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September 22, 2023

Dear Colleagues,

After months of work, today we are submitting our Cancer Center Support Grant renewal application to the National Cancer Institute today. As many of you know, receiving this grant is what allows us to call ourselves a Comprehensive Cancer Center. Next year will mark our 50th anniversary as a Comprehensive Cancer Center, a distinction awarded to only 56 centers in the U.S.

The grant application is a bit daunting—over 3,000 pages and more than 200 pages of single-spaced narrative. It took a village to put this grant together, and I am indebted to the Deputy and Associate Directors of the Cancer Center as well as the 15 research program leaders and the many administrative experts who worked thoughtfully, diligently, and tirelessly.

As challenging as the process was, I must admit that I learned a huge amount going through the process. I understand the workings of our cancer center better than ever before. As we assembled the grant, all of us thought about how we can improve our research, bring the lab and the clinic closer together, be more inclusive in our workforce, address the needs of the Connecticut population, reach out to members of the community as our true partners, and improve the training of the next generation of researchers, clinicians, and leaders in oncology.

Now that the application is submitted—said with a big sigh of relief!—it is time to move on to other tasks. None of us have taken our eyes off the goal to build an exceptional statewide multidisciplinary oncology program that provides the very best care to all patients and their families across Connecticut and beyond, while conducting cutting-edge research that will lead to new and better standards of care. Healthcare is more challenging than ever before, but we have a tremendous team and we are rapidly working our way towards the goal.

Be well. Have a great weekend and think about what we can all do together. THINK BIG.

Eric

Announcements

Parisa Lotfi, MD, Appointed to Radiology and Biomedical Imaging

Parisa Lotfi, MD, has joined the Smilow



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USPSTF Breast Screening**

Recommendations



ansha Lotfi, MD, has joined the Smilow Cancer Hospital breast imaging team as an Assistant Professor of Radiology and Biomedical Imaging. Dr. Lotfi is a fellowship-trained breast imager with more than 20 years of experience in all breast imaging modalities, including digital breast tomosynthesis, ultrasound, breast MRI, and contrast enhanced mammography, as well as all image guided procedures. Prior to joining Yale, she spent 18 years at Harvard's Brigham and Women's Hospital and the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (BIDMC). Most recently, she was the director of the breast section's clinical operations at BIDMC and Director of Connecticut Breast Imaging. Her interests include improving workflow, maximizing efficiency, and new technologies. Dr. Lotfi is passionate about providing patient centered, high quality care working within the multidisciplinary team of experts.



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Smilow Head and Neck Cancers Program Welcomes New Surgeons Suresh Mohan, MD, and Zafar Sayed, MD, have been appointed Assistant Professors of Surgery (Otolaryngology) and will care for patients at Smilow Cancer Hospital through the Head and Neck Cancers Program.



Dr. Mohan received his medical degree from Brown University and completed a one-year research fellowship at the NIH investigating novel small molecule inhibitors for head and neck cancer. He completed a research track residency at Mass Eye and Ear/Harvard Medical School and a fellowship in Facial Plastic and Microvascular Reconstruction at the University of California-San Francisco. His clinical interests include free tissue transfer for head and neck cancer reconstruction, facial paralysis and reanimation, and Mohs reconstruction.

Dr. Sayed completed his medical degree from the Indiana University School of Medicine, his residency in Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery at Northwestern University McGaw Medical Center, and a fellowship in ablative head and neck surgical oncology at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. Prior to joining Yale, Dr. Sayed led the head and neck surgical oncology team at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, NE. While there, he served as Director

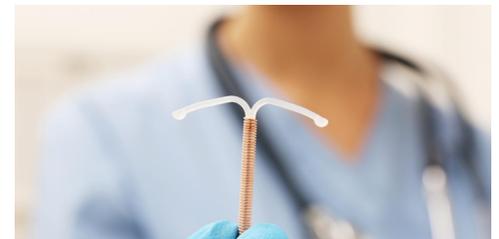


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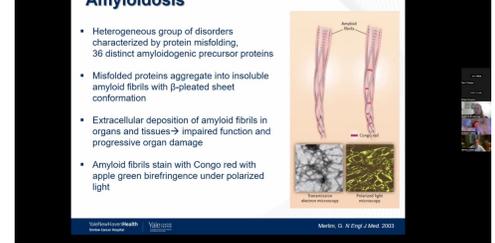
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of the multidisciplinary head and neck tumor board and Principal Investigator for the integrated head and neck tumor repository.

