April 6, 2018

Announcements

The C Word
Please join our colleagues at Yale School of Public Health for the showing of the movie, "The C Word," a film about the experiences of cancer survivors, today at 4pm in Harkness Auditorium. The film will be followed by a panel discussion, including Pascaline Servan-Schreiber, the film’s producer, and Yale Cancer Center’s Dr. Tara Sanft and Dr. Melinda Irwin. 
Learn More >>

New Member Luncheon
On Thursday, April 12, the newest members of Yale Cancer Center will gather for a luncheon at noon in Smilow Cancer Hospital, 4-101 A and B. Please join us as we welcome new clinical and research members to our Center. 
Learn More >>

Impact of HPV CME Symposium
Our Waterford Care Center will host a CME Symposium on the Impact of HPV on Head and Neck and Cervical Cancers on Thursday, April 26, at Lawrence + Memorial Hospital. Yale Cancer Center’s Dr. Barbara Burtness and Dr. Elena Ratner will present at the CME course, hosted by Dr. Jane Kanowitz. Register to join this free dinner event.
Learn More >>

Notables
Tae Kon Kim, MD, PhD, an Instructor in the Section of Hematology, has been awarded the EvansMDS Young Investigator Award from the Edward P. Evans Foundation. Dr. Kim will receive $125,000/year for 2 years to...
support his project ‘Overcoming immune evasion in myelodysplastic syndrome by modulating PD-1H.’

The Smilow Palliative Care team recently presented the following abstracts at the 2018 Annual Assembly of the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine and the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association:

**Poster Presentations:**

Case Presentation Poster: Dmitry Kozhevnikov (2017-18 HPM Fellow), Andrew Putnam. "Check Your Bias: Cognitive Bias Affecting Decision Making in Critical Illness"


Scientific Poster: Shelli Feder, Janet Tate, Julie Womack, Kathleen Akgün, Amy Justice. "Regional Variations in the Provision of Palliative Care in Patients Hospitalized with Heart Failure within the Veterans Health Administration"

**Preconference Workshop:**


**Scientific Paper Presentations:**

Collett, D., Feder, S., Haron, Y., Aaron, E., Conley, S., Meron, T., Cherney, N., Schulman-Green, D. An Assessment of Palliative Care Educational Needs and the Development of Advanced Practice Nursing in Israel.

Mark Swidler. "Using a Best Practices Advisory (BPA) Alert Tool to Identify and Enhance Outpatient Palliative Care (OPC) Referrals for Stage 4 Cancer Patients"

**Panel Presentation:**


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**Employee Profile: Abby Flynn**

Yale Cancer Center Opens Immuno-Oncology Center

A Stalwart in Laboratory and Clinic

Clinical Trials Take Innovative Approach

Gift Supports Work on a Stubborn Cancer
Abby Flynn believes in the importance of nurse education and hands-on teaching. As a charge nurse on NP 11, a Hematology-Oncology floor at Smilow Cancer Hospital, she enjoys helping newer hematology nurses learn the ropes.

Abby works with the hematology house and bed management staff, attends meetings, and assists her colleagues with their workload. Performing chemotherapy order checks and patient audits helps Abby maintain the high level of organization she strives for on her floor, but mentoring her colleagues is an integral part of her day. Guiding nurses through order sets and chemotherapy administration and helping them advance towards becoming chemotherapy and stem cell transplant certified, Abby has excelled in a leadership capacity.

"Abby is a phenomenal nurse and excels in working with our younger staff," says Kirsten Pedersen, Abby’s Service Line Educator. "She has mentored most of our new chemotherapy nurses, teaching them how to safely verify and administer very complex regimens including many new research protocols. Abby is a very organized person, and her ability to prioritize makes her an excellent charge/resource nurse. Our multidisciplinary team of PAs, APRNs, and physicians respect her decision-making."

After graduating from UConn Nursing School, Abby joined Yale New Haven Hospital and worked on the hematology oncology floor, 9 West, before Smilow was built. When the construction of Smilow was completed, she chose to continue her work on the Hematology floor for continuity with her patients. And now, with so many new treatments and trials frequently coming available, work is that much more interesting and it is providing her and her team with more learning opportunities.

