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AACI HEADLINES

[City of Hope Appoints Carpten as Director](#)



City of Hope has announced the appointment of **John D. Carpten, PhD**, as director of the National Cancer Institute-Designated Comprehensive Cancer Center, director of Beckman Research Institute of City of Hope and chief scientific officer. Dr. Carpten joins City of Hope from the University of Southern California where he was associate director of the cancer center. [Read More](#)

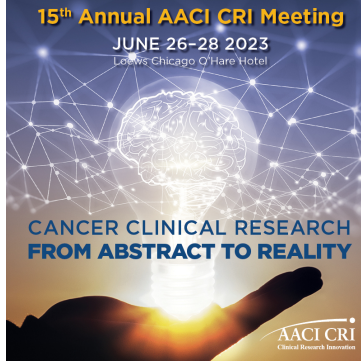
[Register Today for the 2023 AACI/CCAF Annual Meeting](#)



Registration is now open for the **2023 AACI/CCAF Annual Meeting**, which will take place **October 1-3** at the Salamander Washington, DC. This three-day event convenes AACI cancer center members with national cancer research and advocacy groups, industry, and government health agencies to develop solutions to common challenges. Continuing Medical Education (CME) is jointly provided by the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) and AACI. [Read More](#)

[Abstract Winners Announced for 15th Annual AACI CRI Meeting](#)

The AACI Clinical Research Innovation (CRI) Steering Committee, with the assistance of peer reviewers from CRI committees, have selected three abstracts from 118 submissions for formal presentation at the **15th Annual AACI CRI Meeting**. The three winning abstracts will be presented individually during a session on **Tuesday, June 27**. [Read More](#)



[Representatives Fitzpatrick and Wasserman Schultz to Receive Cancer Research Ally Award](#)



Representatives **Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA)** and **Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL)** will be honored with the Cancer Research Ally Award during the **2023 AACI/AACR Hill Day**, which will be held in person on **Thursday, May 18**. The representatives will provide remarks during a reception on Wednesday, May 17. [Read More](#)

[Call For Research Grant and Fellowship Proposals](#)



The goal of the Prevent Cancer Foundation research program is to identify and fund innovative projects with the potential to make substantial contributions to cancer prevention or early detection.

[Learn more and apply for a \\$100,000 award](#) by 11:59 pm eastern time on **July 11, 2023**.

Read about [awarded researchers](#) and the [impact of the research program](#) and use our [Award Database](#) to discover previously funded researchers. [Visit Our Website](#)

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NEWS FROM THE CENTERS

AWARDS & HONORS

[NCCN Names UChicago as New Member Institution](#)

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



The University of Chicago Medicine Comprehensive Cancer Center has been named the newest member institution of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN). The network now has 33 academic centers contributing subject matter experts to 61 panels that determine evidence-based recommendations for cancer care. **Kunle Odunsi, MD, PhD**, is director of the cancer center. [Read More](#)

[Researchers Honored at American Physiology Summit](#)

[Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center](#)



Three faculty members and five postdoctoral fellows at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, including **James Goldenring, MD, PhD**, received research honors last week from the American Physiological Society during its 2023 American Physiology Summit. [Read More](#)

[Priyanka Sharma, Prateek Sharma Honored at Investiture Ceremony](#)

[The University of Kansas Cancer Center](#)



Priyanka Sharma, MD, and **Prateek Sharma, MD**, of The University of Kansas Cancer Center, were formally invested with professorships on March 21, 2023. Endowed professorships recognize the cancer center's most productive faculty and are made possible by generous donors. [Read More](#)

[Clinical Director Wins Oncology Nursing Society Award](#)

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



Erin Longstreth-Papsun, RN, MSN, OCN, NEA-BC, clinical director of Ambulatory Satellite Clinics and Radiation Oncology Nursing at Fox Chase Cancer Center, was recently awarded the Excellence in Cancer Nursing Management Award by the Oncology Nursing Society. [Read More](#)