He treats a variety of benign and malignant tumors of the head and neck and has specialization in transoral robotic surgery. His clinical practice focuses on the treatment of advanced skin cancers, aerodigestive tract tumors, salivary gland tumors, thyroid disease, and reconstruction with an emphasis on improving function and decreasing patient morbidity.



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Notables

Veda Giri, MD, Chief of Clinical Cancer Genetics and Co-Director of the Early Onset Cancer Program at Smilow Cancer Hospital and Yale Cancer Center, and **Lajos Puzstai, MD, DPhil**, Professor of Medicine (Medical Oncology), and Co-Leader of the Genetics, Genomics, and Epigenetics Research Program at Yale Cancer Center, have been named **Fellows of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (FASCO)**. The FASCO distinction honors members of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) for their extraordinary volunteer service, commitment, and dedication to the organization. Dr. Giri and Dr. Puzstai were named among 48 recipients nationwide to earn the FASCO designation by ASCO.

Rachel Greenup, MD, MPH, Associate Professor of Surgery (Breast Surgery) has been appointed **Co-Director of the Center for Breast Cancer**. Dr. Greenup is Chief of Breast Surgery and will partner with Maryam Lustberg, MD, MPH, Director of the Center for Breast Cancer, to further the growth and expansion of breast cancer care across the Yale New Haven Health System.

Barbara Burtness, MD, Anthony N. Brady Professor of Medicine (Medical Oncology), Chief Translational Research Officer, and Division Chief of Head and Neck Cancers/Sarcoma, has been appointed **Co-Chair of the Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer (SITC) Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma Clinical Practice Guideline Committee**.

The **AACR Special Conference in Cancer Research: Pancreatic Cancer** will be held next week in Boston. Yale participation includes **Luisa Escobar-Hoyos, MSc, PhD**, Assistant Professor of Therapeutic Radiology, presenting the **Rising Star: Keynote Lecture: "RNA switches" in pancreatic cancer: Expression, splicing and RNA-based therapeutics** and **Mandar Muzumdar, MD**, Associate Professor of Medicine (Medical Oncology) and Scientific Director of the Center for Gastrointestinal Cancers at Smilow Cancer Hospital and Yale Cancer Center, will present a **Plenary Talk: Feeding the Flames of Pancreatic Cancer**. **Natasha Pinto Medici, PhD**, postdoctoral associate in

the lab of Dr. Escobar-Hoyos, received the **Minority Scholar in Cancer Research Award** to attend and present her work at the conference.

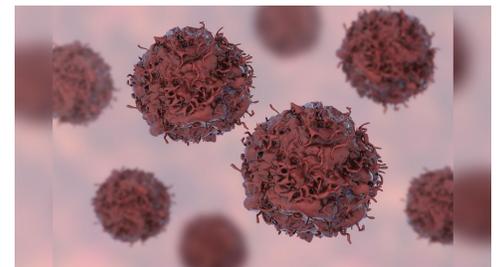
Poster Sessions at the meeting from Yale Cancer Center include:

[Yale Cancer Center Gives Guidance for Patients who Want COVID Boosters](#)



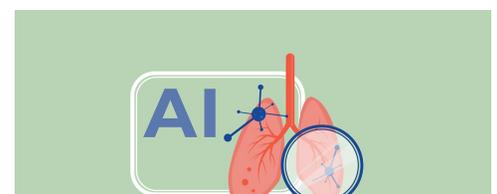
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[New Immunotherapy Treatment Brings Hope to Patients With Advanced Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer](#)



