

June 11, 2021

## Announcements

### John Wysolmerski, MD, Appointed Section Chief for Endocrinology & Metabolism

We are happy to announce that Dr. John Wysolmerski has been appointed Section Chief for Endocrinology & Metabolism in the Department of Internal Medicine; he has served as interim chief since 2018. Dr. Wysolmerski is a member of Yale Cancer Center's Cancer Signaling Networks Research Program and the Endocrinology Program at Smilow Cancer Hospital. In addition to his leadership as section chief, Dr. Wysolmerski leads an active research program concentrating on the roles of parathyroid hormone-related protein (PTHrP), the calcium sensing receptor and the calcium pump, PMCA2, during normal mammary gland development and breast cancer.



Dr. Wysolmerski earned his medical degree from Yale School of Medicine in 1986 and returned to New Haven after completing his internship and residency at New England Medical Center and working as a clinical instructor at Tufts University Medical School. In 1993, he completed his fellowship in endocrinology at Yale, and rose through the academic ranks to be named full professor in 2008.

### The Yale Institute of Biomolecular Design and Discovery Receives \$8.5 Million Grant

A new \$8.5 million grant from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) will seek to answer some of the big questions of the so called "dark matter" of the metabolome. The Yale Institute of Biomolecular Design and Discovery on Yale West Campus, directed by **Jason Crawford, PhD**, Maxine F.

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**Nita Ahuja, MD, MBA, FACS**

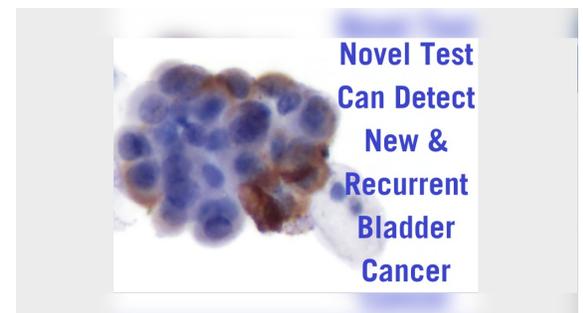
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**Families at Smilow**

Pathogenesis principal investigator of the grant (Developmental Therapeutics), will join forces with faculty from across Yale with research backgrounds in chemical biology, immunobiology, epidemiology, and microbial pathogenesis. Their goal is to illuminate novel small molecule signals from the dark matter of the host-bacteria interface that regulate host G-protein coupled receptor signaling programs. Yale Cancer Center members **Noah Palm, PhD**, (Cancer Immunology) and **Caroline Johnson, PhD**, (Cancer Prevention and Control) are co-principal investigators of the grant and **Andrew Goodman, PhD**, (Developmental Therapeutics) is a significant contributor to the program.

### Letters of Support

The Yale Cancer Center Director's Office is pleased to support Cancer Center members and Smilow Cancer Hospital providers through letters of support, reference letters, and letters of recommendation. Please send all necessary information **at least 2 weeks prior to the due date** to provide time for writing, editing, review, approvals, and signatures. Please send all documentation and requests to:  
[yccdirectoroffice@yale.edu](mailto:yccdirectoroffice@yale.edu)

### Upcoming CME Programs

Yale Cancer Center and Smilow Cancer Hospital are sponsoring several upcoming CME programs. Please register to hear your colleagues present and share these opportunities with community physicians and other contacts.

**June 18 at 12pm: Yale Breast Cancer CME Seminar: Imaging and Radiation Oncology**  
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**June 25 at 8am: Yale's Review of Advances in Oncology: Highlights from ASCO**  
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## Notables

**Rachel Greenup, MD, MPH**, Associate Professor of Surgery (Surgical Oncology) and Chief of Breast Surgery, has received a **2021 National Endowment for Plastic Surgery Grant** from the Plastic Surgery Foundation to fund her research on shared decision making for breast reconstruction. Dr. Greenup will collaborate with Dr. Clara Lee at Ohio State University and Dr. Anaeze Offodile at MD Anderson Cancer Center.

**Suzanne B. Evans, MD, MPH**, has been promoted to **Professor of Therapeutic Radiology**. Dr. Evan's promotion acknowledges her incredible dedication to advancing research innovations, the clinical care of our patients, and teaching and mentorship of our trainees.

