

June 2, 2017

Announcements

Yale at ASCO

I am looking forward to joining many of you at ASCO this weekend, and to celebrating the many research and clinical accomplishments that you will present. Yale Cancer Center and Smilow Cancer Hospital are fortunate to have many abstracts accepted for oral and poster presentations, and participation in a number of educational sessions. If you will be in Chicago this weekend, please schedule time to support your colleagues at their presentations. I also hope you will join us for a [reception](#) at 8:30PM on Sunday at the Hilton Chicago.

[YCC Participation at ASCO](#)

Notables

Congratulations to **Lajos Pusztai, MD**, who has been appointed **Chairman** of the **SWOG Breast Committee**. In planning, Dr. Pusztai will first focus on need, selecting disease areas where little progress has been made, such as metastatic triple negative breast cancer. Second, he plans to focus on value, launching studies that examine multiple effective treatments to determine which is the most cost-effective. We look forward to his leadership at SWOG.

The **Conquer Cancer Foundation** will award two of our fellows with **Young Investigator Awards (YIA)** during a ceremony at ASCO this weekend. **Dr. Michael Cecchini** will receive the Pfizer YIA for his project "A *Mutational Signature as a Biomarker for Response to Olaparib and Ramucirumab for Metastatic Gastric Cancer.*" Jill Lacy, MD, mentors Dr. Cecchini. **Dr. Brian Henick** will receive the AbbVie, Inc YIA to support his

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Recent News

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LATEST ARTICLES:

project, "Understanding the role of macrophages as determinants of sensitivity and resistance to PD-1 axis therapy in non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC)." Dr. Roy Herbst mentors Dr. Henick.

Connecticut Magazine's 2017 "Top Docs" list includes 28 Smilow Cancer Hospital physicians, who were selected based on a survey of their peers. Congratulations to the following physicians for their selection:

Daniel Boffa	Jill Lacy
Jean Bologna	Johanna LaSala
Frank Detterbeck	Alfred Lee
Richard Edelson	David Leffell
Neal Fischbach	Walter Longo
Harris Foster	Thomas Martin
Scott Gettinger	John Persing
David Hesse	Joseph Piepmeier
Elizabeth Holt	Vikram Reddy
Silvio Inzucchi	Kert Sabbath
Gary Israel	Ronald Salem
Anamika Katoch	Lynn Tanoue
Martin Katz	Robert Weiss
Jeremy Kortmanskyy	David Witt

OncLive presented its annual **Giants of Oncology** awards last night at a ceremony in Chicago. Congratulations to **Dr. Daniel Petrylak**, who received the award for Genitourinary Cancers.



During the Yale School of Medicine commencement ceremonies, Yale Cancer Center members received recognition for their contributions to the teaching of the medical school students. **The Alvan R. Feinstein Award** for outstanding teaching of clinical skills went to **Tamar Taddei, MD**, associate professor of medicine (digestive diseases) and a member of Yale Cancer Center's Virus and Other Infection-associated Cancers Research Program. **The Leah M. Lowenstein Award** for excellence in the promotion of humane and egalitarian medical education went to **Alfred Lee, MD, PhD**, assistant professor of medicine (hematology).



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Treatment of EGFR Mutant Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer

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Dr. Ryan Jensen Discusses his American Cancer Society Funded Research on BRCA2

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Stacey Stein, MD, assistant professor of medicine (medical oncology), completed the Yale School of **Medicine Faculty Fellowship** program in May. The yearlong program develops clinician educators to provide educational leadership in their departments through 18 sessions, culminating with a presentation at Medical Education Day in May. Dr. Stein presented a redesign of the medical oncology medical student elective.

Eamon Duffy, a student at Yale School of Medicine who has worked in the laboratory of Dr. Madhav Dhodapkar, has earned a **Hematology Opportunities for the Next-Generation of Research Scientists (HONORS)** award from the **American Society of Hematology (ASH)**.

Research in the News

Precancerous Lesions Associated with HPV Dropping in Connecticut

The vaccine for the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) is proving to have significant population-level effects in Connecticut, with rates of precancerous lesions caused by HPV down drastically among young women, a new Yale School of Public Health study finds.

The study used data collected between 2008 and 2015 and revealed that rates of cervical lesions caused by HPV, known as cervical intraepithelial neoplasia grades 2-3 and adenocarcinoma in situ (CIN2+), declined in that period by between 30 percent and 74 percent among women 21 to 26 years old. The total number of cases reported declined over this period from 2,163 in 2008 to 1,540 in 2015.

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"Sticky" particles promise more precise drug delivery for brain cancer

A Yale research team has found that by tinkering with the surface properties of drug-loaded nanoparticles, they can potentially direct these particles to specific cells in the brain.

