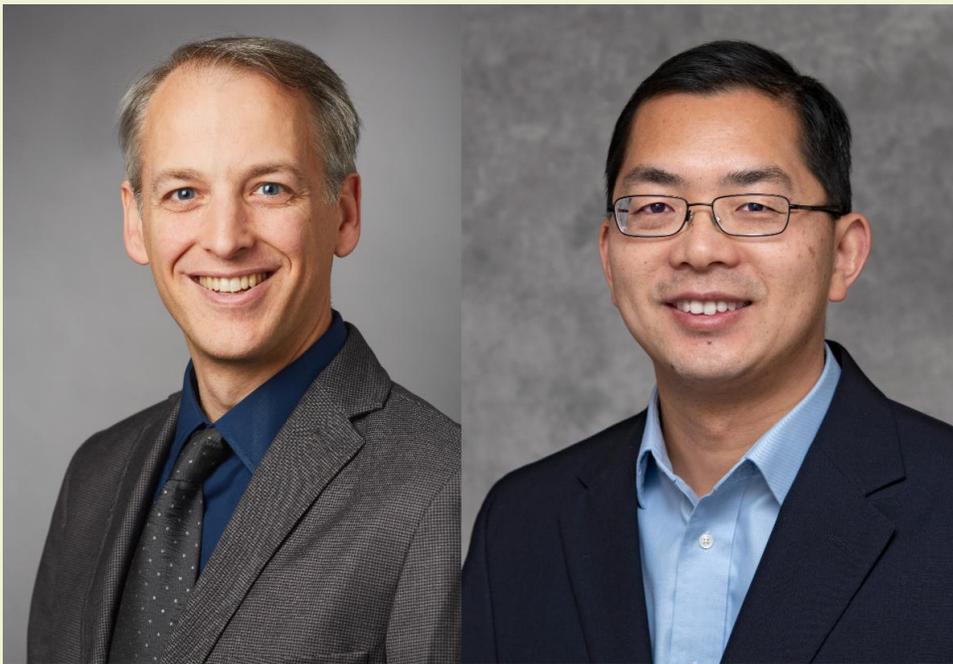


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Announcements

Genomics, Genetics, & Epigenetics Research Program Leadership



We are pleased to announce that **Jeffrey Townsend, PhD**, and **Qin Yan, PhD**, join Lajos Pusztai, MD, DPhil, as Co-Leaders of the Genomics, Genetics, & Epigenetics (GGE) Research Program. Dr. Townsend is the Elihu Professor of Biostatistics and Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology. His research focuses on modeling evolutionary genomics and uses computational analyses to determine which genes are essential to the evolution of cancer. Dr. Yan is an Associate Professor of Pathology and Director of the Center for Epigenetics and Biomarkers, Pathology. His laboratory is focused on understanding the epigenetic mechanisms that drive tumor initiation and progression, particularly in breast cancer tumors, and has made significant contributions to the understanding of KDM5 H3K4me3/2 histone demethylases. Together, Drs. Pusztai, Townsend, and Yan will drive the study of gene alterations in cancer forward, together with the entire membership of our GGE Research Program.

Julie Jung Kang, MD, PhD, Appointed to Therapeutic Radiology

We are pleased to welcome Julie Jung Kang, MD, PhD to the



from the desk of
Nita Ahuja, MD, MBA, FACS
Interim Director, Yale Cancer Center
Interim Physician-in-Chief,
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Pathologist Natalia Buza, MD, on Cervical Health Awareness Month

A portrait of Natalia Buza, MD, a woman with short dark hair and glasses, wearing a black blazer over a white shirt. She is smiling slightly.

