

May 10, 2013

## Announcements

### Recognizing our Nurses

In honor of National Nurses Week, I would like to make sure that we take a moment to recognize the contributions and dedication of the oncology nursing team at Smilow Cancer Hospital. Our patient satisfaction scores continue to soar because of the loyal work of our nursing team - I am grateful for each of your contributions. I am particularly proud of the representation we had at the annual Oncology Nursing Society Congress this year, with one podium presentation and three poster presentations from our nursing team. Our nurses were well represented at the meeting in Washington and were great ambassadors for the wonderful work they do every day in Smilow.

### Yale Cancer Center Annual Scientific Retreat

Please Save the Date for our annual Yale Cancer Center Retreat on Wednesday, May 29th at the newly renovated West Campus Conference Center. This all day event, beginning at 8:30 AM, features what promises to be an exciting agenda. This year's theme is translational research, team science, and technology.

The day will include panel discussions of Yale Cancer Center team projects, translational working groups, and shared resources. I am also pleased to welcome our Keynote speaker, Dr. Robert Weinberg of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, whose talk is entitled, "Cancer Stem Cells and Malignant Progression."

I hope you will reserve this time on your calendar and join the Yale Cancer Center leadership and membership for the day. A full agenda and additional details will soon follow.

For more information or to RSVP, please contact [Christine Holmberg](#).

### Participation in SWOG Meeting

*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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Links of Interest

### CV Library

The CV library is a new resource available to our members, with CVs of post-docs and others looking for positions at Yale. Please browse the listings if you have openings, and send the CVs you receive to share.

Thank you to all of the staff and leadership within the Clinical Trials Office who make the trip to the SWOG meeting last weekend. I am particularly pleased that Yale investigators made their presence known in the Breast, Lung, Genitourinary, and Gastrointestinal committees.

### **ASCO Annual Meeting**

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the ASCO annual meeting at the end of the month. Yale Cancer Center and Smilow Cancer Hospital at Yale-New Haven's presence at the ASCO annual meeting is important in building our national reputation and gives us a national platform to share the exciting stories of basic science and translational research that we have coming from our labs and clinics. Please contact [Renee Gaudette](#) if you will be attending these meetings, and let her know if you have presentations or posters accepted.

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## **News from the Cancer Care Centers**



Drs. Roy Herbst, Samuel Bobrow, Anne Chiang, and Rogerio Lilenbaum

Members of the Medical Oncology faculty and the staff of the Smilow Cancer Care Center in North Haven celebrated Dr. Samuel Bobrow's distinguished career at a retirement reception last week. Dr. Bobrow retired from practice at the end of 2012.

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### **In the News**

Read recent articles featuring experts from Yale Cancer Center.

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### **Subscribe to Yale Cancer Center Answers on iTunes**

Yale Cancer Center's weekly radio program on CT Public Radio is ranked number 2 in the world for cancer programs on iTunes. Subscribe to the show.

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### **Yale Cancer Center Grand Rounds**

Video presentations from Yale Cancer Center members are now available online.

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### **DirectConnect Archives**

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### **ASCO Connection Blog**

Stop the Madness!  
by Anees Chagpar, MD

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## **Events**

### **May 10; 8:00 AM Yale Cancer Center Presents: Towards Health Equity in Cancer**

TAC N-107

*Creating an Action Plan  
Addressing Clinical,  
Research, Education, and  
Community Perspectives*

Anees Chagpar, MD,  
FRCS(C), FACS

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### **May 10; 12:00 PM YCC Research in Progress Meeting**

WWW 208

*FOLFOX and Avastin in  
Gastroesophageal  
Carcinoma: Efficacy and  
Correlative Studies*

Yue Zhang, MD

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## Conference Wrap-Up: NACCDO/PAN

Last month, Peter Lamothe, Susan Frankenbach, Katie Schutt, Alison Marcinek, and Renee Gaudette in the development and public affairs offices from YCC and YNHH attended the National Association of Cancer Center Development Officers / National Cancer Institute Public Affairs & Marketing Network annual meeting in Denver.

