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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

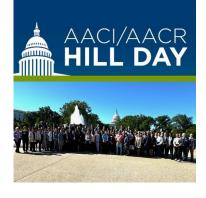
AACI and ACCC to Host Virtual Conversation on Equity in Cancer



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

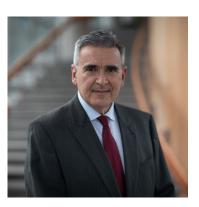
Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center



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

<u>Grant Funds Study of Novel Drug for Immunotherapy Treatment of Melanoma</u>

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 coleader 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**

<u>Proximity to a Cancer Center Contributes to Cancer Stage at Diagnosis</u>

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

<u>Prostate Cancer Study: More Health Benefits From Plant-Based</u> 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

<u>Curing Colorectal Cancer Through a Microscope</u>

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**

<u>Program for Reducing Allergic Reactions to Cancer Treatments</u> 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*

<u>Stanford Administers First Lifileucel Infusion</u>

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.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

<u>Cancer Clinical Research Coordinator 2 Thoracic Oncology</u> (<u>Hybrid</u>)

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

SAVE THE DATE

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