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- **Michael Cecchini, MD**, Assistant Professor of Medicine (Medical Oncology); Co-Director, Colorectal Program in the Center for Gastrointestinal Cancers: *A Phase II Study of Peri-operative Modified FOLFIRINOX in Localized Pancreatic Ductal Adenocarcinoma*
- **Jeremy Jacox, MD, PhD**, Hematology-Oncology Fellow: *A robust murine pancreatic cancer organoid transplant model with inducible neoantigens for studying tumor microenvironment interactions with anti-tumor T-cell immunity*
- **Cathy Garcia**, Graduate Student: *Pancreatic beta cell stress pathways drive pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma development in obesity*
- **Christian Ruiz, PhD**, Postdoctoral Associate: *Obesity transforms the gut microbiome to invoke a cancer permissive state*
- **Sumedha Chowdhury**, Postgraduate Associate and **Deanne Yugawa**, MD/PhD Candidate: *Keratin 17-signature for stratification of chemotherapy in pancreatic adenocarcinoma*
- **Carlos Mauricio Mejia Arbelaez, MD, MPH**, Hospital Resident: *TP53 missense mutations and Keratin 17 are negative prognostic biomarkers in pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma*
- **Natasha Pinto Medici, PhD**, Postdoctoral Associate and **Diana Martinez-Saucedo, PhD**, Postdoctoral Associate: *Altered RNA splicing causes pancreatic cancer and exposes a therapeutic vulnerability*
- **Md Afjalus Saeed Siraj, PhD**, Postdoctoral Associate: *SMNDC1 alters the splicing of ERK to potentiate its activity in pancreatic cancer*

The **Cancer Prevention and Control Research Program** welcomes **Xin Zhou, PhD**, Assistant Professor of Biostatistics. Dr. Zhou conducts methodological research in several biostatistical areas, including measurement error correction in survival data analysis, power and sample size calculation for cluster randomized trials, and statistical methods in precision medicine. He has experience in collaboration studies in cancer epidemiology, has conducted research on measurement error correction, and has expertise in theoretical statistics and survival analysis.



Employee Profile: Brianna Flanagan

Brianna Flanagan, MSN, RN, OCN, has spent her nursing career caring for patients as part of Inpatient Adult Medical Oncology on NP12, as well as with the Oncology Extended Care Clinic. She joined Smilow and Yale as a bedside nurse in 2016, and is currently a Patient Services Manager on the floor.

In her role, Brianna oversees a staff of 80

employees on the 28-bed inpatient unit, mostly caring for patients with solid tumors. The Oncology Extended Care Clinic, which opened in 2017, is a 6-chair unit that provides supportive care and symptom management for patients who need priority medical attention outside



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Helping Young Adults with Sickle Cell Disease Navigate Healthcare Inequities



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Individuals with Sickle Cell Disease have historically been misinformed about the disease process from healthcare professionals and myths in the community in general. It was once thought that Sickle Cell Disease simply meant sickle-shaped cells 'getting stuck' in blood vessels and causing damage, but we now know that it is a multisystem disorder that is medically complex, explains Layla Van Doren, MD, MBA, Assistant Professor of Medicine (Hematology). Dr. Van Doren recently participated in a Q&A for Sickle Cell Awareness Month, and she shares more about the disease and how we can better support patients and become better educated on the disease.

Sickle Cell Awareness Month

"I am inspired by my patients. We learn from one another. As a hematologist, educating providers and patients is my passion. It is critical to decreasing mortality and improving overall healthcare outcomes. On the other hand, one of the key components to education, evidenced-based practice, is lacking when it comes to Sickle Cell Disease care. Education and research are inseparable."

Layla Van Doren, MD, MBA
Assistant Professor of Medicine (Hematology)



need priority medical attention outside their regular treatment appointments. A current project she and her team are working on is decreasing patient length of stay, and increasing the amount of discharges that occur before 11 AM. She is also focused on quality and safety

projects and nursing-sensitive indicators, which are specific patient outcomes that are influenced by nursing care.

“I love working with this patient population, but I think my favorite thing about my job is how close the staff is; it makes for a genuine team environment that patients benefit from as well. We collaborate with and support each other during challenging times,” said Brianna. You don’t find this kind of environment in just any hospital.”

In 2022, Brianna received the Daisy Award for Nurse Leaders, given to nurses who provide above-and-beyond compassionate care to patients and families, and it was the first time a nurse leader was recognized at YNHH. Kim Slusser, RN, MSN, Vice President, Patient Services, commented, “It has been exciting to watch Brianna’s growth as a nursing leader. She truly enjoys leading her team and collaborating with her MD colleagues and the rest of the interdisciplinary team to provide the high quality care to our patients and foster a culture of commitment to one another.”

Recent Publications

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Cancer. 2023 Sep 14.

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Cancer Lett. 2023 Sep 14:216384.

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Nature. 2023 Sep 20.

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Register to join us for “Caring for Metastatic Breast Cancer: A Conference for Patients & Caregivers,” a free, in-person program on Saturday, October 7, from 9:00am to 3:00pm at The Greenberg Center in New Haven.