"HPV vaccination is one of the best tools we have currently to prevent cervical cancer. I had my daughters vaccinated and I strongly encourage all parents to get their kids (girls—and boys as well!) vaccinated against HPV. "

Natalia Buza, MD
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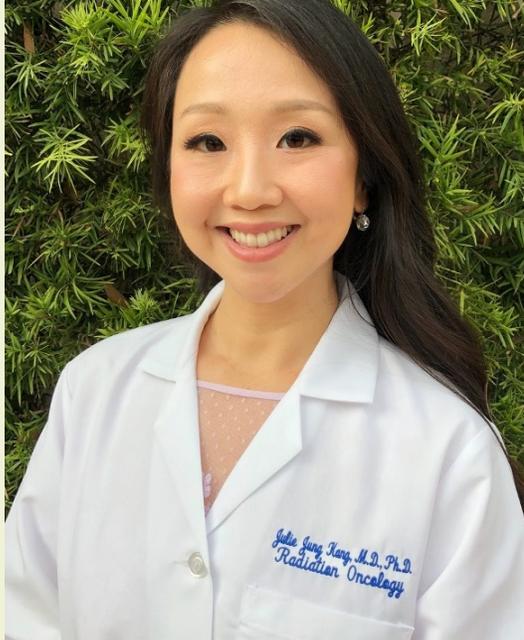
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A small pink ribbon logo, a symbol for cervical cancer awareness.

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Department of Therapeutic Radiology. Dr. Kang will join the Smilow Radiation Oncology team in Trumbull in April from Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC), where she is currently an Assistant Attending of Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Kang is a graduate of Yale University. She received her medical degree in 2010 from Keck School of Medicine of USC where she also received her PhD in Systems Biology. At MSKCC, she has led clinical trials in treatment de-escalation and immunotherapy in head and neck cancer. Her clinical and research interests include head and neck cancer and genitourinary malignancies.



Notables

Gilda's Club Westchester has honored **D. Barry Boyd, MD, MS**, Assistant Professor of Medicine (Medical Oncology) at the Smilow Cancer Hospital Care Center in Greenwich, with the inaugural **Spirit of Excellence in Oncology Award** for his incredible contributions to the field of oncology. The Club recognized Dr. Boyd for the care he gave to Gilda Radner and the thousands of patients with cancer over the past 20+ years and for his support of the Gilda's Club mission through our Professional Advisory Board.

We are proud to announce that four **2021 Young Investigator Award** winners were selected by the **American Journal of Hematology** (AJH) in recognition of their study, "Intermediate-dose anticoagulation, aspirin, and in-hospital mortality in COVID-19: a propensity score-matched analysis."

George Goshua, MD, Clinical Fellow in the Hematology/Oncology Fellowship Program, **Matthew Meizlish, MPhil**, a MD/PhD student in the lab of Dr. Ruslan Medzhitov, **Rebecca Fine, MD**, Resident in Internal Medicine, and **Yiwen Liu, MS**, of Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, were honored as first authors of the publication based on the scientific quality and originality of the work.

Aileen Fernandez, PhD, a postdoctoral fellow in the laboratory of David Rimm, MD, PhD, in the Department of Pathology, was awarded a travel grant to attend the **Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer's Cancer Immunotherapy Winter School 2022** next week. The award is to support young investigators and clinicians to supplement costs to attend the conference.

Elizabeth Prsic, MD, Assistant Professor of Medicine (Medical Oncology)

Breast Surgeon joins Smilow Cancer Hospital Care Center at Greenwich

A graphic for a press release. On the left is the Yale New Haven Health Smilow Cancer Hospital logo. On the right, there is a small photo of Alyssa Gillego, MD, and text providing her name, title (Assistant Professor of Surgery, Surgical Oncology), contact information (303-863-4250, alyssa.gillego@yale.edu), and location (Smilow Cancer Hospital Care Center at Greenwich, 77 Lafayette Place, Suite 302, Greenwich, CT 06830).