Abby says of her ten years with Hematology-Oncology, "Smilow is like a family. Everyone, from the educators to the nurse managers, has stayed the same in one capacity or
“It’s a close-knit family and has been a very supportive and inspiring workplace over the years.”

#OOTB Thanks!

Yale Cancer Center #OUTOFTHEBLUETHANKS recently recognized the following employees from the Hematology Research Team: Tanya Malak, Clinical Trials Team Manager for Leukemia; Laura Leary, Clinical Trials Team Manager for Lymphoma & Myeloma; Anna Folkers, Clinical Research Coordinator; Christa Roe, Clinical Research Coordinator; Kylie Boyhen, Clinical Research Coordinator; Heather Walker, Clinical Research Coordinator; Sasha Shuler, Clinical Research Coordinator; Samantha James, Clinical Research Assistant; Sarah Griglun, Clinical Research Assistant; Alex Hoslet, Clinical Research Assistant; Madelyn Bonfiglio, Clinical Research Assistant; Gabrielle Alves, Clinical Research Assistant.

The team was praised by numerous sponsors over the past few weeks for their amazing work and ability to overcome challenges during a recent study. Additionally, due to their dedication and tireless efforts, there have been three successful sponsor audits over the past month. They are a team known for their ability to shuffle priorities when necessary and they will do whatever it takes to get the job done, often stepping in to support each other. It's very common to hear them say, "We do it for the patients!"

Radio show provides cancer coverage
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Latest Posts:

In honor of Testicular Cancer Awareness Month, meet Matthew. Right before starting his Master's Degree in Music Performance at Yale University, Matthew noticed a lump during a monthly self-exam and ultimately learned that he had testicular cancer at age 22.

April is Testicular Cancer Awareness Month. Testicular Cancer is a serious disease that affects nearly 10,000 men each year, and it is the most common cancer in men from 15 to 35 years old. But it is also treatable if caught early, learn the early signs and symptoms.

Read More >>
Thank you, Hematology Research Team—your continuous contribution is very much appreciated!

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, at anna.raso@yale.edu

Funding Opportunities

We're celebrating National Doctors' Day! We honor our amazing doctors, at Smilow and across the country, for all that they do to improve the lives of so many patients and communities. Thank you for your inspiring contributions to our health and well-being!

Howard Cohen, RPh, MS, FASHP, Director of Oncology Pharmacy Services at Smilow Cancer Hospital, recently discussed the role of information technology in improving oral chemotherapy adherence at the National Community Oncology Dispensing Association’s 2018 Spring
V Foundation's 2018 Cancer Research Program

Yale Cancer Center is pleased to announce a competition for the 2018 Translational Award of the V Foundation's 2018 Cancer Research Program. YCC will nominate ONE candidate for this $600,000 award.

**Internal Deadline:** April 9, 2018

[Learn More >>](#)

Research on the Health of Women of Understudied, Underrepresented and Underreported (U3) Populations

The ORWH announces the availability of administrative supplements to support interdisciplinary, transdisciplinary and multidisciplinary research focused on the effect of sex/gender influences at the intersection of a number of social determinants.

**Application Deadline:** April 16, 2018

[Learn More >>](#)

SPORE in Lung Cancer Program Awards

Developmental Research Program: To provide seed money to investigators to support studies with a strong translational component that have the potential to evolve into, or be incorporated into, a full Yale SPORE in Lung Cancer project.

Career Development Program: To educate the next generation of investigators committed to translational research in lung cancer.

**Application Deadline:** April 27, 2018

[Learn More >>](#)

Elsa U. Pardee Foundation

The Foundation encourages grant applications for a one year period which will allow establishment of capabilities of new cancer researchers, or new cancer approaches by established cancer researchers.

**Application Deadline:** April 30, 2018

[Learn More >>](#)

AACR and AstraZeneca Novel Industry Training Fellowships

AACR announces the launch of a new partnership with AstraZeneca and its global biologics research and development arm, MedImmune, to help foster the next generation of cancer research scientists and stimulate...
innovative research in the areas of DNA Damage Response in cancer (DDR) and Immuno-Oncology (IO).

