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## AACI HEADLINES

### [Zheng Named Executive Director of Mays Cancer Center](#)



**Lei Zheng, MD, PhD**, has been appointed executive director of the Mays Cancer Center and vice president for oncology for the health science center, effective September 1. A world-renowned pancreatic cancer medical oncologist and researcher, Dr. Zheng will also be named the Mays Family Foundation Distinguished University Presidential Chair of Oncology and appointed as a professor with tenure in the Department of Medicine in the Joe R. and Teresa Lozano Long School of Medicine.

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### [Burkard to Lead Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)



Nearly three years after longtime University of Iowa Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center Director **George Weiner, MD**, announced plans to step down, the health care enterprise has announced the appointment of **Mark Burkard, MD, PhD**, to the role, effective October 1. Dr. Burkard currently serves as chair in metastatic breast cancer and professor in the Division of Hematology, Medical Oncology and Palliative Care at the University of Wisconsin-Madison's Department of Internal Medicine. [Read More](#)

### [Annual Meeting Spotlight: Combating Health Misinformation](#)

In an era of increasing health misinformation, it is more important than ever to craft messages that help academic and medical institutions secure—and in some cases, regain—public trust. "Establishing Academic Integrity and Public Trust in the Misinformation Era" will be

held at 1:45 pm central time **Monday, October 21**, during the **2024 AACI/CCAF Annual Meeting** in Chicago. [Read More](#)



## [Support Opportunities Available for Annual Meeting, DEI Summit](#)

AACI members are invited to support the **2024 AACI/CCAF Annual Meeting** by purchasing an ad in the digital meeting program. Support opportunities are also available for the **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Summit**. Both events will be held in Chicago this fall. [Read More](#)

## [AACI Endorses 340B PATIENTS Act](#)



AACI has **endorsed** HR 7635, the **Pharmaceutical Access to Invest in Essential, Needed Treatments & Support Act** (340B PATIENTS Act). Introduced in March 2024 by Representative **Doris Matsui (D-CA)**, the **legislation** aims to protect and strengthen the 340B program via codification of the ability to use contract pharmacies to dispense 340B discounted drugs. This would ensure that 340B patients are able to get their prescriptions at any local pharmacy and that safety-net providers can continue to provide medical and social services in their communities with 340B discount savings. [Read More](#)

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## NEWS FROM THE CENTERS

### AWARDS & HONORS

## [Bhatt Recognized by American Society of Hematology](#)

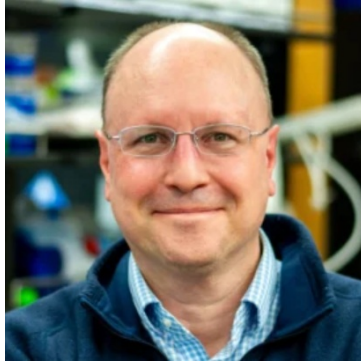
[Stanford Cancer Institute](#)

**Ami Bhatt, MD, PhD**, was awarded the 2024 William Dameshek Award from the American Society of Hematology for pioneering the development and application of genomic approaches to studying the microbiome. [Read More](#)



## [Fehniger Appointed to Lymphoma Research Foundation Advisory Board](#)

[Siteman Cancer Center](#)



**Todd Fehniger, MD, PhD**, a Washington University physician-scientist at Siteman Cancer Center, has been named to the scientific advisory board of the Lymphoma Research Foundation. [\*Read More\*](#)

## [Goyal Named ASTRO Fellow](#)

[GW Cancer Center](#)



**Sharad Goyal, MD, MS**, is among 48 American Society for Radiation Oncology (ASTRO) members to receive the 2024 ASTRO Fellow (FASTRO) designation. Dr. Goyal's areas of research include improved treatment modalities and the identification of biomarkers in breast cancers. [\*Read More\*](#)

## [Neurosurgeon-Scientist Elected to Academia Sinica](#)

[UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)



**Linda Liau, MD, PhD, MPH**, chair of neurosurgery at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, has been elected as an Academician of Academia Sinica—Taiwan's equivalent of the National Academy of Sciences—by the 35th Convocation of Academicians. [\*Read More\*](#)

## [UNM Radiation Oncology Team Accredited by ASTRO APEx](#)

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



The UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center has been recognized by the American Society for Radiation Oncology (ASTRO) Accreditation Program for Excellence (APEX). **Zoneddy Dayao, MD**, is the cancer center's deputy director for clinical operations. [Read More](#)

## [Robinson, Schwarz Recognized by ASTRO](#)

[Siteman Cancer Center](#)