Please Join Us

Caring for Metastatic Breast Cancer
A Conference for Patients & Caregivers

Saturday, October 7, 2023 | 9am-3pm
The Greenberg Center, New Haven, CT

9:00am Registration and Breakfast	12:00pm-1:00pm Lunch
9:30am Opening and Welcome Sandy Casanelli, Founder, Breast Friends Fund	1:00pm-1:30pm Patient Panel Sarah Cody, WTNH News Anchor
9:35am Opening Remarks Eric Winer, MD Director, Yale Cancer Center Physician-in-Chief, Smilow Cancer Network	1:30pm-1:55pm Phase 1 Clinical Trials and other Clinical Trials for Metastatic Breast Cancer Adriana Kahn, MD Assistant Professor of Medicine (Medical Oncology)
9:50am-10:15am Updates on HER 2 Positive Metastatic Breast Cancer Ian Krop, MD, PhD Professor of Medicine (Medical Oncology) Director, Clinical Trials Office Chief Clinical Research Officer, Yale Cancer Center	1:55pm-2:25pm Updates on Triple Negative Metastatic Breast Cancer Sarah Schallhorn, MD Associate Professor of Medicine (Medical Oncology) Chief Ambulatory Officer, Smilow Cancer Hospital
10:15am Break	2:25pm-2:55pm Communicating to Improve Outcomes Tara Sarifi, MD Associate Professor of Medicine (Medical Oncology) Chief Patient Experience Officer Medical Director, Survivorship Clinic
10:30am-10:55am Updates on Hormone Receptor Positive Breast Cancer Daniel O’Neil, MD, MPH Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine (Medical Oncology)	2:55pm Closing Remarks Maryam Lusberg, MD, MPH Associate Professor of Medicine (Medical Oncology) Director, Center for Breast Cancer Chief, Breast Medical Oncology
11:00am-11:30am Breakout 1 Sexual Health Elena Rotner, MD, MBA Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Sciences; Co-Chief, Section of Gynecologic Oncology	11:30am-12:00pm Breakout 2 Healthy Lifestyle Courtney McGowan, RDN, and Scott Capozzo, PT, MS

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Last week, our team from the Center for Thoracic Cancer at Smilow Cancer Hospital and Yale Cancer Center gathered to share exciting clinical advances at the World Lung Cancer Conference #WCLC2023 in Singapore. Congratulations to the entire team!



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Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A. 2023 Sep 26;120(39):e2220062120.

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Enhancing HCC Treatment: innovatively combining HDAC2 inhibitor with PD-1/PD-L1 inhibition.

Cancer Cell Int. 2023 Sep 16;23(1):203.

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Menon V, Brash DE.

Next-Generation Sequencing Methodologies To Detect Low-Frequency Mutations: "Catch Me If You Can".

Mutat Res Rev Mutat Res. 2023 Sep 14:108471.

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Multi-omics profiling reveals cellular pathways and functions regulated by ALDH1B1 in colon cancer cells.

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Lung Cancer. 2023 Sep 7;185:107360.

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Funding and Award Opportunities

The Blood and Marrow Transplant Clinical Trials Network - Core Clinical Centers (UG1 Clinical Trial Optional)

This NOFO invites applications to participate as Core Clinical Centers and Consortia in the BMT CTN. Core Clinical Centers and Consortia are expected to support and conduct multi-site trials to compare novel treatment approaches and management strategies for children and adults undergoing hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HCT) for non-malignant and malignant blood diseases, either alone or in combination with novel adoptive cell-based therapies.

Application Deadline: October 2, 2023

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We're looking back on the Closer to Free Ride and sharing a few more photos of the day! Thank you again to all of our riders, volunteers, donors, and friends for making the day so special.



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"What is most inspiring is that research has led to cures and has improved the lives of many patients," said Francine Foss, MD, in a Q&A for Blood Cancer Awareness Month, pointing to a paradigm shift over the last five years towards newer, more patient-friendly treatments including oral therapies, targeted biologics, and immunotherapies.

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Blood Cancer Awareness Month



Francine Foss, MD
Professor of Medicine (Hematology) and of Dermatology
Director, Multidisciplinary T Cell Lymphoma Program
Scientific Leader, Lymphoma Clinical Research Team

"Lymphoma is a disease which can strike any one of us, young and old, at any time. Often there are not predisposing factors or lifestyle changes which can be avoided. What is critical for patients and families to know is that we have made tremendous progress in lymphoma with a panoply of novel treatments over the last few years."