**Application Deadline:** May 4, 2018

Learn More >>

**NIH Administrative Supplements for Research on Sexual and Gender Minority Populations**

The NIH Office of the Director announces the availability of administrative supplements to expand existing research to focus on Sexual and Gender Minority (SGM) health.

**Application Deadline:** May 7, 2018

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**Rivkin Center for Ovarian Cancer Bridge Funding Award**

Bridge Funding allows researchers to produce data needed to substantiate their proposal resubmission to federal funding agencies for a promising new research project.

**Application Deadline:** May 10, 2018

Learn More >>

**Brain Tumor Funders' Collaborative Funding Opportunity: Immunotherapy for Primary Human Brain Tumors**

The BTFC is requesting proposals on the role of the neuro-immune system in the origin and progression of the immune responses in primary human brain tumors with the hope of developing immunotherapies for treatment of these tumors in patients.

**Application Deadline:** May 11, 2018

Learn More >>

**Epidemiologic Research on Emerging Risk Factors and Liver Cancer Susceptibility - R01**

The purpose of this FOA is to promote epidemiologic research investigating novel and innovative hypotheses on emerging risk factors and their interplay with established risk factors associated with the development of liver cancer in the United States.

**Application Deadline:** June 5, 2018

Learn More >>

**NIH Integration of Imaging and Fluid-Based Tumor Monitoring in Cancer Therapy-R01**

The Patient Navigation Binder, born from a @ctbta idea to help brain tumor patients navigate from diagnosis through treatment & made possible thru the dedicated efforts of Dr. Jennifer Moliterno Gunel, Anne Long, BSN RN, Andrea Laudano, APRN MSN & others

“Just check once a month in the shower and you should be able to tell if something is not normal,” says Dr. James Rosoff.

Listen to YCC's Dr. Alesandro Santin talk about exciting new research concerning treatment for advanced Endometrial cancer.

Listen in to this week's Yale Cancer Answers, "Project ECHO." Dr. Sanjeev Arora will discuss @ProjectECHO, a movement that aims to improve knowledge and spread the capacity to provide best practice care for underserved populations all over the world.

A new study led by YCC researcher Dr. Alessandro Santin showed improved survival for treating a rare, but aggressive form of Endometrial cancer.

Hear from #StandUpToCancer researchers on the key to protecting yourself from colorectal cancer.

Jeffrey Townsend explains how evolutionary studies may provide new approaches to developing #cancer treatments.
This FOA seeks research project (R01) grant applications describing projects that integrate imaging and fluid-based tumor monitoring (liquid biopsy) assays during cancer therapy in patients to determine the optimal use of those modalities.

**Application Deadline:** June 5, 2018

[Learn More >>]

NIH End-of-Life and Palliative Care Health Literacy: Improving Outcomes in Serious, Advanced Illness-R01/R21

This FOA seeks to stimulate research focused on identification of the key barriers to effective end-of-life and palliative care (EOLPC) health literacy in diverse settings and populations.

**Application Deadline:** June 5, 2018

[Learn More >>]

NIH Biology of Lung, and Head and Neck Preneoplasias-R01/R21

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) seeks applications investigating mechanistic and biological aspects of preneoplasia leading to lung, and head and neck (HN) cancers.

**Application Deadline:** June 5, 2018

[Learn More >>]

NIH Food Specific Molecular Profiles and Biomarkers of Food and Nutrient Intake, and Dietary Exposure-R01

The purpose of this FOA is to promote research on food specific molecular signatures and biomarkers of dietary consumption and to promote collaborative interactions among NIH and the USDA-NIFA supported nutrition researchers.

**Application Deadline:** June 11, 2018

[Learn More >>]

U.S. Tobacco Control Policies to Reduce Health Disparities - R21 and R01

The purpose of this FOA is to support observational or intervention research focused on reducing health disparities in tobacco use in the United States.