By making nanoparticles bioadhesive, or "sticky," the researchers have answered a long-standing question:



Yale Study: Minority Breast Cancer Patients Less Likely To Have Genetic Test

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New Studies Help Colon Cancer Survivors Stay Cancer-free

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Once you get the particles to the brain, how do you get them to interact with the cancer cells there?

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#OUTOFTHEBLUETHANKS

YCC #OUTOFTHEBLUETHANKS recently recognized administrative assistant Marion Miller for her outstanding help in preparation for an upcoming renovation project. Marion knew all the right people to call, had supply closets packed within hours, and proactively facilitated the necessary logistics behind temporarily relocating her colleagues. Marion's kind demeanor and never-ending willingness to help others makes her an invaluable asset to the YCC team. Thank you, Marion!

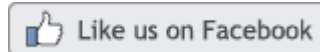
Yale Cancer Center's #OUTOFTHEBLUETHANKS program is a staff recognition initiative to show appreciation to employees who have exemplified an above-and-beyond effort or an outstanding contribution to the team. All nominations should be submitted to the Director's Office, c/o [Anna Raso](#).

Funding and Award Opportunities

Emerging Questions in Cancer Systems Biology (U01)

This FOA invites cooperative agreement applications for Research Projects that utilize systems biology approaches to address emerging questions in cancer initiation, progression, and treatment.

Application Deadline: June 23, 2017



LATEST POSTS:

Congratulations to the five Yale Cancer Center members who recently won research grants at the fourth annual Yale Innovation Summit. The recipients, Alanna Schepartz, PhD, Anton Bennett, PhD, W. Mark Saltzman, PhD, Michael Girardi, MD, and Anna Marie Pyle, PhD, are researching everything from tumor vaccines to sticky particles that will revolutionize the sun care industry.



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We've got the perfect recipe to help you kick off peach season! This peach and basil salad with fresh mozzarella from the American Institute for Cancer Research - AICR is a refreshing, flavor-packed meal that's also full of protein - what more could you want? Simply mix the peaches, basil, and mozzarella into a large mixing bowl, add the rest of the ingredients and toss. Serve immediately or refrigerate for up to four hours.

Peach and Basil Salad with Fresh Mozzarella

A delicious summer treat packed with flavor and nutrients!

Ingredients:

- 1 lb peaches, sliced into wedges and cut crosswise
- 8 oz fresh mozzarella cheese, cut in 3/4 inch cubes
- 1 cup fresh basil, torn into medium pieces
- 2 tsp extra virgin olive oil
- 2 tsp rice vinegar
- Pinch salt
- Freshly ground black pepper (optional)



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NCCN/Pfizer Request for Proposals: Clinical Pathways in Breast Cancer

NCCN is pleased to announce it is collaborating with Pfizer's Independent Grants for Learning & Change (IGLC) team to offer a new grant opportunity seeking proposals that use clinical pathways to address a quality improvement initiative along the continuum of care for breast cancer patients.

Letter of Intent Due: June 26, 2017

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SU2C/Genetech Catalyst Research Grant

Stand Up To Cancer announces a second Catalyst™ collaboration with Genetech.

Proposals Due: June 27, 2017

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Department of Defense Lung Cancer Research Program Funding Opportunities for 2017

Concept Award

Letter of Intent Due: July 27

Career Development Award

Letter of Intent Due: September 13

Idea Development Award

Preproposal Due: June 28

Investigator-Initiated Translational Research Award

Preproposal Due: June 28

Translational Research Partnership Award

Preproposal Due: June 28

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Department of Defense Peer-Reviewed Cancer Research Program Awards

A team from Yale Cancer Center traveled to the recent LUNG FORCE Expo in Hartford to educate patients and caregivers on the latest in lung cancer prevention, treatment, and research. Lung cancer is the number one cancer killer of women in the United States, and the American Lung Association's Lung Force initiative aims to unite women and their loved ones to educate everyone about lung cancer.

Thank you to Dr. Roy Herbst, Cindy Bensley, and Polly Sather for their presentations!



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Congratulations to Lajos Pusztai, MD, DPhil, Chief of Breast Medical Oncology and Co-Director of the Yale Cancer Center Genetics, Genomics and Epigenetics Program, for his recent appointment as Chair of the Breast Committee of SWOG Cancer Research. SWOG Cancer Research is a nationwide network of cancer researchers who design clinical trials to improve the lives and outcomes of cancer patients.



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To address the cancer health needs of both deployed and non-deployed personnel, their dependents, retirees, and veterans.