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The Blood and Marrow Transplant Clinical Trials Network - Data Coordinating Center (U24)

This NOFO invites applications to participate as the Data Coordinating Center (DCC) for the BMT CTN. The overall goals are to identify and address gaps in HCT and adoptive cell therapy outcomes for blood diseases; rapidly disseminate study results to improve the scientific basis of the therapies being studied; provide a platform to train emerging clinical trial investigators; build a biorepository for future research that includes specimens linked to clinical data and outcomes from patients with non-malignant blood diseases who receive these therapies; and ultimately improve the life and quality of life for patients with blood diseases who receive HCT or adoptive cell therapies.

Application Deadline: October 2, 2023

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Charles H. Hood Foundation Child Health Research Awards Program

The intent of the Child Health Research Awards Program is to support newly independent faculty, provide the opportunity to demonstrate creativity, and assist in the transition to other sources of research funding.

Application Deadline: October 4, 2023

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Cancer Prevention, Detection, Diagnosis, and Treatment Technologies for Global Health (U01)

This NOFO supports the development of cancer-relevant technologies suitable for use in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). Specifically, the NOFO solicits applications for projects to adapt, apply, and validate existing or emerging technologies into a new generation of user-friendly, low-cost technologies for preventing, detecting, diagnosing, and/or treating cancers in people living in LMICs.

Application Deadline: October 13, 2023

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Single Source: Pediatric Early Phase Clinical Trials Network (PEP-CTN; UM1)

Through this non-competitive single source cooperative agreement NOFO, the NCI solicits an application from the Public Health Institute with the intent of funding a single award to continue to support and enhance the Pediatric Early Phase Clinical Trials Network (PEP-CTN) for conducting early phase clinical trials in children with cancer.

Letter of Intent Due: October 15, 2023

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2024 Innovation Awards Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation

The Innovation Grant is designed to provide critical and significant seed funding for researchers with a novel approach to pediatric oncology scientific investigation. Proposals should be hypothesis-driven and innovative. This may represent a change in research direction and/or an innovative idea that moves away from an investigator's prior research but for which a strong case is made for the potential impact on childhood cancers.

Letter of Intent Deadline: October 16, 2023

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ASCO Conquer Cancer Career Development Award

The Career Development Award (CDA) provides research funding to clinical investigators, who have received their initial faculty appointment, as they work to establish an independent clinical cancer research program. This is a mentored award and the research project is conducted under the guidance of a scientific mentor. The research must have a patient-oriented focus, including a clinical research study and/or translational research involving human subjects.

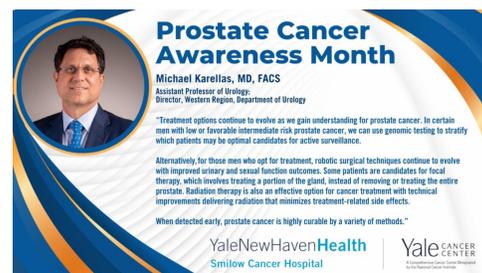
Application Deadline: October 19, 2023

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WVBY Pilot Project Program Funding

Guiding men through difficult decisions surrounding screening for cancer, the possible need for a biopsy and, eventually, if cancer is detected, what treatment options are best are aspects of practicing urologic oncology that Michael Karellas, MD, finds most rewarding.

"The overwhelming majority of urologic cancers are curable if detected early. I enjoy being able to offer surgery for patients who opt for this treatment as well as being part of a team that helps patients navigate their cancer journey."



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Once again, the Smilow Salute welcomed Closer to Free riders as they passed the front of Smilow Cancer Hospital with cheers, banners, and hugs. Thank you to all of our riders, volunteers, sponsors, patients, families, and our entire community for making today so special!



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WHRY Pilot Project Program Funding

Proposals sought: Those that advance our understanding of the health of women and/or the influence of sex and gender on health

Funding opportunities:

Annual Pilot Project Award (\$35,000 max) for research designed to meet a clear need in advancing the health of women.

The Wendy U. & Thomas C. Naratil Pioneer Award (\$50,000 max) for highly inventive, new research on the health of women designed to achieve a breakthrough, or ongoing research in which funding is needed to achieve a discovery.

Community-Based Research Awards (up to \$35,000) for data-driven community-based research designed to advance the health of women as a pathway to economic and social mobility.

