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2024 AACI/CCAF Annual Meeting: Day 1 Overview



Thanks to the cancer center leaders and other colleagues who participated in Day 1 of the 2024 AACI/CCAF Annual Meeting. Following meetings of the AACI Board of Directors (pictured) and the Corporate Roundtable, the day formally kicked off with the AACI Business Meeting, in which AACI Executive Director **Jennifer W. Pegher** welcomed attendees and provided an overview of the past year's activities. AACI President and VCU Massey Comprehensive Cancer Center Director **Dr. Robert A. Winn** shared updates on his AACI presidential initiative, **Inclusive Excellence**.

His report was followed by remarks from AACI Treasurer **David M. Gosky**, The Ohio State

University Comprehensive Cancer Center - The James; AACI Annual Meeting Program Committee member **Alex Zafirovski**, Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University; and Committee Chair **Dr. Kelvin Lee**, Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Comprehensive Cancer Center.

In a compelling keynote, **Dr. Lawrence Einhorn**, Indiana University, discussed his use of innovative therapies to dramatically improve the cure rate of testicular cancer, as well as recent progress in oncology, including the development of personalized, targeted therapies.

"It has to do with people more than drugs It's the optimism and the brilliant minds that go into the field that are moving the field forward." - Dr. Lawrence Einhorn

Following the keynote, the 12th Annual AACI PCLI Meeting focused on applications of artificial intelligence and big data in cancer care and research. Attendees gained practical knowledge and strategies for integrating new technologies, as well as insights into what lies ahead in AI.

Sessions concluded with a panel discussion on bioengineering in cancer. Panelists shared recent advancements in areas such as imaging, cancer detection and therapy, bioinformatics, and nanotechnology. They pondered how the ever-evolving field will continue to improve cancer research.

We look forward to seeing you tomorrow for more impactful sessions focusing on mental health, patient navigation, academic integrity and public trust, innovative technology, the National Cancer Institute's Cancer Center Support Grant, and the presentation of the 2024 AACI **Cancer Health Equity**, **Champion for Cures**, and **Distinguished Scientist** awards.



President's Reception

Please join us on the Lakeview Lawn from 6:00–7:30 pm for the President's Reception, with support from Lilly!

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