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and Director of the Adult Inpatient Palliative Care Program for Smilow Cancer Hospital, has been named a **Panel Member for the Clinical Practice Guidelines on Adult Cancer Pain for the National Comprehensive Cancer Network.**

Janie Zhang, MD, a Clinical Fellow in the Hematology/Oncology fellowship program, has received a **2022 ASCO Foundation Conquer Cancer Award** in recognition of her abstract at ASCO GI, *Clinical Significance and Biomarker Potential of MGMT Protein Measurement in Colorectal Cancer.*

Maryam Lustberg, MD, MPH, Associate Professor of Medicine (Medical Oncology) and Director of the Center for Breast Cancer at Smilow Cancer Hospital and Yale Cancer Center, has co-edited ***Diagnosis, Management and Emerging Strategies for Chemotherapy-Induced Neuropathy.***

Mehra Golshan, MD, MBA, Deputy Chief Medical Officer for Surgical Services and Professor of Surgery (Surgical Oncology), presented on *Innovative Image Guided Breast Surgery: Intraoperative MRI, Mass Spec and Beyond* at the **14th Breast- Gynecological & Immunooncology International Cancer Conference** earlier this week from Cairo, Egypt.

Elena Ratner, MD, Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Sciences, and **Stanton Honig, MD**, Professor of Urology, shared their expertise and presented on *Sexuality, Intimacy and Menopause for Cancer Survivors* and *Fertility in the Oncologic Patient* last week during an International CME meeting on Survivorship and Cancer Control: Raising the Goals and Optimizing Care Forum hosted from Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. In addition, **Mehra Golshan, MD, MBA**, served on the scientific committee for the program, as moderator, and as a presenter on *Management of Chronic Symptoms and Complications Post Breast Cancer Surgery.*

Gregory Riley has joined Yale Cancer Center as the **Division Administrator for Medical Oncology.** In this newly created role, Greg will serve as the strategic and operational leader for the Section of Medical Oncology, partnering closely with the Section Chief, Deputy Director, and Associate Director of Finance on development of annual budgets and reports, monitoring clinical revenue performance and productivity metrics, and partnering with Smilow operations leadership on clinical practice management and business plan performance tracking. Greg will work closely with Roy S. Herbst, MD, PhD, Chief of Medical Oncology, and Medical Oncology leadership to lead and support Section initiatives and communications including clinical care, research, education, faculty leadership, and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion initiatives.

The Yale Cancer Center Genetics, Genomics, & Epigenetics Research Program is proud to welcome **Mathieu Bakhom, MD, PhD**, and **E. Zeynep Erson Omay, PhD** to its program. Dr. Bakhom is an Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology (Retina) and Dr. Erson Omay is an Assistant Professor of Neurosurgery.

Gloria Huang, MD, in Honor of Cervical Health Awareness Month



"Often, there are no symptoms or warning signs until cervical cancer is advanced. That is one reason that prevention and screening is critically important for saving lives and reducing mortality."

Gloria Huang, MD, FACOG

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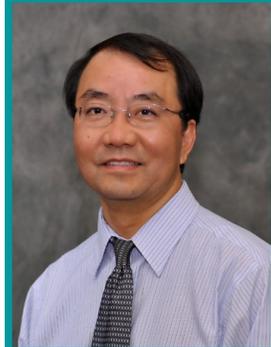
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Pathologist Pei Hui, MD, PhD, on Cervical Health Awareness Month



"We work together daily, not just making histological and cytological diagnoses, but also interacting with our oncology team at Smilow Cancer Hospital on every front in terms of cervical cancer prevention, early detection, and timely therapeutic intervention for our patients."

Pei Hui, PhD, MD

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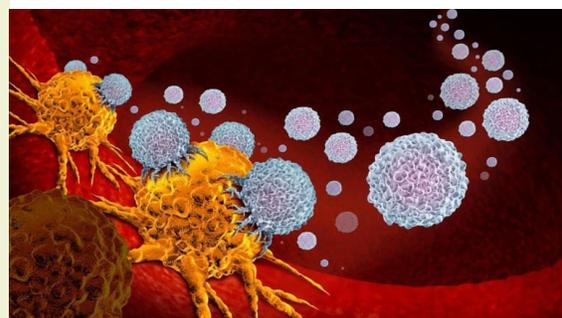
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Shari Damast, MD, in Honor of Cervical Health Awareness Month



"It can be scary to receive any kind of cancer diagnosis, but in recent years, treatment options for

Dr. Bakhom's current work aims to functionally link two hallmarks of cancer, chromosomal instability, and epigenetic alterations, while explaining how they interact to drive tumor progression, with a special focus on uveal melanoma. The overarching goal of Dr. Bakhom's independent research program is to determine mechanisms that regulate metastasis-initiation in uveal melanoma and translate this knowledge to develop non-invasive biomarkers for diagnosis and metastatic surveillance, and to identify druggable targets that can be employed to inhibit uveal melanoma progression.



