research Nurses](#)

[OHSU Knight Cancer Institute](#)

[Assistant or Associate Professor of Biostatistics or Bioinformatics](#)

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

[Associate Director, Cancer Center Administration](#)

[Sanford Burnham Prebys Medical Discovery Institute](#)

[Chief of Hematology Oncology](#)

[The University of Arizona](#)

[Associate Director for Clinical Research](#)

[Stanford Cancer Institute](#)

[Clinical Research Coordinators and Other Positions](#)

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

[Associate Director for Cancer Control and Population Sciences](#)

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

[Associate Director of Population Sciences \(Associate Professor or Professor\)](#)

[OHSU Knight Cancer Institute](#)

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

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

[Senior Director, Translational Shared Resources](#)

[Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center](#)

[Solid Tumor Oncology and Immunotherapy Faculty](#)

[The University of Vermont Cancer Center](#)

MEMBER MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

[2023 Annual Conference of the Cancer Molecular Therapeutics Research Association \(CMTRA\)](#)

[July 23-27, 2023](#)

[Watkins Glen, NY](#)

AACI MEETINGS AND EVENTS

[AACI/AACR Hill Day](#)

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[May 18, 2023](#)

[Washington, DC](#)

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[June 26-28, 2023](#)

[Loews Chicago O'Hare Hotel](#)

[Rosemont, IL](#)

[2023 AACI/CCAF Annual Meeting](#)

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[October 1-3, 2023](#)

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

[Washington, DC](#)

[16th Annual AACI CRI Meeting](#)

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