[Castro Inducted Into 2023 Class of AIMBE College of Fellows](#)

[University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center](#)



Maria G. Castro, PhD, R.C. Schneider Collegiate Professor of Neurosurgery and professor of cell and developmental biology at the University of Michigan, was inducted to the American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering (AIMBE) College of Fellows. [Read More](#)

[**Ford Invited to Join Advisory Board**](#)

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



Marvella Ford, PhD, was invited to join the National Minority Quality Forum's Cancer Stage Shifting Initiative's Scientific Advisory Board. The forum is a 501(c)3 nonprofit research and educational organization dedicated to ensuring high-risk racial and ethnic populations and communities receive optimal health care. [Read More](#)

[**Ganz Receives AACR-American Cancer Society Award**](#)

[**UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center**](#)



Patricia A. Ganz, MD, has been awarded the 2023 AACR-American Cancer Society Award for Research Excellence in Cancer Epidemiology and Prevention. The award recognizes outstanding research accomplishments in cancer epidemiology, biomarkers, and prevention. [Read More](#)

[**Rathmell Elected to American Academy of Arts & Sciences**](#)

[**Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center**](#)



Kimryn Rathmell, MD, PhD, MMHC, chair of the Department of Medicine at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, is one of four Vanderbilt University faculty members elected this year to the American Academy of Arts & Sciences. Dr. Rathmell is internationally recognized for her molecular biology research in the pathogenesis of kidney cancer. [Read More](#)

[**Secord Installed as New President of SGO**](#)

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

Angeles Alvarez Secord, MD, MHSc, associate director of clinical research in Duke Cancer Institute's Gynecologic Cancer Disease Group,



was officially installed as president of the Society of Gynecologic Oncology in March. [Read More](#)

GRANTS & GIFTS

[\\$3.2 Million Grant Supports Study of New Genetic Testing Approach to Reduce Racial Health Disparities](#)

[Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey](#)

[Researcher Awarded \\$3.19 Million Grant for Drug Development](#)

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

[Ness Awarded \\$2.2 Million Grant](#)

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

[UChicago-Led Team Selected for Challenge Award](#)

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

LEADERSHIP TRANSITIONS

[Holcombe Named Associate Dean for Cancer Programs](#)

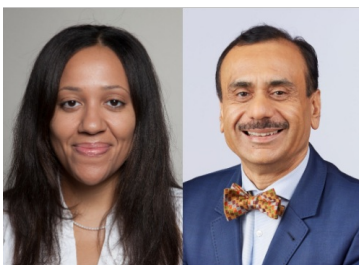
[The University of Vermont Cancer Center](#)



The Larner College of Medicine at the University of Vermont (UVM), has announced the appointment of **Randall F. Holcombe, MD, MBA**, as associate dean for cancer programs. Dr. Holcombe joined UVM in 2021 to serve in the dual roles of director of the UVM Cancer Center and chief of the Division of Hematology and Oncology in the Department of Medicine. [Read More](#)

[Top Cancer Experts to Head New Hospital](#)

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



Cardinale B. Smith, MD, PhD, and **Ash Tewari, MBBS, MCh**, have been named to lead Mount Sinai's new Tisch Cancer Hospital, which is under development and due to open in 2027. [Read More](#)

Co-Leader of Hematologic Malignancies Research Program Appointed

UC San Diego Moores Cancer Center



Leslie A. Crews, PhD, has been appointed as the new co-leader of the UC San Diego Moores Cancer Center's Hematologic Malignancies Program, joining current co-leader, Thomas Kipps, MD, PhD. [Read More](#)

Siteman Names New Deputy Director Among Other Leadership Appointments

Siteman Cancer Center



Siteman Cancer Center at Barnes-Jewish Hospital and Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis announces several leadership changes including **Daniel C. Link, MD**, as new deputy director, along with associate directors of translational research and shared resources, and a deputy associate director of shared resources. [Read More](#)

