

November 21, 2012

Announcements

Yale Cancer Center Celebrates Conclave

I was pleased to be able to share last evening with many of you at our fourth annual Yale Cancer Center Conclave. It was an honor to be able to celebrate the accomplishment of so many of our goals for 2012, including the integration of the former MOH and COH practices and YNHH's acquisition of the Saint Raphael Campus, the recruitment of 10 new faculty members, the achievement of 473 patients on clinical trial for fiscal year 2012, and the successful submission of our CCSG application. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Yale Cancer Center Lifetime Achievement, Clinical, Research, and Teaching prizes, and a new award recognizing an outstanding advanced practice provider. The senior leadership team reviewed the nominations and selected the recipients of these awards in recognition of their outstanding contribution to cancer care and research.



Roy Herbst, Abe Lopman, Cathy Lyons, and Tom Lynch

Peter E. Schwartz, MD the John Slade Ely Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Sciences, was honored with the **Yale Cancer Center Lifetime Achievement Award**. Dr. Thomas Rutherford presented the award to Dr. Schwartz, referring to him as "my mentor, and our friend and

from the desk of

Thomas J. Lynch, Jr., MD

Director, Yale Cancer Center

Physician-in-Chief Smilow Cancer

Hospital at Yale-New Haven



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colleague."

Dr. Schwartz has cared for women with gynecological malignancies at Yale for over 40 years, and has a continued research interest into biomarkers for the earlier detection of ovarian cancer. He is a member of the Yale Cancer Center Cancer Genetics and Genomics Research Program and the Smilow Cancer Hospital Gynecologic Oncology Program. His clinical research focus is on the use of neoadjuvant therapy for ovarian cancer and aggressive uterine cancer and he was the first to propose the use of tamoxifen for ovarian cancer treatment. Dr. Schwartz has consistently advocated for a multidisciplinary approach to cancer care and treatment and has made education a priority throughout his tenure at Yale School of Medicine, establishing the fellowship in gynecologic oncology in 1979.



Tom Lynch, Peter Schwartz, and Thomas Rutherford

Mario Sznol, MD received the **Yale Cancer Center Clinical Research Prize** for his paper *Safety, Activity, and Immune Correlates of Anti-PD1 Antibody in Cancer* in the June 28, 2012 issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine*. Dr. Sznol is a Professor of Medicine (Medical Oncology) and the Clinical Research Program Leader for the Melanoma Program. Dr. Warren Shlomchik, co-Director of the Cancer Immunology Research Program, presented the award.

In the News

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Yale Cancer Center Grand Rounds

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Events

November 21; 1:00 PM YCC Cancer Immunology Research Program

SHM B-201

*Dysbiosis, Tissue Damage, and
Colon Cancer*

Richard Flavell, PhD, FRS

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November 25; 6:00 PM Yale Cancer Center Answers

WNPR

*Translational Research for Lung
Cancer*

Roy S. Herbst, MD, PhD

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November 26; 5:00 PM Yale Cancer Center/Smilow Cancer Hospital Lung Cancer Symposium for Patients and their Families

55 Park Street

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Tom Lynch, Mario Sznol, and Warren Shlomchik

Susan Mayne, PhD received the **Yale Cancer Center Population Science Research Prize** for her paper *Indoor Tanning and the Risk of Early-Onset Basal Cell Carcinoma* in the October 2012 issue of the *Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology*. Dr. Mayne is the C.-EA Winslow Professor of Epidemiology and Public Health and has been the Associate Director for Population Sciences for Yale Cancer Center since 1995. Dr. Melinda Irwin, co-Director of the Prevention and Control Research Program, presented the award.



Melinda Irwin, Susan Mayne, and Tom Lynch

Ruth Halaban, PhD received the **Yale Cancer Center Basic**

**November 27; 12:00 PM
Yale Cancer Center Grand Rounds**

55 Park Street
FOXC2 and EMT
Lloyd Cantley, MD

Inhibition of Dendritic Cells by Human Papillomavirus
Akiko Iwasaki, PhD
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**November 29; 12:00 PM
Schwartz Center Rounds Staff Symposium**

55 Park Street
Spellbound
Thomas J. Lynch, Jr., MD
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**November 29; 12:30 PM
Pathology Grand Rounds**

Fitkin Amphitheatre, LMP 1094
Myles Brown, MD
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**November 29; 5:00 PM
Humanities in Medicine Program/Howard Spiro Lecture Series**

The Anlyan Center Auditorium; N-107
Caught it at the Movies: Queer Medical Historiography and the Cinema of Contagion
Lance Wahlert, PhD
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**November 30; 12:00 PM
YCC Research in Progress Meeting**

Location TBD
The Quest for Personalized Breast Cancer Endocrine Therapy
James Rae, PhD
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**December 2; 6:00 PM
Yale Cancer Center Answers**

WNPR
Oncogenes and Cancer
David Stern, PhD
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December 4; 12:00 PM

Research Prize for her paper *Exome Sequencing Identifies Recurrent Somatic RAC1 Mutations in Melanoma* published in the September 2012 issue of *Nature Genetics*. Dr. Halaban is a member of the Genetics and Genomics Research Program at Yale Cancer Center and is the Principal Investigator of our SPORE in Skin Cancer Grant. Dr. Joseph Schlessinger, Director of the Cancer Biology Institute and Chairman of Pharmacology, presented the award.