**Application Deadline:** June 13, 2018

[Learn More >>]

Epidemiologic Research on Emerging Risk Factors and Liver Cancer Susceptibility - R21

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Data presented by @DanielPetrylak at ASCO17 has led the FDA to grant Enfortumab vedotin a breakthrough therapy designation for treatment of advanced urothelial cancer.

Don't miss this week's Yale Cancer Answers, "Breast Reconstruction for Women with Breast Cancer," with Dr. Tomer Avraham, a plastic and reconstructive surgeon at Smilow.

Wonderful event in New Haven last night #bidenescu co-sponsored by @YaleCancer Smilow cancer hospital. Drs. Charles and Joanna Fuchs with @JoeBiden who is a great champion for cancer and survivorship research

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**Calendar**

**Yale School of Public Health Film Series**

**April 6; 4PM**

Harkness Auditorium

*The “C” Word*

[Learn More >>]

**Yale Cancer Answers**

**April 8; 7:30PM**

WNPR

*The Genetic Link*

Karina Brierley and Claire Healy

[Learn More >>]

**Pathology Research in Progress**

**April 10; 9:30AM**
The purpose of this FOA is to promote epidemiologic research investigating novel and innovative hypotheses on emerging risk factors and their interplay with established risk factors associated with the development of liver cancer in the United States.

**Application Deadline:** June 16, 2018

**Learn More >>**

**NIH Exploratory Grants in Cancer Epidemiology and Genomics Research-R21**
This FOA invites applications for research on cancer epidemiology, genomics, and risk assessment.

**Application Deadline:** June 16, 2018

**Learn More >>**

**NIH Diet and Physical Activity Assessment Methodology-R21**
This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages innovative research to enhance the quality of measurements of dietary intake and physical activity.

**Application Deadline:** June 16, 2018

**Learn More >>**

**NIH Exploratory Grant Award to Promote Workforce Diversity in Basic Cancer Research-R21**
This FOA represents the continuation of an NCI program to enhance the diversity of the pool of the cancer research workforce.

**Application Deadline:** June 19, 2018

**Learn More >>**

**Research Answers to NCI's Provocative Questions - R21 and R01**
The purpose of this FOA is to support research projects designed to solve specific problems and paradoxes in cancer research identified by the NCI Provocative Questions initiative.

**Application Deadline:** June 29, 2018

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**Recent Publications**

**The Cancer Tree.**

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TAC N-107
**Learn More >>**

YCC Grand Rounds / SPORE in Skin Cancer
**April 10; 12PM**
55 Park Street
**Quantitative Immune Biomarkers in Early Stage Melanoma**
Yvonne Saenger, MD
**Learn More >>**

**Human and Translational Immunology Seminars**
**April 10; 4PM**
TAC N-203
**Microbial Origins of Systemic Autoimmune Diseases**
Martin A Kriegel, MD, PhD
**Learn More >>**

**Digestive Diseases Research Seminar Series**
**April 10; 5PM**
TAC S-247
**Prognostic Molecular Signatures for Exploration of Liver Cancer Therapeutics and Chemoprevention**
Yujin Hoshida, MD, PhD
**Learn More >>**

**Interventional Radiology Grand Rounds Lecture**
**April 11; 7:30AM**
Fitkin Auditorium
**TBA**
Brian M Shuch, MD
**Learn More >>**

**Signal Transduction Research Seminar**
**April 11; 12PM**
Townsend JP. 
Learn More >>

Medical egg freezing: the importance of a patient-centered approach to fertility preservation.
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Medical egg freezing and cancer patients' hopes: Fertility preservation at the intersection of life and death.
Inhorn MC, Birenbaum-Carmeli D, Patrizio P. 
Learn More >>

Comparison of Natural Language Processing and Manual Coding for the Identification of Cross-Sectional Imaging Reports Suspicious for Lung Cancer
Roxanne Wadia, Kathleen Akgun, Cynthia Brandt, Brenda T. Fenton, Andrew H. Marple, Vijay Garla, Michal G. Rose, Tamar Taddei, Woody Levin, and Caroline Taylor. 
Learn More >>

