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AACI HEADLINES

[Annual Meeting Inspires With Messages of Inclusion, Resilience](#)



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*Clockwise from top left: Dr. Lawrence Einhorn, Loriana Hernández-Aldama, meeting participant, and Dr. Harold P. Freeman
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[2025 Leadership Diversity and Development Workshop Registration Open](#)



Registration is now open for AACI's 2025 [Leadership Diversity and Development Workshop](#) (LDDW), which will be held **March 11-12** at Loews Chicago O'Hare Hotel. The event will convene a diverse group of emerging leaders from AACI cancer centers with both didactic and experiential leadership development sessions. Each AACI cancer center director may select one emerging leader from their center to attend.

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[Support the 2025 CADEX Conference](#)



The 2025 **Catchment Area Data Excellence (CADEx) Conference** will be held **January 29-31** at the Coronado Resort & Spa in Coronado, CA. AACI encourages its member cancer centers and corporate partners to participate in the 2025 CADEx Conference by exhibiting, supporting a session or after-hours activity, placing an ad in the digital program book, or designing a custom support package. [Read More](#)

[CARDS Webinar: Exploring U.S. Neighborhood-Level Cancer Risk Factor Datasets](#)



AACI will host a Catchment Area Research and Data Science (CARDS) webinar titled "**Exploring U.S. Neighborhood-Level Cancer Risk Factor Datasets**" at 1:00 pm eastern time on **Wednesday, December 4**. The webinar will be divided into three parts: PLACES: Local Data for Better Health; The Environmental Justice Index: Advancing Environmental Justice and Health Equity Through Data Visualization; and Health Atlas: Visualizing Place-Based Data Across the United States. [Read More](#)

[GR Forum Addresses Presidential Election, Key Issues](#)



AACI held its annual Government Relations (GR) Forum on **Monday, October 21** in conjunction with the 2024 AACI/CCAF Annual Meeting in Chicago. The meeting was attended by more than 60 government relations representatives and AACI sustaining members, who discussed timely cancer-related public policy topics.

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[New Tool Designed to Streamline PI Engagement Across Cancer Centers](#)

The **CRI Education and Operations Subcommittee**, a dedicated team comprised of representatives from 21 AACI cancer centers, designed a **Principal Investigator (PI) template** to help streamline the onboarding, training, and offboarding of PIs across academic cancer centers. The template provides a comprehensive checklist for PI training, equipping institutions with consistent and effective guidance throughout the PI lifecycle. [Read More](#)

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Cognizant's Head of Global Medical Affairs **Lestter Cruz Serrano, MD, BCMAS**, speaks with renowned oncologist **Claudio Cerchione, MD, PhD**, on the importance of clinical trials and how technology like SIP is helping sites streamline their processes in clinical research. [Watch Interview](#)



NEWS FROM THE CENTERS

AWARDS & HONORS

[Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute Named Center of Excellence by MDS Foundation](#)

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

The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute has been designated as a Center of Excellence by the MDS Foundation, becoming part of the foundation's referral network of top bone marrow disorder treatment centers in the world. [*Read More*](#)

[Lonial Receives Clinical Investigator Award for Contributions to Multiple Myeloma Research](#)

[Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University](#)



The International Myeloma Society has awarded the 2024 Bart Barlogie Clinical Investigator Award to **Sagar Lonial, MD, FACP**, chief medical officer of Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University. [*Read More*](#)

GRANTS & GIFTS

[NCI Renews Comprehensive Cancer Center Designation](#)

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

[Route 66 SPORE Grant to Study Uterine Cancers](#)

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

[Effort to Provide Prostate Cancer Treatment in the Community Gets \\$6 Million Boost](#)

[UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

[\\$3.3 Million Grant to Develop More Accurate, Comfortable Breast Cancer Screening Technology](#)

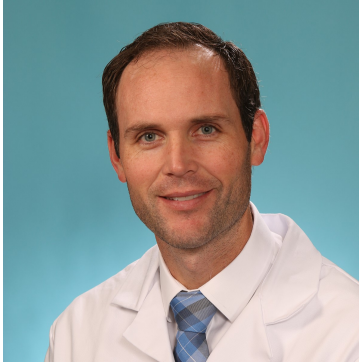
[The University of Arizona Cancer Center](#)

[Nagalo First at UAMS to Receive NIH New Innovator Award](#)

LEADERSHIP TRANSITIONS

Johanns Named Medical Director of The Brain Tumor Center

Siteman Cancer Center



Tanner Johanns, MD, PhD, has been named medical director of The Brain Tumor Center at Siteman Cancer Center, based at Barnes-Jewish Hospital and Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. [Read More](#)