**Noffar Bar, MD**, Assistant Professor of Medicine (Hematology), and

**Kelsey Martin, MD**, Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine (Hematology), have been selected to participate in the **2021-22**



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**Gynecologic Oncology Specialty at Smilow in Greenwich**

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**Medical Education Fellowship** at Yale School of Medicine. The Fellowship will run from September 2021 through May 2022 and consists of approximately eighteen two-and-a-half hour sessions plus Medical Education Day at Yale & Poster Session.

**Jun Deng, PhD**, Professor of Therapeutic Radiology and Associate Director for Physics Research and Education, will give the keynote speech on “Digital Twin Modeling of Cancer Patients” at the upcoming **Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) International Conference on Computational Intelligence and Virtual Environments for Measurement Systems and Applications.**

**Xavier Llor, MD, PhD**, Professor of Medicine (Digestive Diseases) and Medical Director of the Cancer Screening and Prevention Program and Director of the Genetics and Prevention Program, has been appointed **Vice-Chair for the Colorectal Cancer Screening Guidelines Panel of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN)**. Dr. Llor also serves on the High-Risk/Hereditary Colorectal Cancer Guidelines Panel for NCCN.

**Pamela Kunz, MD**, Associate Professor of Medicine (Medical Oncology) and Director of the Center for Gastrointestinal Cancers, has been appointed as the **Journal of Clinical Oncology Consultant Editor for Meeting Proceedings**. Dr. Kunz will also participate as a panelist for a virtual **NCCN Oncology policy Summit** on Tuesday, June 15, Defining the “New Normal”— 2021 and the State of Cancer Care in America Following 2020, examining the impact of the past year on oncology policy in America. Dr. Kunz will present on “Creating a More Equitable Care Delivery System.”

**The 5th Annual International Congress on Oncology and Pathology** will take place virtually on Saturday, June 26, and includes several Yale presenters: **Daniel Petrylak, MD, Lajos Pusztai, MD, DPhil, Barbara Burtness, MD, and Kurt Schalper, MD. Learn More**

**The Bristol Myers Squibb Foundation Diversity in Clinical Trials Career Development Program**, in collaboration with the American Association for Cancer Research and the National Medical Fellowships, and co-directed by **Roy S. Herbst, MD, PhD**, Ensign Professor of Medicine (Medical Oncology), Chief of Medical Oncology, Associate Cancer Center Director for Translational Research, has announced its faculty for the inaugural program. Yale Cancer Center members **Alfred Lee, MD, PhD**, Associate Professor of Medicine (Hematology), and **Patricia LoRusso, DO**, Professor of Medicine (Medical Oncology) and Associate Cancer Center Director for Experimental Therapeutics, will participate in the program, along with Eric Velazquez, MD, Robert W. Berliner Professor of Medicine (Cardiology). **Learn More**

## Employee Profile: Marisol Lassalle, LCSW and Katie Henry, LCSW

Marisol Lassalle, LCSW

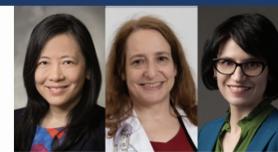


## Specialty Team

### at Smilow Cancer Hospital Care Center in Greenwich

The Gynecologic Oncology Specialty Team at the Smilow Cancer Hospital Care Center in Greenwich brings together a team of clinicians whose focus is to care for women with gynecologic cancers. Dr. Gloria Huang is board certified in obstetrics and gynecology, with a subspecialty of gynecologic oncology, uniting surgery and oncologic care to treat her patients. Dr. Beverly Drucker, medical oncologist, and Dr. Allison Campbell, radiation oncologist, collaborate closely with Dr. Huang to provide specialized care for women diagnosed with vulvar, vaginal, cervical, uterine, fallopian tube, or ovarian cancers. Clinical trials are available to patients through Yale Cancer Center, Connecticut's only National Cancer Institute-designated comprehensive cancer center. Together, they ensure all patients are provided with exceptional care from an experienced team.