Dr. Erson Omay is a computational biologist specializing in molecular characterization of primary brain tumors utilizing various multi-omic/multi-level methods. She has been leading the efforts in computational multi-omic analysis of various tumor types such as meningiomas, gliomas, and pituitary adenomas. Her recent studies have been focusing on the inter- and intra-tumor genomic heterogeneity and molecular characterization of rare subtypes/clinical outlier groups in various brain tumor types.



The **NCCN 2022 Breast Cancer Congress** with updates from the 2021 San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium (SABCS) will be held virtually on Friday, February 11, 2022, from 10:00 AM – 5:30 PM EST. This program will feature NCCN Member Institution experts, including **Maryam Lustberg, MD, MPH**, **Kathryn Daniels Mason, FNP**, and **Annette Hood, PharmD, BCACP**, from Smilow Cancer Hospital presenting on pain and neuropathy, and review the current standard of care for patients with breast cancer, the latest NCCN Guidelines recommendations, and recent clinical research updates. To register for the upcoming Virtual Congress, click here.

Please save the date for the **Yale Liver Diamond Jubilee** on February 25, 2022 from 8:30 am to 5:15 pm. This event, organized by the **Yale Liver Center**, will celebrate 75 years of academic hepatology at Yale! During these 75 years, Hepatology became a complex scientific discipline with multiple ramifications in all fields of biomedicine. These efforts have resulted in improved treatments and outcomes for patients affected by liver disease. Hepatology is now a high intensity discipline practiced by physicians with diverse backgrounds and skills.

From a platform built on "Yale Liver" accomplishments, we will look at the path ahead and the scientific and clinical questions that will keep the hepatology community occupied for years to come.

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cervical cancer have really advanced—not only are patients surviving—but also the newest treatments have limited their side effects enabling our patients to go about their daily lives much easier than ever."

Shari Damast, MD

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Congratulations to Natalie Smith, MS, RDN, nutrition program coordinator, Smilow Cancer Hospital Care Center at Waterford, who recently received the Lawrence + Memorial Hospital 365 Award, a prestigious honor given to hospital members who best

exemplify our mission, vision, and values, with a focus on our patients and each other — 365 days a year!

Yale Panel to Develop Measures to Address Equity in Incidental Lung Nodule Follow-up

CT scanning of the chest is frequently performed in emergency department patients to detect injuries from trauma or conditions such as a pulmonary embolism or aortic pathology. While most of these scans will be negative, as many as 20% may reveal a lung nodule for which follow-up is recommended, and a small number of these will progress to cancer. Early diagnosis of lung cancer is crucial to outcomes.

Unfortunately, many patients may not receive this follow-up, and follow-up may often depend on social determinants of health including insurance status, race/ethnicity, and socioeconomic status. With funding support from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, Yale School of Medicine is creating an Equity in Cancer Diagnosis Technical Expert Panel to provide guidance in the development of equity measures in the follow-up and diagnosis of cancer in emergency department patients.

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Employee Profile: Dismayra Martinez

For the nearly six years, Dismayra Martinez, MHE, CCRP, has served as a liaison between Principal Investigators, their respective study team, and the various oversight committees in her role as a Research Oversight Committee Regulatory Analyst for the Yale Center for Clinical Investigation. Dismayra is responsible for appropriately coordinating, assigning, and documenting the oversight committees' review of new and ongoing research within Yale Cancer Center.



