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AACI HEADLINES

[Winn is New AACI President; Sets Course for 'Inclusive Excellence' Initiative](#)



Robert A. Winn, MD, director of VCU Massey Comprehensive Cancer Center, became AACI's president—the first person of color to hold the position—on October 3, at the conclusion of the 2023 AACI/CCAF Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. During the meeting, Dr. Winn announced plans for his [AACI Presidential Initiative](#), which aims to develop and promote inclusive excellence through regional, national, and international partnerships. He succeeds Immediate Past President **Caryn Lerman, PhD**, director of the USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center.

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[Sweasy Named Director of Fred & Pamela Buffett Cancer Center](#)



Joann B. Sweasy, PhD, a comprehensive cancer center director and an expert in the genetics, cell biology, and biochemistry of DNA repair, has been named the next director of the Fred & Pamela Buffett Cancer Center and the Eppley Institute for Research in Cancer and Allied Diseases. Dr. Sweasy is AACI's vice president/president-elect and served as director of the University of Arizona Cancer Center since 2019.

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[Bold Named Site Director at Mayo Arizona](#)

Richard Bold, MD, has been named site director of Mayo Clinic Comprehensive Cancer Center in Arizona. Dr. Bold joins Mayo Clinic from the University of California, Davis, where he has built an impressive career marked by excellence in patient care, innovative research, and



dynamic leadership. [Read More](#)

[Montefiore Einstein Awarded Comprehensive Status](#)



The newly renamed Montefiore Einstein Comprehensive Cancer Center (MECCC) has been awarded comprehensive designation by the National Cancer Institute (NCI), the ultimate standard achieved by only 55 other NCI cancer centers in the U.S. As a result, MECCC was awarded a five-year, \$20 million Cancer Center Support Grant. **Edward Chu, MD**, is the center's director and a member of AACI's 2023 Annual Meeting Program Committee. [Read More](#)

[Markey Cancer Center Attains NCI Comprehensive Designation](#)



UK Markey Cancer Center has earned a National Cancer Institute (NCI) "Comprehensive" Cancer Center designation, the highest level of recognition awarded by the NCI. Markey received an initial NCI designation in 2013. The center is led by **B. Mark Evers, MD**. In addition to achieving Comprehensive status, Markey was awarded \$13.5 million through a five-year renewal of its NCI Cancer Center Support Grant. [Read More](#)

[AACI/CCAF Annual Meeting Promotes Diversity Goals for Cancer Centers](#)



Nearly 500 cancer center colleagues, exhibitors, and supporters, representing 97 AACI member centers, gathered in Washington, DC, for the 2023 AACI/CCAF Annual Meeting. It was the first time since 2019 that the nation's capital was the venue for three-and-a-half days of networking, presentations, and panel discussions. [Read More](#)

[PCLI to Host Survivorship Webinar](#)

The AACI **Physician Clinical Leadership Initiative** (PCLI) will host "**A Practical Approach to Building a Survivorship Program**" at 1:00 pm eastern time on **Tuesday, November 14**. Survivorship care should be included as a standard of care for all cancer survivors. This presentation will review the core aspects of a survivorship program and

considerations to make it sustainable.



Pictured, clockwise from top right: Dr. Julie Vose, Dr. Laura Tenner, and Rachael Schmidt [Read More](#)

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NEWS FROM THE CENTERS

AWARDS & HONORS

[Ramalingam Receives Award for Contributions to Thoracic Cancer Research](#)

[Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University](#)



Suresh S. Ramalingam, MD, executive director of Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University, was awarded the Paul A. Bunn, Jr. Scientific Award at the 2023 IASLC World Conference on Lung Cancer. [Read More](#)

[Licht Named to Top Editorial Post](#)

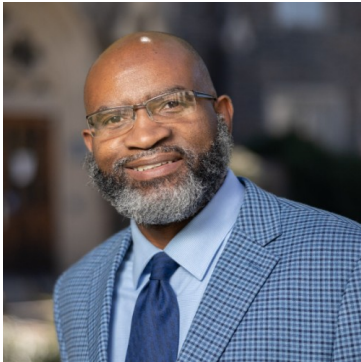
[University of Florida Health Cancer Center](#)

The American Society of Hematology has selected **Jonathan D. Licht, MD**, director of the UF Health Cancer Center, as the inaugural editor-in-chief of one of the newest additions to the Blood Journals portfolio, *Blood Neoplasia*. He was selected by the ASH Executive Committee after a competitive international search. [Read More](#)



[Moore Named a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing](#)

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



Angelo Moore, PhD, MSN, RN, NE-BC, director of the Duke Cancer Institute Office of Health Equity, has been named a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing. Dr. Moore, along with four other nurses at Duke, is among 253 new fellows selected from across the country and internationally. [*Read More*](#)