Washington University physicians **Clifford G. Robinson, MD**, and **Julie K. Schwarz, MD, PhD**, at Siteman Cancer Center have been named fellows of the American Society for Radiation Oncology. Additionally, Dr. Robinson has been elected to the ASTRO Board of Directors. [Read More](#)



## GRANTS & GIFTS

### [\\$4 Million Awarded to Advance Immunotherapy Treatment for Pancreatic Cancer](#)

[UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

### [\\$2.6 Million Grant Received to Study Biomechanics of Lung Tumors](#)

[Huntsman Cancer Institute at the University of Utah](#)

### [Grant Funds Research for Therapies to Prevent Stomach Cancer](#)

[Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center](#)

### [Researchers Receive LLS Society Equity in Access Research Grants](#)

[University of Florida Health Cancer Center](#)

### [\\$2.4 Million Grant to Support Exploration of Disparities in Clinical Trial Enrollment](#)

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

### [\\$1.3 Million Grant Supports High School-Focused Tech and Data Science Exposure Program](#)

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

### [Bowcock Receives Melanoma Research Grant](#)

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

### [NCI Grant Supports Study of Key Drivers of Lung Cancer Metastasis](#)

[UK Markey Cancer Center](#)

## Ronai Steps Down as Cancer Center Director

Sanford Burnham Prebys Medical Discovery Institute



**Ze'ev Ronai, PhD**, is stepping down as director of Sanford Burnham Prebys, effective August 1. **Cosimo Commisso, PhD**, deputy director, will serve as interim head while a national search is conducted for a new director. Dr. Ronai is moving to Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles where he will focus on translational research. [Read More](#)

## Expanded Leadership Roles Enhance DEI, Health Equity

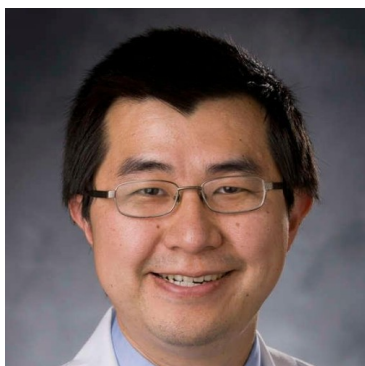
University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center



The University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center has created two new associate director positions to further advance cancer health equity and inclusive excellence for the center's research workforce and leadership teams. **Erika Newman, MD**, will serve as associate director for cancer health equity, and **Simpa Salami, MD, MPH**, will be associate director for research workforce and leadership development. [Read More](#)

## Sung Named Director of Center for Survivorship and Patient-Oriented Research

The University of Kansas Cancer Center



**Anthony Sung, MD**, has been named director of the Center for Survivorship and Patient-Oriented Research at The University of Kansas Cancer Center. Before joining KU Cancer Center, Dr. Sung was associate director of the Duke Microbiome Center and senior fellow at the Duke Center for the Study of Aging and Human Development. [Read More](#)

## Karbstein Appointed Co-Leader of Cell Biology Research Program

Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center

**Katrin Karbstein, PhD**, has been appointed co-leader of the cancer cell biology program in the Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center. She will develop and implement program aims, participate in strategic decision-making in the cancer center, direct pilot project funding, and assist in the recruiting activities for the 42-member program with over \$11.7 million in annual peer-reviewed funding. [Read More](#)



## [Barber to Lead Center for Innate Immunity and Inflammation](#)

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



The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center – James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute has announced the recruitment of **Glen Barber, PhD**, to lead the Center for Innate Immunity and Inflammation within the Pelotonia Institute for Immuno-Oncology. [\*Read More\*](#)

## [Five New Leaders Appointed to Key Areas of Patient Care, Support](#)

[Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center has elevated five new leaders: **Lovejeet "LJ" Awal, MSN, FNP, RN**, promoted to chief of Advanced Practice Nursing; **Maegan Chmura, MSN, RN**, promoted to executive director of Inpatient Nursing and Nursing Operations; **Claudia Diamonte, BSN, RN**, promoted to executive director of Hematology-Oncology Nursing Services; **Roxanne Dudish, MS, RN**, appointed executive director of Transitions of Care; and **Susan LaValley, PhD**, named executive director of Patient Education. [\*Read More\*](#)

## [Metastatic Breast Cancer Researcher Welcomed](#)

[Louisiana Cancer Research Center](#)