Dismayra is also responsible for scheduling meetings, onboarding new committee members, and handling the day-to-day operations required for making sure the oversight committees are running smoothly. Outside of her work life, Dismayra is involved in the Yale Latino Networking Group (YLNG), which she co-chaired for two years. YLNG seeks to promote a community of interest among Latino staff members, and to promote an inclusive and empowering work environment for all Yale employees. She found it very fulfilling to join this group after moving to Connecticut from NYC 11 years ago, and it was a way for her to meet people and get involved in the community.

"I am constantly learning in this role and enjoy being a part of the Yale family," said Dismayra. "This job is a perfect fit for me as I enjoy working on the research side of things, and there is constantly something new happening in this field."

Natalie spearheaded a program for our patients who have cancers of the head and neck to ensure that they have not only the nutritional support, but also the emotional and rehabilitative support in order to navigate the side effects from their multiple treatments. Her groundwork in early initiation of feeding tubes has set a new standard for patient care. During this past year, Natalie achieved her Certified Specialist in Oncology Nutrition and is now one of only twenty in the state to achieve this high distinction.



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"Typically we would give patients chemotherapy, but what we've learned is if we add some of these newer biological therapies & targeted agents, patients are doing a lot better." Smilow Cancer Hospital's Dr. Francine Foss on the evolution in the treatment of T-Cell Lymphoma.



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Tune in to Yale Cancer Answers to hear a discussion with Dr. Amy Justice and Dr. Vin Lo Rey, from the University of Pennsylvania, to learn how they collaborate across institutions to conduct important research into medications that increase the risk of developing liver cancer. Listen on Connecticut Public Radio or download our podcast from iTunes.



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January is cervical health awareness month. Our Gynecologic Oncology Program team is available to consult and assist women in need of screening, HPV vaccination, diagnosis, treatment, and supportive care. Please take a moment to learn more about the services available, and reach out if you need assistance.



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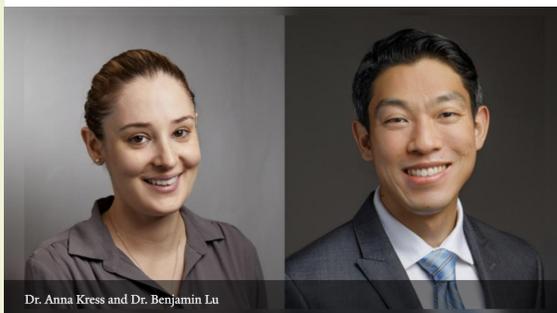
British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology, Online ahead of print.

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Thanks to the inspiring leadership of Chief Fellows Dr. Anna Kress & Dr. Benjamin Lu, our Yale Medical Oncology/Hematology Fellowship Program has Diversity, Equity & Inclusion curriculum integrated into the didactic component of training for all fellows.



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Join @MehraGolshan as he presents today on "Innovative Image Guided Breast Surgery: Intraoperative MRI, Mass Spec and Beyond" at @myBGICC from Cairo.



Please join us at Noon today for Grand Rounds with Dr. Kathryn Miller-Jensen presenting on #endometrialcancer & Dr. Clare Flannery sharing the latest on dendritic cell functional diversity.



Dr. Kelly Olino @YaleCancer Grand Rounds- "New translational research aided by the Yale SPORE in #SkinCancer may lead to new treatment options for #MerkelCellCarcinoma."

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Expert Review of Neurotherapeutics, Online ahead of print.

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Randomized Phase III Trial of Paclitaxel and Carboplatin Versus Paclitaxel and Ifosfamide in Patients With Carcinosarcoma of the Uterus or Ovary: An NRG Oncology Trial

Journal of Clinical Oncology, Online ahead of print.

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Funding and Award Opportunities

ASCO Medical Student Rotation for Underrepresented Populations

Provides financial support for U.S. medical students from populations underrepresented in medicine and who are interested in oncology as a career to experience a minimum 4-week clinical or clinical research rotation.