Appointments are available at the Smilow Cancer Hospital Care Center in Greenwich



Gloria Huang, MD, FACOG Beverly Drucker, MD, PhD Allison Campbell, MD, PhD  
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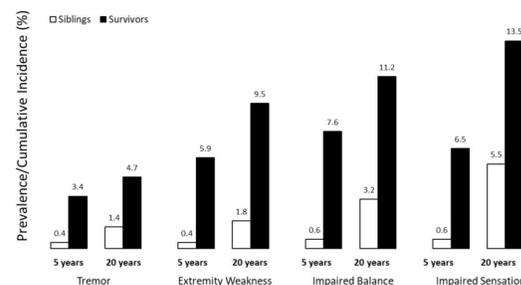
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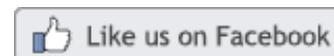
## Yale Cancer Center Study Shows Neuromuscular Dysfunction in Long-Term Childhood Cancer Survivors



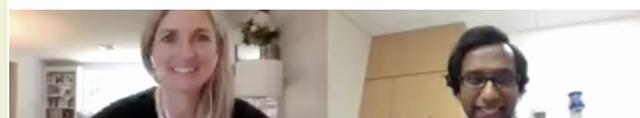
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Tara Sanft, MD, Javin Brita, PA, and Heather Studwell, OT, launch our Second Annual Virtual Cancer Survivors Day Opening Ceremony!



Marisol Lassalle, LCSW, and Katie Henry, LCSW, are clinical social workers in the Pediatric Hematology & Oncology Program and the Bone Marrow Transplant unit at Smilow Cancer Hospital. Katie has been in her current role for almost six years, and Marisol will celebrate 10 years in July. They both work very closely with the pediatric hematologists and oncologists, as well as other team members, to manage their full patient caseloads.

Marisol and Katie first meet with patients and their families during the initial diagnosis. They provide support throughout the entire journey and even years post treatment. One of their favorite parts of caring for the pediatric patient population is the relationships they build over several years. They view themselves as “emotional first aid kits” and “life organizers” during this most vulnerable time when a family’s life is turned upside-down.

This involves providing an array of services; ranging from psychotherapy for patients and their family members, to advocacy and case management. “We always strive to ‘meet the family where they are’ and make their priorities, our priorities,” said Katie. Marisol added, “We partner with many incredible nonprofit organizations who are filled with kind and generous people, and together, we find ways to bring joy to children experiencing life threatening illnesses.”

As Marisol approaches 10 years in this role, she feels honored and humbled to be with families and their children while they are facing a very vulnerable time in their life. She commented, “It is a priceless and inspiring experience. You get to see the strength of the human spirit, fueled by love. Working in this setting has helped me to strive to be the best person that I can be as well as to do the best I can to be helpful to others.”

Katie feels that her job is more of a calling. “I wake up every day and feel so motivated to be a part of the positivity and hope. People ask all the time, ‘How do you do the work you do, without becoming sad or hopeless?’ Being invited into a family’s world during such an intense

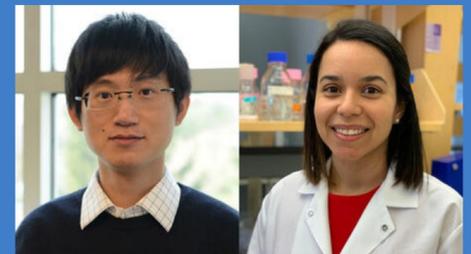
period and being in the role of alleviating some of their suffering, is extremely meaningful to me. And being able to follow our patients as they finish treatment, graduate school, get jobs, and even have babies at times, is incredibly rewarding.”



### Watch Now

Lilian Kabeche, PhD, Assistant Professor of Molecular Biophysics and Biochemistry and a member of Yale Cancer Center’s Radiobiology and Radiotherapy Research Program, and Sidi Chen, PhD, Associate Professor of Genetics and a member of Yale Cancer Center’s Genetics, Genomics, and Epigenetics Research Program, have each been awarded the 2021 Pershing Square Sohn Prize for Young Investigators in Cancer Research, a prestigious award from the Pershing Square Sohn Cancer Research Alliance. They will each receive \$200,000 per year for three years to support their research.

### Congratulations Sidi Chen, PhD, and Lilian Kabeche, PhD



### Recipients of the 2021 Pershing Square Sohn Prize for Young Investigators in Cancer Research

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Dr. Amit Khanna joined on Yale Cancer Answers on Connecticut Public Radio to discuss colon cancer screening and options for colon and rectal surgery. Dr. Khanna recently joined Smilow Cancer Hospital and serves as director of colon and rectal surgery for Bridgeport and Trumbull. Tune in to learn more, or download our podcast from iTunes.



