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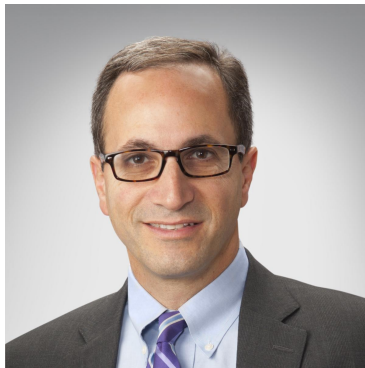
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## AACI HEADLINES

### [Ferris Appointed Executive Director of UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)



**Robert L. Ferris, MD, PhD**, a head and neck surgical oncologist, leading expert in cancer immunotherapy, and cancer center chief executive, has been named the executive director of UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center and UNC system chief of oncology services, effective October 1. Dr. Ferris comes to UNC from the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC), where he was the director of the Hillman Cancer Center. [Read More](#)

### [Einhorn to Deliver Annual Meeting Keynote](#)



**Lawrence H. Einhorn, MD**, a distinguished professor in the Indiana University School of Medicine Department of Medicine, will present a keynote at 1:45 pm central time on **Sunday, October 20**, during the [2024 AACI/CCAF Annual Meeting](#) in Chicago. [Read More](#)

### [Save the Date for the 2025 AACI CADEx Conference](#)

The 2025 AACI Catchment Area Data Excellence (CADEx) Conference is scheduled for **January 29-31**, in San Diego. The three-day event will convene cancer center catchment area data experts with others who support cancer centers through data analysis and community engagement. Attendees will share best practices in data collection, handling, dissemination, and utilization, while exploring policies and

## [CRI Survey Findings Published in ASCO Journal](#)



Findings from a 2023 survey of cancer center clinical trials offices were published July 1 in JCO Oncology Practice. The lead authors of "[North American Cancer Center Clinical Research Capacity and Benchmarking in the Post-Pandemic Era](#)" are **Thomas J. George, MD, FACP, FASCO**, University of Florida Health Cancer Center; **Margaret Kasner, MD, MSCE**, Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Jefferson; **Angela Fritsche, MPA**, Mayo Clinic Comprehensive Cancer Center; and **Carrie B. Lee, MD**, UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center. [Read More](#)

## [Annual Clinical Trial Operations Meeting Draws Over 600 Attendees](#)



AACI's [Clinical Research Innovation \(CRI\)](#) convened its 16th annual meeting June 24-26, in Rosemont, IL. With a focus on clinical trial office operations, the signature event drew over 600 attendees with 153 abstracts submitted for presentation. [Read More](#)

## [AACI Co-Hosts Webinar With ACCC on Community Engagement, Cancer Health Equity](#)



On June 18, Association of Cancer Care Centers (ACCC) President **Dr. Nadine J. Barrett** and AACI President **Dr. Robert A. Winn** engaged in a lively and empowering discussion about the two organizations' shared goal to advance equitable cancer care.

*Pictured: Drs. Nadine J. Barrett and Robert A. Winn at the 2024 ASCO Annual Meeting*

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## [Congressional Briefing, Other Events Bring AACI to DC](#)



Last month, AACI participated in a congressional briefing on cancer drug parity, hosted by the International Myeloma Foundation (IMF)-led Coalition to Improve Access to Cancer Care (CIACC). AACI leadership and staff also visited Washington as a sponsor of the Black in Cancer Conference and the 15th Annual Congressional Women's Softball Game. [Read More](#)

## [NCI Announces Leadership Opportunity](#)

The National Cancer Institute (NCI) is seeking an innovative leader to serve as the director, Office of Cancer Centers (OCC). The OCC supports 72 NCI-Designated Cancer Centers nationwide that are located in 36 states and the District of Columbia funded by NCI that are actively engaged in transdisciplinary research to reduce cancer incidence, morbidity, and mortality. [Read More](#)

## NEWS FROM THE CENTERS

### AWARDS & HONORS

#### [Bryant-Smith Named Fellow of the American College of Radiology](#)

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



**Gwendolyn Bryant-Smith, MD**, director of the Breast Center at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute, has received the prestigious designation of Fellow of the American College of Radiology. [Read More](#)

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

[Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University](#)



President Biden has appointed **Edjah K. Nduom, MD**, to the National Cancer Advisory Board. Dr. Nduom leads the Brain Tumors Disease Group at Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University. [Read More](#)

#### [Rosenzweig Named to ABR Board of Trustees](#)

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



**Kenneth Rosenzweig, MD**, a radiation oncologist and American Board of Radiology (ABR) volunteer, has been named to the organization's board of trustees. Dr. Rosenzweig will start at the end of the fall board meeting in late September. [Read More](#)