[Das Elected New President of the Association of Northern California Oncologists](#)

[Stanford Cancer Institute](#)



Stanford Cancer Institute member **Millie Das, MD**, was elected by the board of directors of the Association of Northern California Oncologists as its new president. A practicing thoracic oncologist, Dr. Das is chief of oncology at the Palo Alto VA, and clinical associate professor of medicine at Stanford University. [*Read More*](#)

GRANTS & GIFTS

[More Than \\$50 Million Provided for Employee-Generated Transformational Projects](#)

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

[\\$24.8 Million in Federal Funding Fuels Research in Cancer and Immunology](#)

[Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University](#)

[\\$11.6 Million SPORE Grant Supports Endometrial Cancer Research](#)

[Siteman Cancer Center](#)

[\\$11.5 Million Grant Received to Address Health Disparities Through Implementation Science](#)

[The University of Kansas Cancer Center](#)

[\\$3.4 Million Awarded to Study Prostate Cancer in People With HIV](#)

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

[SPORE Grant Awarded to Further Research on Radiosensitization](#)

[University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center](#)

[Federal Grant Helps Fund CAR T-Cell Therapy Trial for B-Cell Malignancies](#)

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

[NCI Awards \\$1.8 Million to Study Prevention of Major Chemotherapy Complications](#)

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

[Researcher Receives Cancer Moonshot Award](#)

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

LEADERSHIP TRANSITIONS

[Daggubati Named Director of Surgical Neuro-Oncology](#)

[GW Cancer Center](#)



Lekhaj Daggubati, MD, MS, has joined the GW Cancer Center as director of Surgical Neuro-Oncology. He specializes in malignant and benign nervous system tumors, focusing on minimally invasive cranial approaches, laser interstitial thermal therapy, radiosurgery, and endoscopic neurosurgery. [*Read More*](#)

[Mulkerin Elevated to Newly Created Leadership Position](#)

[Wilmot Cancer Institute, UR Medicine](#)



Dan Mulkerin, MD, has been promoted to medical director and associate chief medical officer for Wilmot Cancer Institute. He joined the team at Wilmot two years ago from the University of Wisconsin Carbone Cancer Center. [*Read More*](#)

[Spine Surgery Innovator Joins Cedars-Sinai Orthopaedics](#)

[Cedars-Sinai Cancer](#)

Joseph H. Schwab, MD, MS, an internationally recognized leader in the diagnosis and treatment of complex orthopaedic and spinal oncology conditions, has joined Cedars-Sinai as the new director of spine oncology for orthopaedic surgery and the director of the Center for Surgical Technology and AI Research. [*Read More*](#)



Ivey, Monari Take on New Leadership Roles

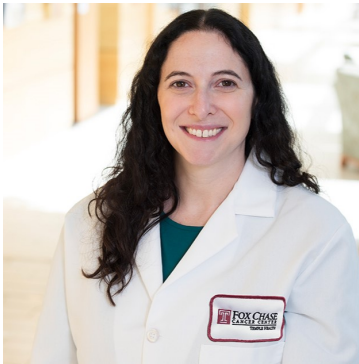
University of Florida Health Cancer Center

The UF Health Cancer Center has announced that **Alison M. Ivey, RN, MS, MBA, OCN, CCRP**, has been promoted to associate director for administration and chief administrative officer at the UF Health Cancer Center. **Erin Monari, PhD, CCRP**, has been named administrative director of the clinical research office. [Read More](#)



New Hire Announced for Department of Bone Marrow Transplant and Cellular Therapies

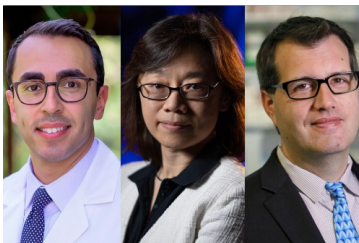
Fox Chase Cancer Center, Temple Health



Fox Chase Cancer Center is pleased to announce the hiring of **Sara Small, MD, PhD**, as an assistant professor in the Department of Bone Marrow Transplant and Cellular Therapies. [Read More](#)

Three Researchers Join UCLA to Propel Cancer Research, Innovation

UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center



Three new cancer researchers have joined the UCLA Health Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center to spearhead initiatives aimed at advancing the understanding of cancer prevention and treatment: **Mina Sedrak, MD, MS**; **Ya-Chen Tina Shih, PhD**; and **Paul Spellman, PhD**. [Read More](#)

Vice President of Patient Care Experience Named

Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center



A shining beacon of care, warmth and hope to the patients and families who encounter her, Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center's **Kimberly Sweeney, MBA, RN**, has been appointed vice president of patient care experience. [Read More](#)