Babu to Lead New Office of Data Science

Comprehensive Cancer Center Comprehensive Cancer Center St. Jude Children's Research Hospital



M. Madan Babu, PhD, FRSC, FMedSci, FRSc has been named senior vice president, chief data scientist, and leader of the newly formed Office of Data Science at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. [Read More](#)

Rolfo Appointed to Lead Medical Oncology Division

The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center - James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute



Christian Rolfo, MD, PhD, has been appointed the director of the Division of Medical Oncology at The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center – The James. He was previously associate director of Clinical Research for the Center of Excellence for Thoracic Oncology at The Tisch Cancer Institute at Mount Sinai. [Read More](#)

New Clinical Research Leadership Team

Sandra and Edward Meyer Cancer Center at Weill Cornell Medicine

The Sandra and Edward Meyer Cancer Center of Weill Cornell Medicine and NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital is pleased to announce a new cancer clinical research leadership team: **Vered Stearns, MD**, is associate director for clinical research; **Paul Chapman, MD**, is medical director for the Cancer Clinical Trials Office; and **Anna Pavlick, DO, MBA**, is medical director for the Oncology Service Line. [Read More](#)

Patel Appointed Surgical Director of Pituitary Center

Siteman Cancer Center



Neurosurgeon **Bhuvic Patel, MD**, has been appointed surgical director of the Pituitary Center at Barnes-Jewish Hospital and Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. The center is part of The Brain Tumor Center at Siteman Cancer Center. [Read More](#)

RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

[Uninterrupted Medicaid Coverage Improves Survival for Kids With Cancer](#)

[Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University](#)

[Clinical Cancer Research in U.S. Increasingly Dominated by Pharmaceutical Industry Sponsors](#)

[Fred Hutch Cancer Center](#)

[MRI Can Save Rectal Cancer Patients From Surgery, Study Finds](#)

[University of Virginia Cancer Center](#)

[A Precision Medicine Initiative Aims to Improve Treatment for the Most Common Form of Leukemia in Adults](#)

[The University of Kansas Cancer Center](#)

[Can Chatbots Help With Genetic Testing for Cancer Risk?](#)

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

[Study Links 'Forever Chemical' PFOS With Colorectal Cancer](#)

[UK Markey Cancer Center](#)

[Unlocking the Potential of Patient-Derived Organoids for Personalized Sarcoma Treatment](#)

[UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

[Lymph Node-Like Structures May Trigger the Demise of Cancer Tumors](#)

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

[Breakthrough Clinical Trial Reveals Better Treatment for Advanced Classic Hodgkin Lymphoma](#)

[Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

[In Beer Yeast, Scientists See Path to Starving Cancer](#)

[University of Virginia Cancer Center](#)

[An Early Blood Test Can Predict Survival in Patients With Metastatic Prostate Cancer](#)

[USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

[New Treatment for Cancer-Related Wasting Disease](#)

[Cedars-Sinai Cancer](#)

[New Research Brings Hope for Small Cell Lung Cancer Patients](#)

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

[Histotripsy Liver Tumor Trial Successful, Early Clinical Adoption Recommended](#)

[University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center](#)

[Promising New Treatment Option Seen for Patients With Treatment-Resistant Acute Myeloid Leukemia](#)

[Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

[Study Confirms Tissue Stiffening in Breast Cancer Can Drive Metastasis](#)

[The University of Arizona Cancer Center](#)

[Liver Cancer Stem Cells Shown to Use Immune System as Shield to Spark Disease Recurrence](#)

[Stanford Cancer Institute](#)

[Cancer Diagnoses Still Lagging Due to COVID-19](#)

[UK Markey Cancer Center](#)

[Experimental Cancer Drug Eliminates Bone Metastases Caused by Breast Cancer in Lab Models](#)

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

[Research Points to Potential New Treatment for Aggressive Prostate Cancer Subtype](#)

[University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center](#)

[The Breadth of Breast Cell Types](#)

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

[Study Finds Opt-Out Treatment Helps Smokers Quit, Even Those With Low Motivation](#)

[The University of Kansas Cancer Center](#)

OTHER NEWS

[AACI Listservs Offer Forums for Networking and Learning](#)

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AACI offers several [listservs](#) for cancer center members to network with their peers and ask questions about specific topics or roles. Roundtable meetings, webinars, and other projects have been developed as a result of robust listserv discussions. Listservs are for AACI cancer center members only, and subscribers must have a cancer center email address to join. If you are interested in joining a listserv, please email cri@aacicancer.org. [Read More](#)