#### [Chang Awarded Lurie Prize in Biomedical Sciences](#)

[Stanford Cancer Institute](#)

**Howard Chang, MD, PhD**, has been awarded the 2024 Lurie Prize in Biomedical Sciences by the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health. He was honored for his research into the role of long noncoding

RNAs in health and disease. [Read More](#)



## [Slamon Honored by National Foundation for Cancer Research](#)

[UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)



Dennis Slamon, MD, PhD, an oncologist and scientist whose groundbreaking research has transformed the treatment of breast cancer, has been awarded the 2024 Szent-Györgyi Prize for Progress in Cancer Research from the National Foundation for Cancer Research.

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## [Cedars-Sinai Designated LGBTQ+ Equality Leader](#)

[Cedars-Sinai Cancer](#)



Cedars-Sinai has once again earned national recognition as an LGBTQ+ Healthcare Equality Leader. It is one of 384 U.S. health care facilities to receive this designation in the Human Rights Campaign Foundation's Healthcare Equality Index. [Read More](#)

### GRANTS & GIFTS

## [Roswell Park Earns Top Rating From NCI With Best-Ever Core Grant](#)

[Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

## [Study Considers What Drives Cancer in Asian Americans](#)

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

## [Grant Renewed for Kansas Institute for Precision Medicine](#)

[The University of Kansas Cancer Center](#)

## [\\$20 Million Legacy of Philanthropy Celebrated](#)

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

## [Cancer Research Fund Establishes \\$5.5 Million Endowment](#)

[Stony Brook Cancer Center](#)



## [\\$5 Million for Blood Cancer Immunotherapies](#)

[Siteman Cancer Center](#)

## [Five New Grants Received From NCI](#)

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

### LEADERSHIP TRANSITIONS

## [Duncavage Named Director of Genomic and Molecular Pathology](#)

[Siteman Cancer Center](#)



**Eric Duncavage, MD**, a research member of Siteman Cancer Center, has been named director of the newly created Division of Genomic and Molecular Pathology at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. [\*Read More\*](#)



**Sonal Paul, MD**, has joined the GW Cancer Center and the GW Medical Faculty Associates as a hematologist-oncologist specializing in gastrointestinal cancers. [\*Read More\*](#)

## [New Radiation Oncology Leader Announced](#)

[Siteman Cancer Center](#)



**Sana D. Karam, MD, PhD**, will lead radiation oncology at Siteman Cancer Center at Barnes-Jewish Hospital and Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, beginning October 1. The role is part of her appointment as the James S. McDonnell Professor of Radiation Oncology and head of the Department of Radiation Oncology at WashU. [\*Read More\*](#)

### RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

## [LAURA Clinical Trial Sets New Standard of Care for Advanced Lung Cancer](#)

[Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University](#)

## [Study Explores the Future of At-Home Cancer Treatment](#)

[USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

## [Artificial Intelligence Blood Test Provides a Reliable Way to Identify Lung Cancer](#)

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

## [Newly Discovered Mechanism Could be Key to Curtailing Breast Cancer Metastasis](#)

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

## [Gathering STEAM: the Southwest Transformative Educational Advancement and Mentoring Network](#)

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

## [Research Shows Concerning Decline in Cervical Cancer Screenings](#)

[UK Markey Cancer Center](#)

## [Study Reveals New Opportunities to Develop Cancer Treatments](#)

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

## [Researchers Analyze Use of AI-Generated Content in Scientific Articles](#)

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

## [Risk of Secondary Cancers After CART-cell Therapy Low](#)

[Stanford Cancer Institute](#)

## [Study Pinpoints Cells That May Drive Treatment Resistance in Prostate Cancer](#)

[Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

## [UCSF Treats First Patient With Homegrown CAR T-cell Therapy](#)

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

## [Altering Cancer Treatment Dosing Could Reduce Climate Impact, Study Finds](#)

[University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center](#)

## [Digital Tools for Doctors Quadruple Rate of Lifesaving Lung Cancer Screen](#)

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

## [EXPLORER Expands Dynamic PET Imaging Ability to Visualize Dual Blood Supply in Lung Cancer](#)

[UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

## [Gut Bacteria Boost Immune Response to Fight Tumors](#)

[Siteman Cancer Center](#)

## [Researchers Find Possible New Therapy for Some Patients With Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer](#)

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

## [Scientists Identify Missing Piece Required for Blood Stem Cell Self-Renewal](#)

[UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

## [CAR T for Prostate Cancer Shows Efficacy](#)

[City of Hope Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

## [Half-Matched Family Donors Offer Best Outcomes for Hispanic Patients Undergoing Bone Marrow Transplants](#)

[USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

## [Intervention Tested to Reduce Financial Burden on Patients and Caregivers](#)

[UK Markey Cancer Center](#)