Idea Award with Special Focus

Preapplication Due: June 30, 2017

Translational Team Science Award

Preapplication Due: June 30, 2017

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Lung Cancer Research Foundation Grant

The Lung Cancer Research Foundation has announced its funding opportunities for research projects in basic, translational, and clinical research, supportive care, and quality of care/outcomes.

Application Deadline: July 1, 2017

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Cooperative Agreement to Develop Targeted Agents for Use with Systemic Agents Plus Radiotherapy (U01)

This FOA invites cooperative agreement (U01) applications that propose studies to enhance pre-clinical in vitro and in vivo testing of NCI-prioritized molecularly targeted anti-cancer agents for use with radiation therapy combined with systemic chemotherapy.

Application Deadline: July 14, 2017

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Department of Defense Breast Cancer Research Program Funding Opportunities for 2017

Breakthrough Award

Deadlines for Full Applications:

Level 1 & 2 Due: June 15, 2017

Level 3 & 4 Due: August 31, 2017

Breakthrough Fellowship Award

Deadline for Application: June 15, 2017

Era of Hope Scholar Award

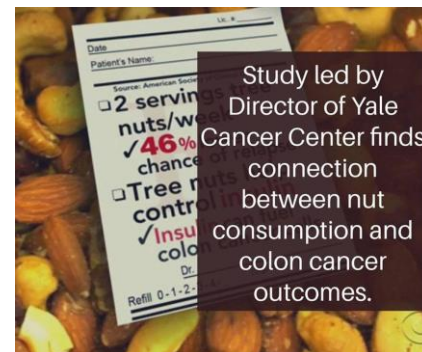
Deadline for Application: June 15, 2017

We are proud to announce that the Gastrointestinal Cancers Program at Smilow has been named a Center for Excellence in Pancreatic Cancer by The National Pancreas Foundation. We are proud of this recognition, and would like to thank Dr. James Farrell for leading the application process. Congratulations to each physician, caregiver, and staff member in our Gastrointestinal Cancers Program!



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A new study from Charles Fuchs MD, Director of Yale Cancer Center and Physician-in-Chief of Smilow Cancer Hospital, has established a connection between nut consumption levels and outcomes in colon cancer patients.



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Innovator Award

Deadline for Application: August 31, 2017

Distinguished Investigator Award

Deadline for Application: August 31, 2017

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Department of Defense Prostate Cancer Research Program Funding Opportunities for 2017

Clinical Consortium Award

LOI Due: August 24, 2017

Impact Award

LOI Due: July 7, 2017

Health Disparity Research Award

LOI Due: July 7, 2017

Idea Development Award

LOI Due: July 14, 2017

Physician Research Award

LOI Due: July 27, 2017

Early Investigator Research Award

LOI Due: July 27, 2017

Prostate Cancer Pathology Resource Network Award

LOI Due: August 24, 2017

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Recent Publications


Optimism, symptom distress, illness appraisal, and coping in patients with advanced-stage cancer diagnosis undergoing chemotherapy treatment.


Catherine Sumpio, Sangchoon Jeon, Laurel L. Northouse, M. Tish Knobf


ONF 2017, 44(3), 384-392


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LATEST TWEETS:


 Two ways to celebrate #NoTobaccoDay! Blow Bubbles, Not Smoke @Yale and visit our #Smilow Screening & Prevention table today at 11AM @YNHH


 Congratulations to Dr. Lajos Pusztai, appointed chair of the breast committee @SWOG#bcm


 A beautiful scene from @DrRoyHerbstYale of the Yale Medical School campus. Enjoy the #MemorialDay weekend. @YNHH@YaleMed


 It's Don't Fry Day. Here are the tips you need to stay #sun safe from @YaleCancer experts #DontFryDay


 Smilow Cancer Hospital named a Center for Excellence in Pancreatic Cancer by @NatPancFdn - thank you for the recognition! #PancreaticCancer

 @YaleCancer at @LUNGFORCE Expo - Hartford educating patients & caregivers on the latest in #lungcancer prevention, treatment & care #LCSM

 @DrRoyHerbstYale presenting to patients at @LungAssociation@LUNGFORCE expo #LCSM#Immunotherapy

 #MemorialDay is right around the corner! Impress picnic guests with #healthy, grilled scallops & radicchio <http://bit.ly/2q3ktZF> #protein

 June 1 - A symposium with Yale's Systems Biology Institute on model organisms in the analysis of invasive cancers. <http://bit.ly/2qIboW4>

 Research from @YaleCancer's Dr. Charles Fuchs shows the impact of

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Underutilization of proton therapy in the treatment of pediatric central nervous system tumors: an analysis of the National Cancer Database.

Khan AJ, Kann BH, Pan W, Drachtman R, Roberts K, Parikh RR.

Acta Oncol. 2017 Aug;56(8):1122-1125.