[Surgeon Joins Fox Chase-Temple Urologic Institute](#)

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



Fox Chase Cancer Center and Temple Health announce the hiring of **Randall A. Lee, MD**, as an assistant professor in the Department of Urology and a member of the Fox Chase-Temple Urologic Institute. [Read More](#)

[New Medical Director Appointed in Beverly Hills](#)

[Cedars-Sinai Cancer](#)



Hematologist/oncologist **Kevin Scher, MD, MBA**, an expert in patient-centric care with more than 10 years of experience on the Cedars-Sinai Cancer faculty, has been appointed medical director of Cedars-Sinai Cancer in Beverly Hills. [Read More](#)

RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

[More Studies Needed to Understand True Impact of Microbiota on Cancer Development, Treatment](#)

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

[New Insights Reported on Treatment of Metastatic Breast Cancer](#)

[Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

[Study Reveals Critical First Steps to Cancer](#)

[Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center](#)

[Compound d16 Reduces Tumor Growth and Overcomes Therapeutic Resistance in Mutant p53-Bearing Cancers](#)

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

[Mutations in 11 Genes Associated With Aggressive Prostate](#)

[Cancer Identified in New Research](#)

[USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

[Otolaryngologists Perform First Thigh Free Flap Surgery to Treat Aggressive Cancer](#)

[WVU Cancer Institute](#)

[Study Finds Significant Chemical Exposures in Women With Cancer](#)

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

[CAR T-Cell Therapy Without Side Effects?](#)

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

[Most Non-English Speakers Turned Away Before First Cancer Visit, Study Finds](#)

[University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center](#)

[Researchers Discover Molecular Signature for Aggressive Thyroid Cancer](#)

[Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center](#)

[Study Could Help Explain Why Certain Brain Tumors Do Not Respond Well to Immunotherapy](#)

[UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

[Researchers Discover Iron-Targeting Approaches to Halt Proliferation of Cancer Cells](#)

[The University of Arizona Cancer Center](#)

OTHER NEWS

[150 Milestone: Robotic Procedure Changes Prostate Cancer Care](#)

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

UCSF Health has performed 150 robotic focal high-intensity focused ultrasound (HIFU) procedures for patients living with prostate cancer, becoming the first on the West Coast and the first UC Health System to reach that milestone. The HIFU technology uses ultrasound waves to destroy cancerous prostate tissue. [*Read More*](#)

[Cancer Center Program Connects Scientists to the Community](#)

[The University of Arizona Cancer Center](#)



The boisterous Rollies Mexican Patio in Tucson may seem an unlikely place for a scientific talk, but for the University of Arizona Cancer Center's outreach team it was the perfect venue to introduce their inaugural scientific café. The center's Community Outreach and Engagement office developed the scientific cafés in collaboration with the center's Research Outreach for Southern Arizona. [*Read More*](#)

[Advanced Melanoma Program Launches](#)

[Stanford Cancer Institute](#)

The Stanford Cancer Institute is establishing the Stanford Advanced Melanoma Program. This effort involves assembling a team of experts, addressing the shortage of clinical trials, unlocking the power of immunotherapy, and launching a dedicated advanced melanoma lab. [Read More](#)

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

[CRS Assistant Director, Post Award Financial Management](#)

[Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center](#)

[Senior Director, Construction](#)

[Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center](#)

[Assistant or Associate Professor, DNA Repair](#)

[Stanford Cancer Institute](#)

[Program Manager, Cancer Research Training and Education Coordination](#)

[University of Cincinnati Cancer Center](#)

[Study Coordinator II/III](#)

[University of Florida Health Cancer Center](#)

[Clinical Trials Research Associate](#)

[Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of Iowa](#)

[Tenure-Track Assistant Professor, Population Health or Related Field](#)

[The University of Vermont Cancer Center](#)

[Clinical Research Coordinator](#)

[Moffitt Cancer Center](#)

[Hematology/Oncology Physician Careers](#)

[Dartmouth Cancer Center](#)

[Tenured Professor \(Associate or Full\) in Cancer Biology](#)

[UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

[Tenure-Track Faculty Position: Assistant Professor in Microbial Biology](#)

[UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

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[AACI Leadership Diversity and Development Workshop](#)

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[Loews Chicago O'Hare Hotel](#)

[Rosemont, IL](#)

[2024 AACI/AACR Hill Day](#)

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[May 16, 2024](#)

[Washington, DC](#)

[16th Annual AACI CRI Meeting](#)

[SAVE THE DATE](#)

[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](#)

[2025 AACI/CCAF Annual Meeting](#)

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