Connie Nicolosi, LCSW, Social Work Manager, commented, "Having a child with cancer is a significant stressor for the patients and their families. Marisol and Katie connect with families at diagnosis and follow them throughout their treatment and beyond. After a child's diagnosis, the family will never be the same, and it is Marisol and Katie that work with the family to create and maintain a 'new normal' way of life. They are passionate about their roles and will always go that extra step to connect families to resources."

## Recent Publications

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*Cancer, Epidemiology, Biomarkers & Prevention*, Online ahead of print.

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*Future Oncology*, Online ahead of print.

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*Journal of the National Cancer Institute*, Online ahead of print.

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### **Diverse Immune Response of DNA Damage Repair-deficient Tumors.**

*Cell Reports Medicine*, 2(5):100276.

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### **Controlled Ovarian Stimulation Therapy as a Potential Risk for the Development and Progression of Renal Cell Carcinomas: a Case Report and Literature Review.**

*Molecular and Clinical Oncology*. 15(1):140.



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Mariya Rozenblit, MD, has been appointed an Instructor of Medicine (Medical Oncology) at Smilow Cancer Hospital and Yale Cancer Center and will care for patients with breast cancer beginning on July 1. Dr. Rozenblit is completing her Fellowship in Medical Oncology-Hematology at Yale and received her medical degree from Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. In 2020, she was the recipient of the ASCO Conquer Cancer Foundation Young Investigator Award for her project, "Using single nucleotide variants of high functional importance to predict the risk of developing breast cancer in young women with high-risk family history." Welcome, Dr. Rozenblit!

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MD,  
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Instructor  
of Medicine  
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"Bethany Larkin, assistant patient services manager for women's oncology services at Smilow Cancer

Hospital, understands the art of healing. She has mastered the science of healing as an expert oncology nurse who keeps our patients safe and is a role model for all staff. But more importantly, she exemplifies the art of healing as she brings her

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*Clinical Cancer Research*, Online ahead of print.

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### **Utility Of PSA Density in Predicting Upgraded Gleason Score in Men on Active Surveillance with Negative MRI.**

*Urology*, S0090-4295(21), 00452-0, Online ahead of print.

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### **Long-term Neurocognitive and Quality of Life Outcomes in Survivors of Pediatric Hematopoietic Cell Transplant.**

*Journal of Cancer Survivorship*, Online ahead of print.

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*Cancer*, Online ahead of print

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### **An Advanced Communication Skills Workshop Using Standardized Patients for Senior Medical Students**

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*Cancer Cytopathology*, Online ahead of print.

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### **A Circulating Exosome RNA Signature Is a Potential Diagnostic Marker for Pancreatic Cancer, a Systematic Study.**

*Cancers*, 13(11):2565.

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exemplifies the art of healing as she brings her compassion, devotion and caring to all of those around her."

We are pleased to share this excerpt from Camille Servodidio's nomination of Bethany as an Extraordinary Healer in CURE Magazine. Read her full essay: <https://bit.ly/2RNRedp>

Congratulations, Bethany! Thank you for being extraordinary!



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Transgender men and women have unique healthcare needs. When a mutation in BRCA1 or BRCA2 is identified, it is important to ensure cancer risks and management options are appropriately tailored to meet the needs of our transgender patients, as these may differ from cis-gender individuals. These cancer risks and available management options may also impact how some individuals choose to transition.



**Guidelines  
Available for  
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*Cancers*, 13(11):2627.

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*European Radiology*, Online ahead of print.

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**Nurses and Midwives as Global Partners to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals in the Anthropocene.**

*Journal of Nursing Scholarship*, Online ahead of print.

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*Transplantation and Cellular Therapy*, S2666-6367(21), 00935-0.

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*NPJ Precision Oncology*, 5(1):45.

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**Emerging Agents and Regimens for Polycythemia Vera and Essential Thrombocythemia**

**and Women with  
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Feeling stressed, and looking for a mid-week break? Follow along online with Michele Grand, LMT, from the Smilow Cancer Hospital Integrative Medicine Program, and learn how to 'Breathe away Anxiety' using meditation techniques that can be used at any time.