Synthesized Mammography: Clinical Evidence, Appearance, and Implementation.
Durand MA. 
Diagnostics (Basel). 2018 Apr 4;8(2). 
Learn More >>

Peeling back the onion: addressing nuances of CT screening for lung cancer.
Detterbeck FC. 
Learn More >>

To chelate or not to chelate in MDS: That is the question!
Zeidan AM, Griffiths EA. 
Learn More >>

SHM I-116
Using Small Molecules to Engineer and Explore Human Immunity
David A. Spiegel, PhD, MD
Learn More >>

Cancer Metabolism Interest Group (CMIG) Seminar
April 11; 1PM
SHM B-201
Metabolic Disruptions and Their Role in Driving Human Diseases
Narendra Wajapeyee, PhD
Learn More >>

Yale School of Nursing/Annual Bellos Lecture and Wisser Tea
April 11; 2PM
West Campus Office Complex North
New Imperatives for Nursing: Making a Difference in a Changing World
Margaret Hamburg, MD
Learn More >>

Hematology Research Seminar
April 12; 12PM
Park Street Auditorium
The Development of Anti-KIR Monoclonal Antibodies in Acute Myeloid Leukemia
Norbert Vey, MD, PU-PH
Learn More >>

Pathology Grand Rounds
April 12; 12:30PM
LMP 1094
Genes / Proteins Associated with the Mineralization Process in Health and Disease
Martha Somerman, DDS, PhD
Learn More >>
Depth of Muscularis Propria Invasion Does Not Prognosticate Survival in T2 Esophageal Adenocarcinoma.
Learn More >>

Oral Oncol. 2018 Apr;79:64-70.
Learn More >>

Topotaxis: A New Mechanism of Directed Cell Migration in Topographic ECM Gradients.
Park J, Kim DH, Levchenko A.
Learn More >>

Tumor infiltrating lymphocytes and PD-L1 expression in pre- and post-treatment breast cancers in the SWOG S0800 Phase II neoadjuvant chemotherapy trial.
Mol Cancer Ther. 2018 Mar 27.
Learn More >>

G-Protein-Coupled Receptor CXCR7 Is Overexpressed in Human and Murine Endometriosis.
Pluchino N, Mamillapalli R, Moridi I, Tal R, Taylor HS.
Learn More >>

Randomized Phase II Trial of Carboplatin-Paclitaxel Versus Carboplatin-Paclitaxel-Trastuzumab in Uterine Serous Carcinomas That Overexpress Human Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor 2/ner.
Learn More >>

Smilow Cancer Genetics and Prevention Program Seminar
April 12; 2:30PM
SRC, suites 107-109
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George E. Palade Memorial Lectureship in Cell Biology
April 12; 4PM
Harkness Auditorium
CRISPR Biology and Technology: The Future of Genome Editing
Jennifer Doudna, MD
Learn More >>

Relay For Life/Fairfield
April 13; 8AM
Fairfield University
Learn More >>

Yale Cancer Answers
April 15; 7:30PM
WNPR
Treatment Advances for Prostate Cancer
Daniel Petrylak, MD
Learn More >>

YCC Schwartz Center Rounds
April 17; 12PM
55 Park Street
Did I miss something? What Happens When a Patient Commits Suicide
Stacey M Stein, MD and Jan Lenkoski-Mueller, LCSW
Read More >>

Human and Translational Immunology Seminars
Inhibition of Enhancer of zeste homolog 2 (EZH2) induces natural killer cell-mediated eradication of hepatocellular carcinoma cells.

Bugide S, Green MR, Wajapeyee N.
Learn More >>

Clinical Features and Management of Acquired Resistance to PD-1 Axis Inhibitors in Twenty-Six Patients with Advanced Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer.

Learn More >>

American council on ECP (ACE): Why now?

Edelson R, Wu Y, Schneiderman J.
Learn More >>
Employment

Biostatistics Shared Resource (BSR)
Drop-In Office Hours WWW213

Biostatistics
Dr. Wei Wei
Thursdays - 9am-1pm
Fridays - 9am-5pm

Bioinformatics
Drs. Yong Kong and Ying Zhu
Fridays - 1pm-5pm

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