Tom Lynch, Ruth Halaban, and Joseph Schlessinger

Leonard Farber, MD and **Arthur Levy, MD** were honored with the **Yale Cancer Center Awards for Clinical Excellence**. The awards were presented by Dr. Roy Herbst, who commented, "Art and Len are the "go to" clinicians when a question arises. They are role models, focused on the needs of their patients, and are good citizens of the clinic. They always strive to make our clinics strong, efficient, and as organized as possible." Drs. Farber and Levy began practicing oncology together in 1974 when they launched Medical Oncology & Hematology and were instrumental in the integration between MOH and Yale Cancer Center earlier this year.

Yale Cancer Center Grand Rounds

55 Park Street
BRCA2, One Small Step for DNA Repair, One Giant Protein Purified
Ryan B. Jensen, PhD
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December 5; 11:00 AM YCC Radiobiology and Radiotherapy Research Program

SHM I-304
DNA Glycosylases: Search and Destroy
Susan S. Wallace, PhD
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**December 6; 12:30 PM
Pathology Grand Rounds**
Fitkin Amphitheatre, LMP 1094
Consequences of aneuploidy
Angelika Amon, PhD
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December 6; 4:00 PM C&M Physiology Seminar Series

SHM B145
The Biology of Copper: From Homeostasis to Cancer Chemotherapy to Anti-Microbial Weapon
Dennis J. Thiele, PhD
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Employment Opportunities

We seek your assistance in the recruitment of qualified Oncology Research Nurses to join the Cancer Center for full time research opportunities. Positions traditionally require a minimum of BSN and 4 years of research nursing experience with a strong preference within oncology. In lieu of research experience, trained oncology nurses with little or no research experience are considered for positions of the same level. Should you know of any potential candidates, please encourage them to go on-line to www.yale.edu/jobs and



Roy Herbst, Leonard Farber, Arthur Levy, and Tom Lynch

Marianne Davies, APRN received the inaugural **Ruth McCorkle Oncology Advanced Practice Provider Award** presented by Ruth McCorkle. "Marianne is an excellent clinician who consistently influences positive outcomes with our patients. She remains accessible to other providers and offers expertise in symptom management, chemotherapy, and patient and family education." In addition to her role at Smilow, Marianne continues to mentor and teach the next generation of nurses at Yale School of Nursing.



Ruth McCorkle, Cathy Lyons, Marianne Davies, and Tom Lynch

Rogério Lilenbaum Appointed CMO of Smilow

I am delighted to announce the appointment of Rogério C. Lilenbaum, MD to the position of Chief Medical Officer of Smilow Cancer Hospital. Dr. Lilenbaum is



navigate to the STARS employment website in search of positions 18343BR and 18943BR, upload the resume and apply. They may also contact [Sandra Greer](#) for further information.

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currently Chairman of the Cancer Institute at the Cleveland Clinic in Florida and will begin his tenure at Smilow on January 1, 2013. Dr. Lilenbaum is a practicing medical oncologist and will also care for patients through the Thoracic Oncology Program.

Rogério's life has been about caring for patients with lung cancer. He has done pioneering work in defining the best way to treat lung cancer-particularly in older patients. He is a proven leader who is committed to enhancing Smilow Cancer Hospital's ability to provide the very best care to our patients. I look forward to working with him to ensure we provide the highest quality care to our patients.

Dr. Lilenbaum received his medical degree from the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro School of Medicine in Brazil and earned a masters degree in clinical epidemiology and clinical investigation from the Harvard School of Public Health. He completed his hematology/oncology fellowship at Washington University School of Medicine and a clinical and research fellowship at the University of California San Diego.

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Holiday Party

Please join us for the annual Yale Cancer Center and Smilow Cancer Hospital Holiday Party at the Peabody Museum on December 20th at 5:30 PM. This year we have the entire first floor of the museum, and we plan to have a "kid friendly" room with kid friendly food for your children. We hope to see you and your family there!

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Notables

Dr. Vincent T. DeVita, Jr., the Amy and Joseph Perella Professor of Medicine at Yale Cancer Center, has been elected President of the American Cancer Society 2012-13 volunteer Board of Directors. Dr. DeVita has served on the Board of Directors since 2004 and has been active in the American Cancer Society throughout his career.