Letter of Intent Deadline: Thursday, October 19, 2023

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2024 Pershing Square Sohn Prize for Young Investigators in Cancer Research

The Pershing Square Sohn Prize for Young Investigators in Cancer Research provides greater New York City area-based early career scientists the freedom to take risks and pursue their boldest research at a stage when traditional funding is lacking. As of 2023, Prize winners each receive \$250,000 a year for three years, totaling \$750,000. At least six prizes are awarded annually.

Letter of Intent Due: October 30, 2023

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Leveraging Social Networks to Promote Widespread Individual Behavior Change (R01)

The purpose of this NOFO is to invite basic observational or experimental behavioral and/or social science R01 applications that test how intrapersonal and interpersonal mechanisms of behavior change interact with, influence, or are influenced by characteristics of social networks, with implications for health. Research supported through this NOFO will examine at least two levels of analysis: interpersonal processes and social network characteristics.

Application Deadline: November 3, 2023

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Investigator-Initiated Research in Genomics and Health Equity (R01)

The purpose of this initiative is to support investigator-initiated research in genomics and health equity, with the ultimate goal of developing approaches, generating and disseminating data, and implementing metrics or interventions that will advance the equitable use of genomics to improve health in U.S. populations.

Application Deadline: November 8, 2023

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ACRA for Diversity and Inclusion in Breast Cancer Research

This award is designed with the primary goal of increasing diversity in the oncology workforce and cancer research. Awards will be given to mid-career

investigators who are members of racial and/or ethnic groups traditionally excluded in academic medicine and biomedical research, and who wish to conduct original breast cancer research not currently funded.

Application Deadline: November 16, 2023

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Development of Innovative Informatics Methods and Algorithms for Cancer Research and Management (R21)

The purpose of this FOA is to invite exploratory/developmental research grant applications (R21) for innovative informatics methods and algorithms to improve the acquisition, analysis, visualization, or interpretation of data across the cancer research continuum including cancer biology, cancer treatment and diagnosis, early cancer detection, risk assessment and prevention, cancer control and epidemiology, and/or cancer health disparities.

Application Deadline: November 17, 2023



Welcome, Dr. [@justine_ryu](#), who cares for patients as part of the [@SmilowCancer](#) Classical Hematology Program in Orange, CT. Dr. Ryu treats patients with thrombosis, anemia, bleeding and platelet disorders, and other hematological conditions.



Dr. Liane Philpotts shares a commentary in [@radiology_rsna](#) suggesting #AI matches human performance for #mammography screening.



"There are some exciting new treatments available, esp in women with #endometrialcancer. Women are also tolerating #cancer treatment well + can often live very normal lives." -Johanna D'Addario, MHS, PA-C.



Our Cancer Prevention and Control Research Program welcomes [@LouiseWangMD](#), a #physicianscientist who looks to improve traditional cancer risk prediction by integrating classic epidemiological approaches with human genetics + genomics.



Dr. Alessandro Santin et. al reviewed existing publications on the promise and potential of antibody drug conjugates #ADC to provide significant, field-defining improvements in the care of gynecologic malignancies.



[@LaylaDoren1](#) shares how we can improve our support of patients with #SickleCell and become better educated on the disease.



Tonight at 7:30pm on Yale Cancer Answers, cancer researcher [@sidichen](#) discusses his new study looking at ways to substantially improve the effectiveness of CAR-T cell therapy. Listen live on [@wnpr](#) or download our podcast from [@iTunes](#).



Looking back on last week's [@CTFRide](#) and sharing a few more photos of the day! Thank you again to all of our riders, volunteers, donors, and friends for making the drive special.

Application Deadline: November 17, 2023

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Early-Stage Development of Informatics Technologies for Cancer Research and Management (U01)

The purpose of this FOA is to invite Cooperative Agreement (U01) applications for the development of enabling informatics technologies to improve the acquisition, management, analysis, and dissemination of data and knowledge across the cancer research continuum including cancer biology, cancer treatment and diagnosis, early cancer detection, risk assessment and prevention, cancer control and epidemiology, and/or cancer health disparities.

Application Deadline: November 17, 2023

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Advanced Development of Informatics Technologies for Cancer Research and Management (U24)

The purpose of this FOA is to invite Cooperative Agreement (U24) applications for advanced development and enhancement of emerging informatics technologies to improve the acquisition, analysis, visualization, and interpretation of data across the cancer research continuum including cancer biology, cancer treatment and diagnosis, early cancer detection, risk assessment and prevention, cancer control and epidemiology, and cancer health disparities.