Leadership Promotions Support Growing Cancer Network

UAMS Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute



Sanjay Maraboyina, MD, has been named clinical director of radiation oncology for the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) Baptist Health Cancer network, and **Santanu Samanta, MD**, will be the onsite radiation oncology director at the UAMS Baptist Health Cancer Center at the Baptist Health Springhill Medical Plaza in North Little Rock. [Read More](#)

New Leaders to Oversee Key Areas

Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center



Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center announces the promotion and appointment of three leaders: **Ericka Bennett, Esq.**, has been promoted to vice president of corporate ethics, research integrity and research subject protection; **Petrina Hill-Cheatom, MEd**, is chief academic officer and vice president for educational affairs; and **Anthony Putrelo, PE**, has been named vice president of facilities management. [Read More](#)

[Assistant Director of Diversity Appointed](#)

[The University of Arizona Cancer Center](#)



Kelly Palmer, PhD, MHS, CCRP, has been appointed assistant director of Inclusivity, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility for the University of Arizona Cancer Center (UACC). In reference to establishing an office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, UACC Director **Joann Sweasy, PhD**, said that diversity is the number one priority for the cancer center. [Read More](#)

[Sicklick Appointed Co-Leader of Structural and Functional Genomics Program](#)

[UC San Diego Moores Cancer Center](#)



Jason Sicklick, MD, FACS, has been appointed as the new co-leader of the UC San Diego Moores Cancer Center Structural and Functional Genomics Research Program, joining current co-leader, Jill Mesirov, PhD at the helm of the program. [Read More](#)

RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

[Promising Combination Therapy for Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma](#)

[Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University](#)

[Study: Vitamin D May Play a Role in Prostate Cancer Disparities](#)

[Cedars-Sinai Cancer](#)

[Benefit of Chemotherapy for Patients With Early-Stage Breast Cancer Varies by Tumor Anatomy](#)

[Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

[Immunotherapy Alone Produces Exceptional Response Rates in Some Melanoma Patients](#)

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

[Lack of Provider Training Creates Health Care Barriers for Individuals With Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities](#)

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

[Researchers Identify Biomarkers of Response to Immunotherapy for Kidney Cancer](#)

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

[Researchers Use Skin-Colonizing Bacteria to Create a Topical Cancer Therapy in Mice](#)

[Stanford Cancer Institute](#)

[Metastasis-Directed Radiation Therapy Plus Hormone Therapy Improves Progression-Free Survival for Men With Advanced Prostate Cancer](#)

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

[Researcher Prototypes New Equipment to Improve Head and Neck Cancer Treatment](#)

[WVU Cancer Institute](#)

[Researchers Find Link Between Asthma and Cancer Risk](#)

[University of Florida Health Cancer Center](#)

[Novel Immunotherapy Agent Safe, Shows Promise Against High-Risk Prostate Cancers](#)

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

[New Trial Compares Open Versus Minimally Invasive Surgery for Early-Stage Cervical Cancer](#)

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[Prior Treatments Influence Immunotherapy Response in Advanced Melanoma](#)

[UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

[Depression Linked to Lower Survival Rates in Breast Cancer Patients, Study Finds](#)

[UK Markey Cancer Center](#)

[First Single Molecule Microscopic Visualization of the Full-Length Human BRCA2 Protein Binding to DNA Revealed](#)

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

[Jumping Genes in Cancer Cells Open Door to New Immunotherapies](#)

[Siteman Cancer Center](#)

[Lorlatinib Safe, Effective for Patients With High-Risk Neuroblastoma](#)

[Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University](#)

[Novel Immunotherapy Delivery Approach Safe and Beneficial for Some Melanoma Patients With Leptomeningeal Disease](#)

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

[Sex, Age, Mental Health and More Can Affect Perceived Barriers to Genetic Testing for Cancer](#)

[University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center](#)

[Research Suggests Novel Therapies to Block Cancer Metastasis Are on the Horizon](#)

[The University of Arizona Cancer Center](#)