**Closer to Free** was featured in two sessions. *Cancer Centers and Hospitals Working Together to Maximize Fundraising* (Peter Lamothe, panelist), highlighted the success of our joint SCH/YCC fundraising efforts. *Oh! The Stories We Could Tell! Communicating in Ways Your Constituents are Sure to Notice* (Peter Lamothe, panel chair) highlighted the many ways that YCC/SCH engage internal and external audiences. Our national cancer center colleagues expressed how impressed they were with the **Closer to Free** commercials and that the fund had a visual presence in Smilow Cancer Hospital through the posters and table top collateral displays. It is evident that **Closer to Free** is becoming a model for our colleagues in development and public affairs at cancer programs across the country.

## Employee Profile: Von Potter, MD

*The Employee Profile recognizes the diverse contributions made by Yale Cancer Center and Smilow Cancer Hospital staff to meet our patient care, research, education, and outreach goals. The staff profiled are examples of the great work being done here, and the dedication and values we possess. To suggest someone to be profiled, please contact [Emily Fenton](#).*

Within the Yale Diagnostic Radiology Clinical Trials Office, Von Potter, MD, Clinical Research Associate, is solely responsible for processing tumor measurement requests for all of the oncology disease teams. This requires him to deliver the tumor measurement to the appropriate



*The Rothman Index: Experience on 12-North*  
Chrissy Kournioti, MD  
[Learn More >> \(PDF\)](#)

### May 10; 1:00 PM YCC Molecular Virology Research Program

SHM I-116

*Unraveling a Longstanding Conundrum in Virology: Regulation of Late Gene Expression by a Viral Kinase*  
Ayman El-Guindy, PhD  
[Learn More >> \(PDF\)](#)

### May 12; 6:00 PM Yale Cancer Center Answers

WNPR

*Cancer Survivorship*  
Tara Sanft, MD and  
Carol Ridolfi, RN  
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### May 14; 12:00 PM Yale Cancer Center Grand Rounds

Park Street Auditorium  
*Effects of Androgen Deprivation on Brain Function in Prostate Cancer Patients*  
Herta Chao, MD

*Next Generation Targeted Cancer Vaccines*  
Kavita Dhodapkar, MD  
[Learn More >> \(PDF\)](#)

### May 15; 11:00 AM YCC Radiobiology and Radiotherapy Research Program

SHM I-304

*Techniques in Visual Biochemistry*  
Christopher C. Dombrowski, PhD  
[Learn More >> \(PDF\)](#)

### May 15; 12:00 PM YCC Cancer Prevention and Control Research Program

LEPH, Room 115

radiologist and then return it to the Yale Cancer Center Clinical Trials office within 48 hours. After reviewing the request, if he notices any issues, he must work to resolve them in a timely manner so that the results are still returned in time. From there they go to the Principal Investigator on the trial to help determine if a patient should be removed from a trial, or continue with the treatment.

Dr. Potter has been in his current role for just over a year, and started as a Data Manager in the Clinical Trials Office after graduating medical school. "It can be a challenging task returning the tumor measurement requests within the 48 hours, but knowing that a PI on a trial is using it to determine if a patient's tumor is progressing or not, which can determine their treatment plan, makes it a rewarding one," said Dr. Potter.

Every protocol initiated in the Cancer Center is reviewed by Dr. Potter from a diagnostic imaging standpoint. This helps to assure budgets are correct and that the imaging requirements are feasible. Von's diligence, and impeccable time management skills, enable the CTO to report patient tumor response to the sponsors in a timely fashion.

## Funding Opportunities

### V Foundation Scholar Award

Yale Cancer Center can nominate one researcher for consideration for a V Scholar grant for laboratory based fundamental and translational research. Candidates must have completed two years of fellowship training but have not had more than five years on faculty, or ten years since terminal degree. The V Scholar grant totals \$200,000 and is given in two yearly installments. Please send a one page summary of your area of research interest and CV to [Dan DiMaio](#) by Friday, June 14th to be considered for nomination from Yale Cancer Center.