## [White Blood Cell Process Could Be Early Warning Sign of Major Immunotherapy Complication](#)

[University of Michigan Cancer Center](#)

## [Iberdomide Increases Innate and Adaptive Immune Cell Subsets in Bone Marrow of Patients With Relapsed/Refractory Multiple Myeloma](#)

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

## [New Prostate Cancer Treatment Approach Slows Progression Without Hurting Quality of Life](#)

[The University of Kansas Cancer Center](#)

### OTHER NEWS

## [Northwell to Partner With START Center for Cancer Research](#)

[Northwell Health Cancer Institute](#)

Northwell Health and the START Center for Cancer Research (START), a global network of fully dedicated, community-based, early-phase oncology clinical trial sites, have announced partnership plans. A new START early-phase clinical trial site is to be established at the Zuckerberg Cancer Center, part of Northwell Health's Cancer Institute. [Read More](#)

## [New Symposium Unites Pancreatic Cancer Researchers](#)

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

Pancreatic cancer researchers from the Midwest convened in May for the first-ever PancMidwest Pancreatic Cancer Research Symposium. The event gathered 130 multidisciplinary researchers and physicians at the the University of Chicago. [Read More](#)

## [Uterine Cancer Rates and Deaths on Rise for Black Women Specifically](#)

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

While most rates of cancer continue to decrease, oncologists express concern that rates of uterine cancer (also known as endometrial cancer) continue to rise, and this trend disproportionately affects Black women. [Read More](#)

## [With NCI Designation, UF Health Accelerates Research Impact](#)

[University of Florida Health Cancer Center](#)

Marking the first anniversary of its National Cancer Institute (NCI) designation, the University of Florida Health Cancer Center has highlighted 10 key achievements of the past year. [Read More](#)

## [CAR T Program Launched](#)

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



The UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center now offers new Chimeric Antigen Receptor (CAR) T-cell therapy. **Shashank Cingam, MD**, recently joined the UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center's Bone Marrow Transplant and Cellular Therapy Team and has helped launch the CAR T program. [\*Read More\*](#)

### JOB OPPORTUNITIES

## [Cancer Prevention and Control Co-Leader](#)

[OHSU Knight Cancer Institute](#)

## [Project Manager, Grants & Administration](#)

[The University of Kansas Cancer Center](#)

## [Postdoctoral Associate Breast Cancer Epidemiology and Data Sciences](#)

[The University of Vermont Cancer Center](#)

## [Chair, Department of Radiation Oncology](#)

[UCI Chao Family Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

## [Associate Director, Population Sciences](#)

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

## [Director of Cancer Research Development](#)

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

## [Division Chief of Hematology and Medical Oncology](#)

[LSU LCMC Health Cancer Center](#)

## [Clinical Investigator, Head and Neck Oncology](#)

[Stanford Cancer Institute](#)

## [Program Leader, Cancer Prevention and Control Research Program](#)

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

## [Associate Director, Population Science](#)

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

## [Breast Medical Oncologist](#)

[Cedars-Sinai Cancer](#)

## [Medical Oncologist, Experimental Therapeutics](#)

[Cedars-Sinai Cancer](#)

## [Multiple Faculty Openings](#)



## Program Head, Breast Oncology

Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center

### MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Summit Connecting Leaders: Strategies for Change

*Presented by AACI in partnership with the American Cancer Society and the Cancer Center DEI Network*

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[October 19-20, 2024](#)

[Sheraton Grand Chicago Riverwalk](#)

[Chicago, IL](#)

## 2024 AACI/CCAF Annual Meeting

[REGISTER TODAY](#)

[October 20-22, 2024](#)

[Loews Chicago Downtown Hotel](#)

[Chicago, IL](#)

### 2025 AACI MEETINGS

## 2025 AACI Catchment Area Data Excellence (CADEx) Conference

[SAVE THE DATE](#)

[January 29-31, 2025](#)

[San Diego, CA](#)

## 2025 AACI Leadership Diversity and Development Workshop

[SAVE THE DATE](#)

[March 11-12, 2025](#)

[Loews Chicago O'Hare Hotel](#)

[Rosemont, IL](#)

## 2025 AACI/AACR Hill Day

[SAVE THE DATE](#)

[May 22, 2025](#)

[Washington, DC](#)

## 17th Annual AACI CRI Meeting

[SAVE THE DATE](#)

[June 23-25, 2025](#)

[Loews Chicago O'Hare Hotel](#)

[Rosemont, IL](#)

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