[Canine Cancer Case Highlights Precision Medicine](#)

[University of Florida Health Cancer Center](#)

A young French bulldog's battle with an extremely rare and aggressive cancer has broken new ground in veterinary oncology at the University of Florida, and the beloved pet's treatment could lead to better cancer care for dogs and children. [Read More](#)



[Cancer AI Alliance Launched to Unlock Discoveries, Transform Care](#)

[Fred Hutch Cancer Center](#)

Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Fred Hutch Cancer Center, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, and Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins University have joined forces and secured funding from artificial intelligence (AI) technology leaders AWS, Deloitte, Microsoft and NVIDIA, to create the Cancer AI Alliance (CAIA). Fred Hutch spearheaded the formation of CAIA and will serve as the alliance's coordinating center. [*Read More*](#)

[UCSF, NASA Explore Joint Ways to Benefit Cancer Patients](#)

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



UC San Francisco reached into the cosmos at a special gathering with top research and clinical scientists from NASA to explore opportunities to jointly benefit patients with cancer and other diseases. NASA astronaut Yvonne Cagle addressed patients, families, and faculty during a recent visit to UCSF. [*Read More*](#)

[Cedars-Sinai to Participate in Largest AAPI Cancer Initiative](#)

[Cedars-Sinai Cancer](#)



Cedars-Sinai Cancer is advancing its commitment to diversity in research by participating in the largest-ever national study of cancer risk factors in Asian Americans. Investigators are hoping to learn why Asian Americans have disproportionately high rates of many types of cancer. [*Read More*](#)

[Why Your Flu Shot Might Come With a Colon Cancer Test](#)

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

For nearly two decades, UCSF Family Community Medicine Professor **Michael Potter, MD**, has worked with San Francisco community health clinics to pair colorectal cancer screening with flu shots. Community health centers in all 50 states are using Potter's model, FluFIT, to save lives by offering take-home fecal immunochemical tests for colorectal cancer alongside flu shots. [*Read More*](#)



[Gilead Research Scholars Program Applications Due December 5](#)

[Gilead/Kite](#)



Gilead's Research Scholars Program in Oncology Solid Tumors focuses on breast, upper gastrointestinal, bladder, and lung cancers. The program provides a minimum of three awards, with each award funded up to \$180,000. The current application submission cycle closes on **Thursday, December 5**. Gilead/Kite is a member of AACI's [Corporate Roundtable](#). [Learn More and Apply](#)

[Mobile Cancer Screening Vehicle Rolls Out](#)

[University of Florida Health Cancer Center](#)



The University of Florida Health Cancer Center has launched a 40-foot-long mobile cancer screening bus that will expand access to lifesaving cancer screenings and essential health care services, including 3D mammograms and cervical, colon, and prostate cancer screenings. [Read More](#)

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

[Vice President for Cancer Services and Cancer Center Director](#)

[Stony Brook Cancer Center](#)

[Director, Cancer Data Science Shared Resource](#)

[OHSU Knight Cancer Institute](#)

[Chief Quality Officer](#)

[Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

[Leader, Prostate Cancer Program](#)

[Fred Hutch Cancer Center](#)

[SISU Administrative Director](#)

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

[Chair, Department of Internal Medicine](#)

[Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center](#)

[Vice Chair, Bone Marrow Transplant and Cellular Therapies \(inaugural\)](#)

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

[Assistant or Associate Professor, Sarcoma Oncology](#)

[Fred Hutch Cancer Center](#)

[Chief Administrative Officer/Associate Director of Research Administration](#)

[Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University](#)

[Director of Research Administration](#)

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

[Senior Research Data Analyst](#)

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

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

[A New Lens on Lung Cancer: Infusing Lung Cancer Conversations With HIV Learnings](#)

[Presented by Gilead](#)

[WEBINAR](#)

[November 21, 2024](#)

[CARDS Webinar | Exploring U.S. Neighborhood-Level Cancer Risk Factor Datasets](#)

[WEBINAR](#)

[December 4, 2024](#)

[Equitable Access to Clinical Trials \(EACT\) Webinar for Trial Site Staff](#)

[Presented by Oncology Nursing Society and LUNGeivity Foundation](#)

[WEBINAR](#)

[December 11, 2024](#)

2025 AACI MEETINGS

[2025 AACI Catchment Area Data Excellence \(CADEx\) Conference Acquisition, Analysis, Action](#)

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