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Today we celebrate Aliënn Salleroli, Assistant Patient Services Manager (APSM) for the Smilow NP4 and NP8 Multispecialty Clinics. Aliënn is relatively new to the leadership team but worked as a Nurse Coordinator in the Phase 1 Unit for four years prior to taking her current position. During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, she was the link between research patients, their physician providers, and the entire team, creating communication tools to keep everyone in the loop about new visits and new trials.

We are proud to announce that Aliënn graduated from The Citadel earlier this month with her master's degree in leadership. She was nominated and selected to receive the Lieutenant General John W. Rosa Award presented by General Glenn Walters for outstanding academic achievement, student engagement, and scholarly excellence, and based

**Essential Thrombocythemia**  
*Biomarker Research*, 9(1):40.

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*Journal of Thoracic Oncology*, S1556-0864(21), 02172-9, Online ahead of print.

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*Leukemia*, Online ahead of print.

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### **Association Between Medicare's National Coverage Determination and Utilization of Next-Generation Sequencing.**

*JCO Oncology Practice*, Online ahead of print.

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### **Treatment De-intensification for HPV-Positive Oropharynx Cancer: What Is Currently Acceptable?**

*Journal of Clinical Oncology*, Online ahead of print.

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## **Funding and Award Opportunities**

### **YCC 2021 Internal Pilot Awards Program**

engagement, and scholarly excellence, and based on her final research project focused on racial disparities in the South in light of COVID. Aliënne is the first woman of color to receive this award. With a military background, Aliënne had always dreamed of going to The Citadel but at the time of her undergraduate studies, females were not allowed entrance to the school. We are so glad she found a way to fulfill her dream during graduate training!

Congratulations, Aliënne, you are a remarkable #SmilowStar!

## **Smilow Stars**



Thank you,  
**Aliënne Salleroli**,  
Assistant Patient Services  
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"We've always used multimodality care, and when you can, surgery & radiation with medical oncology, or chemotherapy. We've been able to raise the bar, [but it's] still not nearly far enough."



Join us today at Noon for a virtual .@YaleCancer Grand Rounds. @DanielPetrylak presents "Prostate and #UrologicCancers Disease Aligned Research Team."



New research led by Dr. Rozalyn Rodwin & Dr. Nisha K. ...

These grants will support all potential areas of innovative cancer research including basic, clinical, computational, population and epidemiology, prevention/control, implementation science and translational cancer research.

**Application Deadline:** June 15, 2021

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### **Exploratory Grant Award to Promote Workforce Diversity in Basic Cancer Research (R21 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)**

This FOA is a continuation of an NCI program to enhance the diversity of the pool of the cancer research workforce by recruiting and supporting eligible New Investigators and Early Stage Investigators from diverse backgrounds, including from groups that have been shown to be nationally underrepresented in the biomedical, behavioral, clinical and social sciences.

**Application Deadline:** June 15, 2021

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### **DoD Kidney Cancer Awards**

- Idea Development Award- Letter of Intent Due: June 15, 2021
- Concept Award- Letter of Intent Due: June 22, 2021
- Post-doc/Clinical Fellow Award- Letter of Intent Due: June 22, 2021
- Translational Award - Letter of Intent Due: June 15, 2021

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### **Emerson Collective Cancer Research Fund**

This fund is to support individual or team proposals for research projects related to engineering allogeneic cells with new properties; validating new target antigens for cell therapy in cancer; targeted intracellular gene or protein delivery mechanisms; and enabling early cancer detection. Interested applicants should contact **Tammy Wu** for institutional guidelines.

**Application Deadline:** June 16, 2021

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### **2021 ALSF 'A' Award Grant**

The 'A' Award is a four-year grant designed for independent, early career scientists who demonstrate a commitment to pediatric cancer research and have institutional support for their career development.

**Application Deadline:** June 18, 2021

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### **NCCN/Pfizer Development of Talazoparib for Prostate Cancer RFP**

This RFP is seeking proposals to advance the understanding of the mechanisms of action, underlying biology, and clinical activity of talazoparib in prostate cancer.

