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## AACI HEADLINES

### [Dr. Patricia LoRusso to Keynote CRI Meeting](#)



Patricia LoRusso, DO, PhD, will present a keynote at 8:30 am central time on **Tuesday, June 25**, during the **16th Annual AACI Clinical Research Innovation (CRI) Meeting** in Rosemont, IL. Dr. LoRusso is an oncologist and associate director of innovative medicine at the Yale School of Medicine. Her keynote, "The Making of a Clinical Researcher: A Personal Journey," will detail the inspiring story of her path to clinical research. [Read More](#)

### [AACI and ACCC to Host Virtual Conversation on Equity in Cancer](#)



At 12:00 pm eastern time on **Tuesday, June 18**, in advance of the Juneteenth holiday, join **Association of Cancer Care Centers (ACCC)** President **Nadine J. Barrett, PhD, MA, MS, FACCC**, and AACI President **Robert A. Winn, MD**, in an empowering discussion about a shared organizational goal to advance equitable cancer care. [Read More](#)

### [Advocates Gather in Washington for 2024 Hill Day](#)

On **Thursday, May 16**, AACI co-hosted the 2024 Hill Day with the **American Association for Cancer Research (AACR)**. One hundred participants, representing 27 states, presented a unified voice supporting stable funding increases for the National Institutes of Health and the National Cancer Institute. [Read More](#)



## NEWS FROM THE CENTERS

### AWARDS & HONORS

#### [Loggers Recognized as National Palliative Care Leader](#)

[Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center](#)



**Elizabeth Loggers, MD, PhD**, has been recognized as an Emerging Leader in Hospice and Palliative Medicine by the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine. The academy has recognized a new cohort of emerging leaders every five years since the program began in 2014. [Read More](#)

#### [Sparano Selected as OncLive Giant of Cancer Care](#)

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



**Joseph A. Sparano, MD**, was selected as the 2024 OncLive Giant of Cancer Care in Breast Cancer. The Giants of Cancer Care program honors the accomplishments of leading researchers and educators whose discoveries have propelled the field. Inductees are recognized for their achievements in oncology research and clinical practice. [Read More](#)

#### [Wetter Recognized for Exemplary Leadership in Cancer Equity Initiatives](#)

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

**David W. Wetter, PhD**, senior director for cancer health equity science at Huntsman Cancer Institute, has been awarded the Society of Behavioral Medicine Senior Investigator Award for Outstanding Contributions to Cancer Prevention and Control. [Read More](#)



## [Ragin Awarded AACR Lectureship](#)

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



**Camille Ragin, PhD, MPH**, associate director for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at Fox Chase Cancer Center, received the American Association for Cancer Research's (AACR) Minorities in Cancer Research Jane Cooke Wright Lectureship. She delivered the lecture at the AACR Annual Meeting 2024 in San Diego. [\*Read More\*](#)

### GRANTS & GIFTS

## [NCI Renews Comprehensive Designation for Georgetown Lombardi](#)

[Georgetown Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

## [New Study to Find Out What Drives Cancer in Asian Americans](#)

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

## [Grant Funds Study of Novel Drug for Immunotherapy Treatment of Melanoma](#)

[University of Florida Health Cancer Center](#)

## [\\$3.3 Million Awarded to Develop Risk-Based Approach to Thyroid Cancer Survivorship Care](#)

[University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center](#)

## [\\$2.7 Million Grant to Explore Hypoxia Impact on Blood Stem Cells](#)

[Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

## [Stoyanova Receives DOD Award](#)

[UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

### LEADERSHIP TRANSITIONS

## [Clinical and Translational Researcher Leads Phase I Clinical Trials](#)

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

Karmanos Cancer Institute welcomes **Wasif Saif, MD, MBBS**, as the new leader of the Phase I Clinical Trials Multidisciplinary Team and co-leader of the Gastrointestinal and Neuroendocrine Oncology Multidisciplinary Team. [\*Read More\*](#)



## [New Vice Chair of Research Announced](#)

[Cedars-Sinai Cancer](#)