**Tiffany Seagroves, MBA, PhD, PMP**, has joined Tulane University School of Medicine as a professor in the John W. Deming Department of Medicine, Section of Hematology and Medical Oncology. In conjunction with Tulane's partnership in the Louisiana Cancer Research Center (LCRC), Dr. Seagroves will be assuming the role of co-lead of the LCRC's Cancer Biology Research Program. [\*Read More\*](#)

### RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

## [Study Results Reported on Treatment for Incurable Cervical Cancer](#)

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

## [Study Shows Elevated Cancer Risk for Women With Endometriosis](#)

[Huntsman Cancer Institute at the University of Utah](#)

## [Trial of Cell-Based Therapy for High-Risk Lymphoma Leads to FDA Breakthrough Designation](#)

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## [When it Comes to Cancer Trials, What is the \(End\)point?](#)

[Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center](#)

## [Study Identifies Disparities in Access to Proton Beam Therapy](#)

[UK Markey Cancer Center](#)

## [Sylvester Science Contributes to Guidelines for Anal Cancer](#)

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

## [New Drug to Control Pain Related to Cancer Treatment Gets FDA Clearance](#)

[Stony Brook Cancer Center](#)

## [Children Genetically Prone to Cancer Benefit From Early Standardized Surveillance](#)

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

## [DNA Replication Finding Could Have Implications for Cancer](#)

[University of Virginia Cancer Center](#)

## [Unexpected Role of OTX2 Drives Aggressive Medulloblastoma](#)

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

## [UV Radiation Damage Leads to Ribosome Roadblocks, Causing Early Skin Cell Death](#)

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

## [Blood Test Can Detect Early-Stage Lung Cancer](#)

[The University of Kansas Cancer Center](#)

## [AI-Based Tool Promises Improved Treatment for Patients With DCIS of the Breast](#)

[Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University](#)

## [Linvoseltamab Shows High Efficacy in Late-Stage RRMM](#)

[Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University](#)

## [New Co-STAR Receptor Shows Promise Treating Cancers in Laboratory Study](#)

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

## [PFA Ependymoma Brain Tumors Display Unique 3D Genome Features](#)

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

### OTHER NEWS

## [Cancer Research Conference for Science Teachers Expands Impact](#)

[University of Florida Health Cancer Center](#)



Nearly 135 middle and high school educators from six states across the Southeast participated in the UF Health Cancer Center's fifth annual Cancer Research Conference for Science Teachers. [Read More](#)

## [Emerging EAB Experience Program](#)

[The University of Vermont Cancer Center](#)

The UVM Cancer Center is recruiting emerging leaders to join its external advisory board (EAB) for the 2024 review cycle. This opportunity is designed for future leaders from groups underrepresented in biomedical science and in cancer center leadership positions across the country. The deadline to apply is September 1, 2024. [Learn More](#)

## [Many Breast Cancer Survivors Don't Receive Genetic Testing, Despite Being Eligible](#)

[University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center](#)

As cancer treatment and survivorship care relies more on understanding the genetic make up of an individual's tumor, a study from the University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center finds that many breast cancer survivors who meet criteria for genetic counseling and testing are not receiving it. [Read More](#)

## [Program Helps Kids Understand Cancer Diagnosis of Loved One, Reduces Fear of Visiting Hospital](#)

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

The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center is among just a handful of hospitals in the country to offer certified child life specialists to support families experiencing a cancer diagnosis and prepare kids for what they will experience when visiting their loved one in an adult hospital setting. [Read More](#)

## [Affiliation Provides Easier Access to Clinical Trials](#)

[UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

Enloe Health and UC Davis Health are bringing cancer research and clinical trials to more patients in Northern California. As the newest affiliate of the UC Davis Health Cancer Care Network, Enloe Health can now open innovative clinical trials with the full support of UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center. [Read More](#)

### JOB OPPORTUNITIES

## [GU Medical Oncology](#)

[The University of Vermont Cancer Center](#)

## [Medical Director](#)

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

## [Associate Director for Education and Training](#)

[Rutgers Cancer Institute](#)

## [Assistant, Associate, or Full Professor in the Non-Tenure Line \(Research\) or University Tenure Line, Department of Surgery](#)

[Stanford Cancer Institute](#)



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Connecting Leaders: Strategies for Change](#)

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[2025 AACI Catchment Area Data Excellence \(CADEx\) Conference](#)

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[January 29-31, 2025](#)

[San Diego, CA](#)

[2025 AACI Leadership Diversity and Development Workshop](#)

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[March 11-12, 2025](#)

[Loews Chicago O'Hare Hotel](#)

[Rosemont, IL](#)

[2025 AACI/AACR Hill Day](#)

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