**Letter of Intent Due:** June 21, 2021

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### **NCI Equity and Inclusion Program RFIs**

- **Seeking Stakeholder Input on Enhancing Cancer Health Disparities Research:** This RFI is open to researchers, clinicians, academic institutions, healthcare and community organizations, and the public. Please follow the submission instructions in the RFI and submit your response by June 25, 2021.

Dr. Nina Kadan-Lottick in @CEBP\_AACR shows neuromuscular dysfunction is prevalent in #childhoodcancer survivors, increasing adverse health and socioeconomic outcomes.



Tune in tonight at 7pm for a live, virtual satellite symposium with @DrRoyHerbstYale discussing management of patients with non-metastatic #NSCLC.



Yale Cancer Center and @SmilowCancer Hospital are recruiting for several faculty positions.



Learn the latest advances in HER-2/Neu Therapeutics from Dr. Pat LoRusso @SmilowCancer at 11:30am #ASCO21 during an Education Session hosted by Dr. Lori Pierce @ASCOPres & Dr. Antoni Ribas.



Dr. Amit Khanna will join us on Yale Cancer Answers today at 7:30pm on @wnpr to discuss #coloncancer screening and options for surgical treatment. Dr. Khanna recently joined @SmilowCancer as director of colon and rectal surgery @BPTHOSP.



Login to #ASCO21 to hear SanjayAnejaMD review four posters highlighting integrating Machine Learning Algorithms into clinical practice.



Dr. Kurt Schalper will moderate & present at an Educational Session #ASCO21 at 5pm to discuss the current paradigms and advances in mechanisms of sensitivity and resistance to anti-cancer #immunotherapies.



Phase 3 VERONA study of venetoclax w azacitidine to assess change in complete remission & overall survival in higher-risk patients with myelodysplastic syndromes. @Dr\_AmerZeidan shares the latest



.@DanielPetrylak shares ph 3 data of enfortumab vedotin EV for urothelial cancer at #ASCO21 "Quality of life was maintained with EV

& significant reductions in pain symptoms were demonstrated, however pts had greater appetite loss."



"Inappropriate early discontinuation of hypomethylating agent therapy limits the clinical benefit for patients with myelodysplastic syndromes."

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- **Seeking Stakeholder Input on Enhancing Diversity and Inclusion in the Cancer Research Workforce:** This RFI is open to extramural grantees, staff and researchers in academic institutions and industry, federal employees, and the public. Please follow the submission instructions in the RFI and submit your response by July 15, 2021.

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### **Gabrielle's Angel Foundation**

Gabrielle's Angel Foundation remains committed to funding innovative, translational proposals and to supporting promising independent early-career investigators, rather than well-established, senior scientists.

**Letter of Intent Due:** June 27, 2021

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### **3D Technologies to Accelerate HTAN Atlas Building Efforts (UH2)**

Through this FOA, the NCI, as a part of its Beau Biden Cancer Moonshot Initiative, invites submission of applications requesting support for projects that will accelerate cancer research.

**Application Deadline:** June 30, 2021

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### **NCI Clinical Proteomic Tumor Analysis Consortium (CPTAC)**

These FOAs support the NCI CPTAC managed by the Office of Cancer Clinical Proteomics Research (OCCPR). CPTAC leverages recent advancements in cancer proteomics and genomics to better understand the complexity between the proteome and the genome in cancer and accelerate research in these areas by disseminating resources for the scientific community.

- Proteome Characterization Centers (PCCs) for Clinical Proteomic Tumor Analysis Consortium (U24): **Application Deadline:** June 30, 2021 [Read More](#)
- Proteogenomic Data Analysis Centers (PGDACs) for Clinical Proteomic Tumor Analysis Consortium (U24): **Application Deadline:** June 30, 2021 [Read More](#)
- Proteogenomic Translational Research Centers (PTRCs) for Clinical Proteomic Tumor Analysis Consortium (U01): **Application Deadline:** July 30, 2021 [Read More](#)

### **SU2C Lung Cancer Health Equity Research Team Grant Program**

This program seeks to address the issue of low participation by racial and ethnic minority populations in lung cancer research despite the disproportionate burden of disease in these groups through studies that inform clinical practice and evaluate approved regimens in special or expanded populations.