Application Deadline: November 17, 2023

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Sustained Support for Informatics Technologies for Cancer Research and Management (U24)

The purpose of this FOA is to invite Cooperative Agreement (U24) applications for the continued development and sustainment of high value informatics research resources to improve the acquisition, management, analysis, and dissemination of data and knowledge across the cancer research continuum including cancer biology, cancer treatment and diagnosis, early cancer detection, risk assessment and prevention, cancer control and epidemiology, and/or cancer health disparities.

Application Deadline: November 17, 2023

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Understanding and Mitigating Health Disparities experienced by People with Disabilities caused by Ableism (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)

The goal of this NOFO is to encourage research to understand the impact of ableism on health outcomes. Research on the underlying mechanisms by which ableism adversely influences the health of persons with disabilities (PWD), as well as developing and/or testing interventions at a community or health systems level to mitigate adverse health effects of ableism are high priority.

Application Deadline: November 29, 2023

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Congratulations to Veda Giri, MD, @vedangiri and Lajos Pusztai, MD, DPhil, on this special honor!



Research led by @DrRoyHerbstYale suggests that #NC318, both alone and in combination with pembrolizumab, improved response rates and clinical outcomes for some patients with #NSCLC.



Register for a free #prostatecancer screening on Wednesday, Sept. 20 from 5-7pm at @BPTHOSP MedEase Unit.



15 year old Evie of Westport fought #leukemia as a child. Now, as a teenager in remission, she returned to Yale New Haven Children's Hospital for her @MakeAWishCT wish: to be a #pediatriconcologist. Watch below:



.@JeffTownsend shares new research @WTNH on what #cancer treatments are associated with a higher risk of #COVID infection, and what kind of booster schedules might aid those patients.



“Our study suggests that #artificialintelligence has the ability to improve the identification of PD-L1 positive patients by providing a predictive accuracy that was better than manual scoring.”

Calendar

New England Hematologic Malignancies Symposium

September 22-23, 12:00 – 5:00 PM

Connecticut Convention Center: 100

Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT

Noffar Bar, MD | John C. Byrd, MD, FACP |

Adam D. Cohen, MD | Irene Ghobrial, MD

Elias Jabbour, MD | Eric D. Jacobsen, MD |

Shaji K. Kumar, MD | Ann S. LaCasce, MD,

MMSc

Alfred Lee, MD, PhD | Sudhanshu Mulay,

MD | Gail J. Roboz, MD | Gilles Salles, MD.

PhD
Abdulraheem Yacoub, MD
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Yale Cancer Answers
September 24; 7:30PM

WNPR
Robotic Surgery for Lung Cancer
Justin Blasberg, MD
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**Multidisciplinary Portal Hypertension and
Vascular Liver Disorders Conference**

September 26, 7:30 AM

Location TBA
Todd Schlachter, MD
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Palliative Care Journal Club

September 26, 12:00 PM

FMP 132
*Listening to the Unheard: Community-Based
Advance Care Planning*
Mary Thomas, MD
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Palliative Care Case Conference

September 26, 4:00 PM

FMP 618
*Balancing Analgesia and Alertness at the
End of Life*
Caitlin Bennett, MD
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Endocrine Workshop

September 27 4:00 PM

FMP132
*My Approach to Hyperandrogenism in
Women (including PCOS)*
Clare Flannery, MD
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**Yale Cancer Center and Smilow Cancer
Hospital Town Hall**

September 27, 5:00 PM

Zoom
Eric Winer, MD | Lori Pickens, MHA | Kevin
Billingsley, MD, MBA | Kim Slusser, RN |
Michele Kelvey-Albert, MPH | Tara Sanft, MD
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Therapeutic Radiology Grand Rounds

September 28 9:00 AM

Smilow LL505
Comparative Global Oncology: Cervical

Cancer Treatment in Gabon

Luiza Bett, BS

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Immunobiology Seminar Series

September 28, 10:30 AM

The Anlyan Center

The determinants of anti-tumor immunity in kidney cancer

David A. Braun, MD, PhD

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Grand Rounds – Pathology

September 28, 12:30 PM

FMP Auditorium

L. Jeffrey Medeiros, MD

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Yale’s Review of Advances in Oncology Highlights from the 2023 ASCO® Annual Meeting

September 29, 7:15 AM

Anthony’s Ocean View, 450 Lighthouse Road, New Haven

Elizabeth Berger, MD, MS; Aarti Bhatia, MD;

David Braun, MD, PhD; Sabrina Browning, MD; Michael Cecchini, MD Michael

Cohenuram, MD Jacquelyne Gaddy, MD, MSc Sarah Goldberg, MD, MPH; Roy S.