[Researchers Discover and Target an Unexpected 'Achilles Heel' in Triple-Negative Breast Cancer](#)

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

[Researchers Identify Promising New Target for Treatment-Resistant Prostate Cancer](#)

[UK Markey Cancer Center](#)

[Study: Lasting Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Cancer Care Confirmed](#)

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

OTHER NEWS

[Mount Sinai Launches Institute for Regenerative Medicine](#)

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



Eirini Papapetrou, MD, PhD, is the founding director of Mount Sinai's new Center for Advancement of Blood Cancer Therapies (CABCT), co-sponsored by Mount Sinai's Institute for Regenerative Medicine and The Tisch Cancer Institute. The mission of the CABCT is to accelerate the development of new therapies for blood cancers and other blood diseases. [*Read More*](#)

[Stanford Cancer Institute Joins White House Challenge](#)

[Stanford Cancer Institute](#)



The Biden-Harris Administration announced the White House Challenge to End Hunger and Build Healthy Communities. Stanford Cancer Institute's **Lisa Goldman Rosas, PhD, MPH**, and University of California San Francisco researchers, along with Instacart, have risen to the challenge to examine the impact of nutrition security interventions. [*Read More*](#)

[Care Options Improved for Metastatic Gastrointestinal Cancer](#)

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

UCSF Health's surgical oncology team leads in using an innovative chemotherapy infusion pump, called hepatic artery infusion (HAI) pump, for patients with widely metastatic colorectal and bile duct cancers. The HAI pump delivers chemotherapy directly to the liver to treat cancer and prevent future liver metastases. UCSF is one of only a few U.S. medical centers using this pump. [*Read More*](#)

[Peripheral Neuropathy: When Having No Pain is a Big Problem](#)

[Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center](#)

Eric Tandberg has guided himself through years of cancer treatments, including three blood stem cell transplants at Seattle's Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center. In all those years of treatment, perhaps the most unnerving experience came in January, when chemotherapy led to an eerie loss of feeling in his feet and toes, interspersed with stabbing pain at the bottom of his heel. [*Read More*](#)

[Fox Chase Offers Adaptive Radiation Therapy](#)

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

Fox Chase Cancer Center has begun offering cone-beam computed tomography-based adaptive radiation therapy, a technique that allows a patient's radiation treatment to be adjusted in real time to accommodate changes in the body such as tumor shrinkage and/or the position of the adjacent normal organs. [Read More](#)

[UF Health Launches AI Research Initiative in Radiology](#)

[University of Florida Health Cancer Center](#)

Using artificial intelligence tools to make radiologists' work more precise and efficient is the goal as University of Florida Health researchers embark on an academic-industry collaboration. The research alliance will be used to help develop and optimize AI-based solutions that improve quality and safety while helping radiologists work quickly and more effectively. [Read More](#)

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

[Project Manager I, Investigator Research](#)

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

[Executive Administrative Director, Clinical Trials Office](#)

[Stanford Cancer Institute](#)

[Associate Director for Cell and Gene Therapy](#)

[UCI Chao Family Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

[Associate Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and Associate Director of Community Outreach and Engagement](#)

[Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist Cancer Center](#)

[Molecular Imaging Program Positions](#)

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

[Assistant Director of Clinical Research](#)

[University of Puerto Rico Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

[Associate Director, Division of Cancer Medicine](#)

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MEMBER MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Ginny L. Clements Breast Cancer Research Institute Inaugural Symposium](#)

[May 5, 2023](#)

[University of Arizona Cancer Center](#)

[Tucson, AZ](#)

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

[July 23-27, 2023](#)

[Watkins Glen, NY](#)

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[Washington, DC](#)

[15th Annual AACI CRI Meeting](#)

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[Rosemont, IL](#)

[2023 AACI/CCAF Annual Meeting](#)

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

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[16th Annual AACI CRI Meeting](#)

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[Loews Chicago O'Hare Hotel](#)

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[2024 AACI/CCAF Annual Meeting](#)

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