**Application Deadline:** July 1, 2021

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### **Bristol Myers Squibb Foundation Diversity in Clinical Trials Career Development Program**

The BMSF DCTCDP is a 2-year program designed to support the career development of early-stage investigator (as defined by NIH) physicians underrepresented in medicine, or physicians who have a demonstrated commitment to increasing diversity in clinical research, to become independent clinical trial investigators who are engaged in advancing health equity through their research and mentoring.

**Application Deadline:** July 2, 2021

## Calendar

### **Yale Cancer Answers**

**June 13; 7:30 PM**

NPR

*Treatment of Colorectal Cancer*

Michael Cecchini, MD

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### **Stem Cell Center Spring Seminar Series**

**June 14; 2:00 PM**

*Regulating Neural Crest Cell Fate and Survival*

*During Embryonic Development*

Crystal D. Rogers

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### **NCCN Oncology Policy Summit Series**

**June 15; 10:00 AM**

*Defining the "New Normal"— 2021 and the State of Cancer Care in America Following 2020*

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### **Yale Cancer Center Grand Rounds/Yale SPORE in Skin Cancer**

**June 15; 12:00 PM**

*Rational Combinatorial Approaches with Immune Checkpoint Blockade for the Treatment of Cancer*

F. Stephen Hodi, MD

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### **Monthly Palliative Care Conference**

**June 15; 4:00 PM**

*Driving Informed Treatment Selection using the Cancer and Aging Research Group (CARG) Tool in the Ambulatory Setting*

Alex Mbewe, MD

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### **Smilow Shares 2021 Survivorship Series**

**June 15; 7:00 PM**

*Sexuality, Intimacy & Menopause in Cancer Survivors*

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### **Yale Head and Neck SPORE's Monthly Meeting**

**June 16; 6:00 PM**

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### **Therapeutic Radiology Grand Rounds**

**June 17; 9:00 AM**

*Introduction to New York Proton Center & Proton Therapy*

Amit M. Chhabra, MD

**Application Deadline:** July 2, 2021

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### **Emergency Awards: Community-engaged COVID-19 Testing Interventions among Underserved and Vulnerable Populations RADx-UP Phase II (U01 Clinical Trial Optional)**

This FOA uses an emergency U01 mechanism to support Phase II of the Rapid Acceleration of Diagnostics – Underserved Populations (RADxSM-UP) initiative. These two-year Testing Research Projects will (1) expand the scope and reach of RADxSM-UP testing interventions to reduce COVID-19 disparities among underserved and vulnerable populations and (2) address scientific questions on interventions to increase access and uptake of COVID-19 testing given the increasing availability of SARS-CoV-2 vaccines.

**Application Deadline:** July 7, 2021

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### **Emergency Award: RADx-UP - Social, Ethical, and Behavioral Implications (SEBI) Research on Disparities in COVID-19 Testing among Underserved and Vulnerable Populations (U01)**

The overarching goal of the RADx-UP initiative is to understand and ameliorate factors that have placed a disproportionate burden of the pandemic on underserved and/or vulnerable populations, specifically by implementing programs that expand the scope and reach of COVID-19 testing interventions to reduce these disparities.

**Application Deadline:** July 7, 2021

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### **DoD Ovarian Cancer Research Program Awards**

- Pilot Award - Application Deadline: July 8
- Proteogenomics Award - Application Deadline: July 8
- CDMRP Inv Initiated Award - Application Deadline: July 8
- Clin Translational Award - Application Deadline: July 8
- CDMRP Academy Award - Application Deadline: July 8
- CDMRP Omics Consortium Award - Application Deadline: July 8

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### **2021 ALSF Young Investigator Grant**

The Young Investigator Grant is a mentored career development award designed to support early career researchers, such as postdoctoral fellows, clinical fellows or instructors, striving to develop independent careers in pediatric cancer research.

**Application Deadline:** July 12, 2021

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### **Tobacco Regulatory Science (R01)**

The purpose of this FOA is to invite R01 applications to support biomedical and behavioral research that will provide scientific data to inform regulation of tobacco products to protect public health.