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MIF family cytokines in cardiovascular diseases and prospects for precision-based therapeutics.

Tilstam PV, Qi D, Leng L, Young L, Bucala R.

Expert Opin Ther Targets. 2017 May 31.

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Caring for the Older Population With Advanced Lung Cancer.

Presley CJ, Reynolds CH, Langer CJ.

Am Soc Clin Oncol Educ Book. 2017;37:587-596.

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Hematologic Malignancies: Plasma Cell Disorders.

Dhodapkar MV, Borrello I, Cohen AD, Stadtmauer EA.

Am Soc Clin Oncol Educ Book. 2017;37:561-568.

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Skin Cancers in Organ Transplant Recipients.

Mittal A, Colegio OR.

Am J Transplant. 2017 May 29.

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Epigenetic modifications in poorly differentiated and anaplastic thyroid cancer.

Sasanakietkul T, Murtha TD, Javid M, Korah R, Carling T.

Mol Cell Endocrinol. 2017 May 25.


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Genome-wide mediation analysis of psychiatric and cognitive traits through imaging phenotypes.

Bi X, Yang L, Li T, Wang B, Zhu H, Zhang H.

Hum Brain Mapp. 2017 May 22.

#nuts on #colon#cancer outcomes
[.@ASCO#asco17](#)

 Research from @YaleCancer's Dr. Charles Fuchs shows the impact of healthy diet & exercise on #colon cancer outcomes

 In honor of #NationalNursesWeek, we're saying thank you with special treats & events. Please join us in recognizing our exceptional nurses!

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The fund to advance cancer research and enhance patient care

Calendar of Events

June 2; 10:15PM

Psychiatry Grand Round

CMHC Auditorium

Brain to Body: Coping with Cancer and Tranceforming Pain with Hypnosis

David Spiegel, MD

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June 3; 2PM

American Cancer Society Relay for Life: Naugatuck Valley

Shelton Riverwalk

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June 4; 7:30PM

Yale Cancer Answers

WNPR 90.5

Radiation Therapy and Breast Cancer
Suzanne Evans, MD, MPH

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June 4; 8:30PM

YCC / SCH Dessert Reception

Hilton Chicago, Grand Tradition Room
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B7-H3 expression in NSCLC and its association with B7-H4, PD-L1 and Tumor Infiltrating Lymphocytes.

Altan M, Pelekanou V, Schalper KA, Toki MI, Gaule P, Syrigos KN, Herbst RS, Rimm DL.

Clin Cancer Res. 2017 May 24.

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Mini-review of conventional and hypofractionated radiation therapy combined with immunotherapy for non-small cell lung cancer.

Campbell AM, Decker RH.

Transl Lung Cancer Res. 2017 Apr;6(2):220-229.

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Pancreatic Cysts and Guidelines.

Farrell JJ.

Dig Dis Sci. 2017 May 20.

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June 5; 12PM

YCC Epigenetics Research in Progress Seminar

BCMM 206/208

Elucidating Novel Factors that Target Somatic Hypermethylation

Ravi Dinesh

The Role of AID/APOBEC Proteins in Genome Instability in Multiple Myeloma

Rashu Seth, PhD

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June 6; 9:30AM

Pathology Research in Progress Talks

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TBA

Jade Xiuji Li and Erin Boisvert, PhD

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June 6; 12PM

YCC/SCH Schwartz Center Rounds

Park Street Auditorium

How Much Do We Push?

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June 8; 2:30PM

Smilow Cancer Genetics and Prevention Program Seminar

SRC, Suites 107-109

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June 9; 1:30PM

Pharmacology Seminar Series

Brady Auditorium, B-131

unPAKING the Importance of Group II

PAKs During Cancer Cell Migration

Claire Wells, PhD

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June 10; 10AM

American Cancer Society Relay for Life: Hamden/North Haven

Hamden Town Center Park

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June 11; 7:30PM

Yale Cancer Answers

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Cardiac Risk for Prostate Cancer Patients

Nataniel Lester-Coll, MD

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June 13; 9:30AM

Pathology Research in Progress Talk

TAC N-107

TBA

Vasiliki Pelekanou MD, PhD and
Alexandra Albert

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June 13; 12PM

YCC Grand Rounds/Yale Program on Aging Joint Visiting Professorship

Park Street Auditorium

Cancer in Older Adults: The Top Five Things Healthcare Providers Need to Know

Arti Hurria, MD

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June 13; 8AM

Liver, Pancreas, and Biliary Symposium

CT Convention Center

Trinity Health New England
Symposium

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June 15; 9AM

Therapeutic Radiology Grand Rounds

Smilow LL05

The Evolution of Regional Nodal Irradiation in Breast Cancer

Bruce Haffty, MD

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