Cedars-Sinai Cancer has selected radiation oncology physicist **Indrin Chetty, PhD**, as the new vice chair of Research and director of the Medical Physics Division in the Department of Radiation Oncology. [Read More](#)

## [Thoracic Chair Tapped as Chief Strategy Officer, Senior VP of Business Development and Outreach](#)

[Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)



Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center has appointed **Sai Yendamuri, MD, MBA, FACS**, as chief strategy officer and senior vice president of Business Development and Outreach. Dr. Yendamuri has worked tirelessly to improve lung cancer care and outcomes both in the clinic and laboratory since his start at Roswell Park in 2007. [Read More](#)

## [Blind Named Associate Director for DEI](#)

[Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center](#)



**Ray Blind, PhD**, has been named associate director for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center. He is a nationally recognized investigator in the understanding of the structure, function, and signaling of nuclear lipids. [Read More](#)

## [Merad Named Dean for Translational Research and Therapeutic Innovation](#)

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



**Miriam Merad, MD, PhD**, has been appointed dean for Translational Research and Therapeutic Innovation of the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. She will focus on cultivating a culture of mechanistic clinical trials throughout the campus and forging stronger partnerships with the pharmaceutical and biotech sectors. [Read More](#)

## [Castillo Named DEI Associate Director](#)

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



The UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center has named **Eliseo F. Castillo, PhD**, as associate director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. He has been deeply engaged in several mentoring and outreach programs at the center. [Read More](#)

## [New Leadership for Office of Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility](#)

[UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)



UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center Interim Physician-in-Chief **David Tom Cooke, MD**, is now associate director of the center's Office of Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility (IDEAL). Dr. Cooke (at right, in photo) will lead the newly appointed IDEAL team that includes assistant directors **Miquell Olivia Miller, MD**, and **Luis Godoy, MD**. [Read More](#)

## [Nanotechnology Expert to Lead NanoSTAR Institute](#)

[University of Virginia Cancer Center](#)



**Evan A. Scott, PhD**, an expert in the use of nanotechnology to understand and fight disease, will head up the University of Virginia's Institute for Nanoscale Scientific and Technological Advanced Research, or nanoSTAR, as UVA enters a new era in nanotechnology research with the launch of the Paul and Diane Manning Institute of Biotechnology. [Read More](#)

## [Proximity to a Cancer Center Contributes to Cancer Stage at Diagnosis](#)

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

## [Quadruple Therapies and the Future of Multiple Myeloma Treatment](#)

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

## [Research Shows Muscle, Fat Strongly Linked to Survival in Epithelial Ovarian Cancer](#)

[Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

## [Widening Inequality Seen Where Cancer Clinical Trials Are Available](#)

[University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center](#)

## [New Therapeutic Target in Advanced Prostate Cancer Uncovered](#)

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

## [New Treatment May Enable More Patients With High Risk Blood Cancers to Receive Stem Cell Transplants](#)

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

## [Strengthening CAR T Therapy to Work Against Solid Tumors](#)

[Montefiore Einstein Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

## [CAR T Cell Therapy for Pediatric Brain Cancer Warrants Further Study](#)

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

## [mRNA Vaccine Triggers Fierce Immune Response to Fight Malignant Brain Tumor](#)

[University of Florida Health Cancer Center](#)

## [New Immunotherapy Offers Hope to Patients With Metastatic Lung Cancer](#)

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

## [Prostate Cancer Study: More Health Benefits From Plant-Based Diet](#)

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

## [Immune Boosting Agent Plus Personalized Cancer Vaccine Supercharges Immune Defense Against Malignant Brain Tumors](#)

[UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

## [Scientists Identify Protein That Controls CAR T Longevity](#)

[Stanford Cancer Institute](#)

## [Curing Colorectal Cancer Through a Microscope](#)

[The University of Arizona Cancer Center](#)

## [Partnership Established With Ukrainian Cancer Center](#)

### [UK Markey Cancer Center](#)



UK Markey Cancer Center has formed an international partnership with the Kyiv Regional Oncology Dispensary, based in Kyiv, Ukraine. The institutions will engage in mutually beneficial activities focused on cancer prevention and treatment, research collaboration, and personnel exchanges for training and education. [Read More](#)