### Research Funds for Provocative Questions

The National Cancer Institute (NCI) is looking for bold new approaches to answer 24 perplexing scientific questions identified by the community. The Provocative Questions Initiative has assembled a list of important questions to stimulate the NCI's research communities to use laboratory, clinical, and population sciences in especially effective and imaginative ways to answer the questions.

Researchers are invited to apply for R01 and R21 grants in four thematic areas:

- Cancer Prevention and Risk
- Mechanisms of Tumor Development or Recurrence
- Tumor Detection, Diagnosis, and Prognosis
- Cancer Therapy and Outcomes

*Interdisciplinary Approach to Sexuality, Intimacy and Cancer Survivorship*

Elena Ratner, MD

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### May 15; 1:00 PM YCC Cancer Immunology Research Program

SHM B-201

*Tumor-Associated Macrophages In Skin Cancer*

Oscar Colegio, MD, PhD

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### May 16; 9:00 AM Therapeutic Radiology Grand Rounds

Smilow, LL-412

*Sleep Deprivation and Fatigue in Medicine*

Rosemarie Fisher, MD

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### May 17; 10:00 AM LabMed Research Conference

CB 401

*Molecular Mechanism Mediating Megakaryocyte Morphogenesis, and Malignancy*

Adam Goldfarb, MD

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### May 17; 12:00 PM YCC Research in Progress Meeting

WWW 208

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Carlos Acevedo, MD

and Hong Zheng, MD

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### May 17; 1:00 PM YCC Developmental Therapeutics Research Program

SHM I-116

*Polymer Nanoparticles for Drug Delivery in*

*Glioblastoma Multiforme*

Joseph Piepmeier, MD, and

W. Mark Saltzman, MD, PhD

[Learn More >> \(PDF\)](#)

**Letter of Intent Due:** May 20, 2013

**Applications Due:** June 20, 2013

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### **The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Quest for Cures**

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) is proud to announce The Quest For Cures (QFC), a new series of Request for Proposals (RFPs) to identify and develop safer, more effective treatment paradigms for patients with hematological malignancies. LLS has formed a partnership with Celgene to create the first of such RFPs that will build the foundation of this new LLS initiative. This initiative will identify and fund priority research areas, with support from biotech and pharmaceutical partners in order to address significant unmet medical needs. The near-term goal of this program is to advance the scientific and medical understanding of the various hematological malignancies.

This RFP represents a new LLS research grant paradigm; QFC projects should, if successful, have a measurable impact on the diagnosis or treatment of patients with hematologic malignancies over the next 5 to 10 years. Proposals must include specific timelines, milestones and deliverables that researchers believe are achievable with their proposed funding. The range of funding available is from \$200,000 to \$400,000 annually, for research to be completed in a period of 2 years.

**Letters of Intent Due: June 3, 2013**

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## **Recent Publications**

### **Latency of Epstein-Barr virus is disrupted by gain-of-function mutant cellular AP-1 proteins that preferentially bind methylated DNA.**

Yu KP, Heston L, Park R, Ding Z, Wang'ondu R, Delecluse HJ, Miller G.

Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A. 2013 Apr 26.

[Read More >>](#)

### **Gastric carcinoids (neuroendocrine neoplasms).**

Kidd M, Gustafsson B, Modlin IM.

Gastroenterol Clin North Am. 2013 Jun;42(2):381-97.

[Read More >>](#)

### **Histone demethylases set the stage for cancer metastasis.**

Cao J, Yan Q.

Sci Signal. 2013 Apr 30;6(273):pe15.

[Read More >>](#)

### **A comparison of three treatment strategies for locally**

**May 19; 6:00 PM**

**Yale Cancer**

**Center Answers**

WNPR

*Psychiatry and Cancer*

Dave Sells, PhD

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**May 21; 12:00 PM**

**YCC Grand Rounds**

Park Street Auditorium

*The Genomics of Squamous*

*Cell Carcinoma of the Upper*

*Aerodigestive Tract*

D. Neil Hayes, MD, MPH

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**May 22; 11:00 AM**

**YCC Radiobiology and  
Radiotherapy Research  
Program**

SHM I-304

*Biochemical Studies*

*of Pol Beta Mutants*

Jamie Towle-Weicksel, PhD

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**May 23; 9:00 AM**

**Therapeutic Radiology  
Grand Rounds**

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*Progress in NSCLC 2013*

Thomas Lynch, Jr., MD

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**May 24; 12:00 PM**

**YCC Research in  
Progress Meeting**

WWW 208

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Ligeng Tian, MD and

M. Hakan Kocoglu, MD

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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



**advanced and borderline resectable pancreatic cancer**  
Lloyd, S and Chang BW. J Gastrointest Oncol 2013 June;  
4(2):123-30.