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Hong Zheng, MD, has received an American Society of Hematology Fellow Scholar Award for \$100,000 over two years beginning in 2013.

Wendelin Nelson, PharmD has been chosen as the recipient of the 2013 HOPA Basic Science and Clinical Research Literature Award. This award is given to recognize a

Hematology/Oncology Pharmacy Association (HOPA) member who has written an important scientific article describing hematology/oncology basic science and/or translational research or clinical trials evaluating drug efficacy and/or safety. Wendelin was recognized for the following publication: Nelson WK, Formica RN, Cooper DL, Schwartz PE, Rutherford TJ. An analysis of measured and estimated creatinine clearance rates in normal weight, overweight, and obese patients with gynecologic cancers. *J Oncol Pharm Pract* 2012;18(3):323-332.

Roy S. Herbst, MD, PhD chaired a panel, *Design of a Disease Specific Master Protocol*, at the 2012 Conference on Clinical Cancer Research last week in Washington, DC.

Funding Opportunities

2013 AACI Translational Research Fellowship

Applications are now being accepted for the 2013 AACI Translational Cancer Research Fellowship. The fellowship is designed to help ensure that qualified applicants receive research training and experience under the guidance of highly trained, well-respected researchers who have demonstrated success in their field of research. The goal is to assist the trainee in becoming a high-caliber, productive independent researcher with an enduring focus on the importance of translational research relevant to cancer.

Application Deadline: February 1, 2013

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Recent Publications

New targeted therapies and other advances in the management of anaplastic thyroid cancer.

Deshpande HA, Roman S, Sosa JA.
Curr Opin Oncol. 2012 Nov 15.

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Incorporating Network Structure in Integrative Analysis of Cancer Prognosis Data.

Liu J, Huang J, Ma S.
Genet Epidemiol. 2012 Nov 17.

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Roles of DNA helicases in the mediation and regulation of homologous recombination.

Daley JM, Niu H, Sung P.
Adv Exp Med Biol. 2013;767:185-202.

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Incidence of Heart Failure or Cardiomyopathy After Adjuvant Trastuzumab Therapy for Breast Cancer.

Chen J, Long JB, Hurria A, Owusu C, Steingart RM, Gross CP. J Am Coll Cardiol. 2012 Nov 2.

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Thyroidectomy followed by fosbretabulin (CA4P) combination regimen appears to suggest improvement in patient survival in anaplastic thyroid cancer.

Sosa JA, Balkissoon J, Lu SP, Langecker P, Elisei R, Jarzab B, Bal CS, Marur S, Gramza A, Ondrey F. Surgery. 2012 Dec;152(6):1078-87.

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Variation in Receipt of Radiation Therapy After Breast-conserving Surgery: Assessing the Impact of Physicians and Geographic Regions.

Feinstein AJ, Soulos PR, Long JB, Herrin J, Roberts KB, Yu JB, Gross CP.

Med Care. 2012 Nov 12.

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Pediatric Thyroid Disease: When is Surgery Necessary, and Who Should be Operating on Our Children?

Breuer C, Tuggle C, Solomon D, Sosa JA. J Clin Res Pediatr Endocrinol. 2012 Nov 12.

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A germline polymorphism of DNA polymerase Beta induces genomic instability and cellular transformation.

Yamtich J, Nemecek AA, Keh A, Sweasy JB. PLoS Genet. 2012 Nov;8(11):e1003052.

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Testing Messages to Encourage Discussion of Clinical Trials Among Cancer Survivors and Their Physicians: Examining Monitoring Style and Message Detail.

Duncan LR, Latimer AE, Pomery E, Rivers SE, Berotoli MC, Salovey P.

J Cancer Educ. 2012 Nov 11.

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Updates in therapy for uterine serous carcinoma.

Roque DM, Santin AD.

Curr Opin Obstet Gynecol. 2012 Nov 15.

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Highly-attenuated recombinant vesicular stomatitis virus VSV-12' GFP displays immunogenic and oncolytic activity.

van den Pol AN, Davis JN.

J Virol. 2012 Nov 7.

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Efficacy and tolerability of pharmacotherapy options for

the treatment of medullary thyroid cancer.

Deshpande HA, Sheth K, Sosa JA, Roman S.
Clin Med Insights Oncol. 2012;6:355-62.

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**Body mass index, physical activity, and survival after
endometrial cancer diagnosis: Results from the Women's
Health Initiative.**

Arem H, Chlebowski R, Stefanick ML, Anderson G, Wactawski-
Wende J, Sims S, Gunter MJ, Irwin ML.
Gynecol Oncol. 2012 Nov 2.

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