## [Northwell Opens Molecular Diagnostics Laboratory](#)

### [Northwell Health Cancer Institute](#)

The Northwell Health Cancer Institute and its Center for Genomic Medicine has opened a clinical molecular diagnostics laboratory. The \$3.2 million, 2,800 square foot state-of-the-art facility boasts cutting-edge technology of next-generation sequencing that provides point-of-care tumor and patient genomic profiling to inform precision cancer therapy. [Read More](#)

## [New Program Shares HPB Expertise](#)

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



A new UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center program, led by **Itzhak Nir, MD**, reduces the burden of care by bringing New Mexico's community providers and cancer experts together virtually. The program is currently focusing on those diagnosed with hepato-pancreatico-biliary (HPB) cancers. [Read More](#)

## [Program for Reducing Allergic Reactions to Cancer Treatments Hits New Care Milestone](#)

### [Montefiore Einstein Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

An outpatient cancer therapy desensitization program at Montefiore Einstein Comprehensive Cancer Center has completed 200 procedures, allowing patients to complete optimal treatments within recommended timeframes and avoid the hospital. [Read More](#)

## [Stanford Administers First Lifileucel Infusion](#)

### [Stanford Cancer Institute](#)

In April, Stanford administered the first lifileucel infusion after the treatment received U.S. Food and Drug Administration approval in February. Lifileucel (Amtagvi) leverages tumor-infiltrating lymphocytes and is now approved to treat melanoma. [Read More](#)

## [Forging Collaborations for Community Health](#)

### [The University of Arizona Cancer Center](#)

If you could imagine the ideal physician to serve as the medical director for the Pascua Yaqui Tribe and lead the University of Arizona Cancer Center community advisory board, that vision would culminate in **Adalberto Renteria, MD**. [Read More](#)



## [Northwell Cardiothoracic Programs Earn Top Quality Rating](#)

[Northwell Health Cancer Institute](#)

All four Northwell Health hospitals with cardiothoracic surgery programs earned three-star overall quality ratings, the highest rating given, in several surgical categories analyzed by the Society of Thoracic Surgeons. [Read More](#)

### JOB OPPORTUNITIES

## [Cancer Clinical Research Coordinator 2 Thoracic Oncology \(Hybrid\)](#)

[Stanford Cancer Institute](#)

## [Director of Research Development](#)

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

## [Operations Manager, Research](#)

[Dartmouth Cancer Center](#)

## [Program Manager, Oncology Education](#)

[Dartmouth Cancer Center](#)

## [Senior Research Operations Manager](#)

[Dartmouth Cancer Center](#)

## [Clinical Operations Manager & Clinical Research Coordinators](#)

[The University of Kansas Cancer Center](#)

## [Operations Manager, Cancer Screening Research Network](#)

[Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center](#)

## [Vice President of Cedars-Sinai Cancer](#)

[Cedars-Sinai Cancer](#)

### MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

## [Reimagining Community Engagement and Equity in Cancer: A Virtual Conversation With Two Presidents](#)

*[Presented in partnership with the Association of Cancer Care Centers](#)*

[REGISTER TODAY](#)

[June 18, 2024](#)

[Webinar](#)

## [16th Annual AACI CRI Meeting](#)

[REGISTER TODAY](#)



[June 24-26, 2024](#)

[Loews Chicago O'Hare Hotel](#)

[Rosemont, IL](#)

## [The Cancer Prevention Research Conference](#)

[Presented by the American Cancer Society, the National Cancer Institute, and Cancer Research UK](#)

[REGISTER TODAY](#)

[June 25-27, 2024](#)

[Boston Marriott Copley Place](#)

[Boston, MA](#)

## [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](#)

[REGISTER TODAY](#)

[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](#)

## [17th Annual AACI CRI Meeting](#)

[SAVE THE DATE](#)

[June 23-25, 2025](#)

[Loews Chicago O'Hare Hotel](#)

[Rosemont, IL](#)

## [2025 AACI/CCAF Annual Meeting](#)

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[October 19-21, 2025](#)

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