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**A Multidisciplinary Approach: Group Dynamics.**

Taddei TH.  
J Clin Gastroenterol. 2013 Apr 29.

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**Ipilimumab-induced Perforating Colitis.**

Mitchell KA, Kluger H, Sznol M, Hartman DJ.  
J Clin Gastroenterol. 2013 Apr 29.

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**Liver Transplantation for Hepatocellular Carcinoma:  
A Surgical Perspective.**

Fortune BE, Umman V, Gilliland T, Emre S.  
J Clin Gastroenterol. 2013 Apr 29.

[Read More >>](#)

**Anatomic Considerations in the Surgical Resection  
of Hepatocellular Carcinoma.**

Yoo PS, Enestvedt CK, Kulkarni S.  
J Clin Gastroenterol. 2013 Apr 29.

[Read More >>](#)

**Pancreatic cystic neoplasms: management and  
unanswered questions.**

Farrell JJ, Fernández-Del Castillo C.  
Gastroenterology. 2013 Jun;144(6):1303-15.

[Read More >>](#)

**High SOX2 Levels Predict Better Outcome in Non-Small  
Cell Lung Carcinomas.**

Velcheti V, Schalper K, Yao X, Cheng H, Kocoglu M,  
Dhodapkar K, Deng Y, Gettinger S, Rimm DL.  
PLoS One. 2013 Apr 19;8(4):e61427.

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**Polymorphisms in DNA repair pathway genes, body mass  
index, and risk of non-hodgkin lymphoma.**

Chen Y, Zheng T, Lan Q, Kim C, Qin Q, Foss F, Chen X,  
Holford T, Leaderer B, Boyle P, Wang C, Dai M, Liu Z, Ma S,  
Chanock SJ, Rothman N, Zhang Y.  
Am J Hematol. 2013 Apr 26.

[Read More >>](#)

**Age-based and Sex-based Disparities in Screening  
Colonoscopy Use Among Medicare Beneficiaries.**

Gancayco J, Soulos PR, Khiani V, Cramer LD, Ross JS,  
Genao I, Tinetti M, Gross CP.  
J Clin Gastroenterol. 2013 Apr 29.

[Read More >>](#)

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](http://www.yale.edu/jobs) and 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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## Submissions

Please submit your recent publication and grant announcements to:

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Marketing

[renee.gaudette@yale.edu](mailto:renee.gaudette@yale.edu)

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**Cancer chromosomes going to POT1.**

Chang S.

Nat Genet. 2013 Apr 26;45(5):473-5.

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**SNPs in MicroRNA Binding Sites as Prognostic and Predictive Cancer Biomarkers.**

Preskill C, Weidhaas JB.

Crit Rev Oncog. 2013;18(4):327-40.

[Read More >>](#)

**Advances in therapy for melanoma brain metastases.**

Flanigan JC, Jilaveanu LB, Chiang VL, Kluger HM.

Clin Dermatol. 2013 May-Jun;31(3):264-81.

[Read More >>](#)

**Expression of p75 Neurotrophin Receptor in Desmoplastic Trichoepithelioma, Infiltrative Basal Cell Carcinoma, and Microcystic Adnexal Carcinoma.**

Jedrych J, McNiff JM.

Am J Dermatopathol. 2013 May;35(3):308-15.

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**Endosonographic and cyst fluid characteristics of cystic pancreatic neuroendocrine tumours: A multicentre case series.**

Ho HC, Eloubeidi MA, Siddiqui UD, Brugge WR, Rossi F, Bounds BW, Aslanian HR.

Dig Liver Dis. 2013 Apr 9.

[Read More >>](#)