**Application Deadline:** July 14, 2021

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### **Exercise and Nutrition Interventions to Improve Cancer Treatment-Related Outcomes (ENICTO) in Cancer Survivors Consortium (U01)**

Through this FOA, the NCI seeks to support exercise and/or medical nutrition intervention research designed to improve cancer treatment

Arpit M. Chhabra, MD

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### **Center for GI Cancers Weekly Seminar**

**June 17; 4:15 PM**

*We Got PD-1 in Gastroesophageal Cancers Now What?*

Sam Klempner, MD

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### **Digestive Health Virtual CME Series 2021**

**June 17; 5:00 PM**

*Pancreatitis*

Thiruvengadam Muniraj, MD, FRC

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### **Yale Breast Cancer CME Series**

**June 18; 12:00 PM**

Mehra Golshan, MD, MBA | Regina Hooley, MD |

Christin Knowlton, MD | Tomer Avraham, MD, FACS

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### **Yale Cancer Answers**

**June 20; 7:30 PM**

**NPR**

*Oncology Pharmacy*

Nancy J. Beaulieu MBA, BSPHarm, BCOP & Brenda Sepulveda

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### **Yale Pancreatic Cancer Collaborative Seminar Series**

**June 21, 2:00 PM**

*Molecular Mechanisms of Obesity-driven Tumor Progression*

Zobeida Cruz-Monserrate, PhD

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

**June 22; 12:00 PM**

*Head & Neck Cancers Disease Aligned Research Team*

Barbara Burtness, MD | Aarti Bhatia, MD, MPH |

Melissa Young, MD, PhD

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### **Smilow Shares 2021 Survivorship Series**

**June 22; 7:00 PM**

*Supplements and Nutrition for Cancer Survivors*

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### **Bereavement Seminar**

**June 23; 9:30 AM**

*Understanding and Managing Grief: How Long Am I Going to Feel Like This?*

nutrition intervention research designed to improve cancer treatment-related outcomes for therapies delivered with curative or life-extending intent to cancer survivors.

**Application Deadline:** July 14, 2021

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### **Coordinating Center for Exercise and Nutrition Interventions to Improve Cancer Treatment-Related Outcomes (ENICTO) in Cancer Survivors Consortium (U24)**

Through this FOA, the NCI will support a Coordinating Center (CC) to facilitate coordination across the new Exercise and Nutrition Interventions to Improve Cancer Treatment-related Outcomes awardee sites.

**Application Deadline:** July 14, 2021

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### **Oncomine Clinical Research Grant Program**

The Oncomine Clinical Research Grant Program supports investigator-initiated studies (IIS) and education projects, on molecular testing in oncology and reproductive health, with the goal to increase high quality molecular profiling for patients and to improve clinical outcomes in the future.

**Application Deadline:** July 16, 2021

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### **Centers on Telehealth Research for Cancer-Related Care (P50)**

The purpose of this FOA is to fund P50 Centers dedicated to advancing a national telehealth research agenda focused on improving cancer-related care and outcomes across the cancer control continuum in a rapidly changing healthcare, policy, technology, and communication environment.

**Application Deadline:** July 20, 2021

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### **Launching Future Leaders in Global Health (LAUNCH) Research Training Program (D43)**

The purpose of this program is to provide opportunities for up to six consortia to develop or expand global health research training programs

**Application Deadline:** August 20, 2021

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### **Yale Cancer Center 2022 Team Challenge Award**

An internal grant program focused on advancing the work of teams who seek to address a fundamental research priority that aligns and/or has the potential to successfully extend YCC strategic goals.

**Letter of Intent Due:** September 1, 2021

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### **Early Detection Research Network FOAs**

The mission of the EDRN is to discover, develop and validate biomarkers and imaging methods to detect early-stage cancers and to assess risk for developing cancer, and to translate these biomarkers and imaging methods into clinical tests. There are three specific units with EDRN:

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### **Center for GI Cancers Weekly Seminar**

**June 24; 4:15 PM**

*Automates Patient Pre-screening for GI Oncology Clinical Trials with AI and Natural Language Processing*

Guannan Gong

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### **Submissions**

Please submit your recent publications, awards, and grant announcements to:

### **Renee Gaudette**

Director, Public Affairs and Communications

- Clinical Validation Centers (U01)
- Data Management and Coordinating Center (U24)
- Biomarker Characterization Centers (U2C)

**Application Deadlines:** September 9, 2021

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