Herbst MD, PhD; Scott Huntington, MD, MPH, MSc; Michael Hurwitz, MD, PhD; Ariel

Jaffe, MD; Patrick Kenney, MD; Sajid Khan, MD, FACS, FSSO; Harriet Kluger, MD;

Shalin Kothari, MD; Ian Krop, MD, PhD; John Kunstman, MD, MHS; Pamela Kunz, MD; Jill

Lacy, MD; Maryam Lustberg, MD, MPH;

David Madoff, MD; Kelsey Martin, MD; Justin Blasberg, MD; Henry Park, MD, MPH; Saral

Mehra, MD, MBA; Kelly Olino, MD; Henry Park, MD, MPH; Daniel Petrylak, MD;;

Mariya Rozenblit, MD; Rory Shallis, MD;

Stacey Stein, MD; Mario Strazzabosco, MD;

Tamar Taddei, MD; Hal Tara, MD; Thuy

Tran, MD, PhD; Kiran Turaga, MD, MPH;

Eric Winer, MD; So Yeon Kim, MD; Melissa Young, MD

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Yale Urology CME Symposium

September 29 – October 1, 7:00 PM

Yale Club of New York City

Bulldog Debates

Isaac Y. Kim, MD, PhD, MBA | Thomas Chi, MD | Dinesh Singh, MD | Piruz Motamedinia,

MD Timothy Tran, MD | Daniel S. Kellner, MD | Leslie M. Rickey, MD, MPH | Harris E.

Foster, Jr, MD | Mary Grey Maher, MD | Oz Harmanli, MD | Preston C. Sprenkle, MD | Michael S. Leapman, MD, MHS | Michael El. Karellas, MD, FACS | Patrick A. Kenney, MD | Stanton Honig, MD | Michael Eisenberg, MD | Katherine Rotker, MD | Seth Lerner, MD, FACS | David G. Hesse, MD | Daniel P. Petrylak, MD | Joseph Brito III, MD

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Yale Conference for Alcohol Research and Education (YCARE)

September 30, 8:00 AM

The Anlyan Center

Speakers TBA

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Yale Cancer Answers

October 1; 7:30PM

WNPR

Liver Cancer Awareness Month

Stacey Stein, MD

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Yale Center for Molecular and Systems Metabolism (YMSM)

October 3, 11:00 AM

Brady Memorial Laboratory

A breakdown in mitochondrial endosymbiosis as a cause of inflammatory diseases

Luke O'Neil

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Virtual Survivorship Series

October 3, 5:30 PM

Greenwich Hospital Care Center

Self-care after breast cancer

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Genetics Research-In-Progress (RIP)

October 4, 12:00 PM

SHM I-Wing

Shengyan Jin | Mengze Helen He

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Yale PCCSM Weekly Research Conference

October 5, 12:00 PM

The Anlyan Center

Exploring Nuclear Mechanotransduction in Lung Injury, Repair, and Fibrosis

Megan C. King, PhD

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Yale Cancer Center Grand Rounds

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October 6, 12:00 PM

55 Park Street Auditorium

Moving from Palliation to Cure: Progress in the Treatment of Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer

Roy S. Herbst, MD, PhD

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Office Hour Help Session

October 6, 2023 12:00 PM

Zoom

Get help and answers Closing encounters in Epic

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Caring for Metastatic Breast Cancer

October 7, 2023 9:00 AM

Greenberg Conference Center, 391 Prospect St New Haven

A Conference for Patients & Caregivers

Sandy Cassanelli; Eric Winer, MD; Ian Krop, MD, PhD; Daniel O'Neil, MD, MPH; Elana Ratner, MD, MBA; Courtney McGowan, RDN; Scott Capozza, MT, MS; Sarah Cody; Adrianna Kahn, MD; Sarah Schellhorn, MD; Tara Sanft, MD; Maryam Lustberg, MD, MPH

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