Application Deadline: January 25, 2022

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ASCO Diversity Mentoring Program

Designed to encourage U.S. based medical students and residents who are underrepresented in medicine to pursue rewarding careers in oncology by pairing with a mentor.

Application Deadline: January 25, 2022

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BMSF Clinical Investigator Pipeline Program

This Program was established to build the pipeline of community oriented clinical trialists of diverse backgrounds who are committed to increasing diversity, equity and inclusion in clinical trials. This will be a 6-week summer externship program for 250 underrepresented medical students, and with hands-on community-oriented clinical trial experience in underserved communities.

Application Deadline: January 28th, 2022

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Leslie Warner Postdoctoral Fellowships for Cancer Research

The Fellowships will support early-stage promising trainees that are conducting innovative basic, translational, clinical, or population-based cancer research with a Yale Cancer Center member. Relevance of proposed research to our catchment area priorities is also encouraged. Candidates may have up to one year of postdoctoral experience from the time of application.

Internal Deadline: February 1, 2022

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 @YaleCancer's Maryam Lustberg focuses on helping patients with breast cancer better tolerate their treatments

 @PamelaKunzMD @YaleCancer Grand Rounds - "An explosion of research started in 2011 that led to US_FDA approved therapeutic and diagnostic options for #NETS"

 "With pathologic staging in HPV-associated cancer, you can reduce the intensity of the postoperative reatment."— @BarbaraBurtness talking to @cure_magazine about the results of the E3311 clinical trial.

 .@GloriaHuangMD in honor of #cervicalcancerawarenessmonth - "Patients with high-risk or advanced cervical cancer are offered a multi-modal individualized treatment plan to achieve best outcomes."

 Join us at Noon today for a virtual Yale Cancer Center Grand Rounds. @PamelaKunzMD discusses "Establishing the Yale #Neuroendocrine Tumor Program" & Dr. Kelly Olino reports on "#MerkelCell Carcinoma."

 Research in the Journal of Gastrointestinal Oncology led by @timilpatel shows patients treated w/fofirinix had increased survival & time to treatment discontinuation vs. gemcitabine + nab-paclitaxel for adv. #pancreaticcancer.

 Congratulations to Dr. Nikhil Joshi @JoshiLabYale recognized by the @TheMarkFdn with a 2022 Emerging Leader Award to support his T-Cell immunosurveillance research.

 "We would give patients chemotherapy, but what we've learned is if we add some of these newer biological therapies & targeted agents, patients are doing a lot better."— Dr. Francine Foss on the evolution in treating T-Cell #Lymphoma.

 @NCCN released new #COVID19 vaccination guidelines to protect people w/cancer based on the latest FDA

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Leukemia Research Foundation Grant

The application process for the 2022-2023 funding cycle has begun! Grants of up to \$100K are available to new investigators -- researchers within seven years of their first independent faculty-level position. Research projects must focus on a blood cancer (leukemia, lymphoma, myeloma, or MDS).

Letter of Intent Due: February 4, 2022

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Modulating Human Microbiome Function to Enhance Immune Responses Against Cancer (R01, R21)

The purpose of this FOA is to support basic research that elucidates mechanisms by which the human microbiome inhibits or enhances anti-tumor immune responses, and to identify potential novel molecular targets for cancer prevention strategies.

Application Deadline: February 5, 2022

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Pediatric Oncology Student Training (POST) Program

As part of the Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation (ALSF), the POST Program is designed for undergraduate, graduate, and medical students who have an interest in pediatric oncology research and would like to experience the field firsthand. Students train with a pediatric oncology research mentor. Students may join a research project underway in a mentor's lab or begin an original investigation with the mentor.

Application Deadline: February 21, 2022

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Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network (BCAN) Early Career Investigator Awards

- **Young Investigator Award 2022:** This award is for outstanding early-career scientists and clinical cancer research investigators with a demonstrated commitment to improving the understanding and treatment of bladder cancer and/or upper tract urothelial cancer research. https://bcan.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/2021_01_04_YIA-Guidelines-2022_FINAL.pdf
- **2022 Patient-Centered Clinical Research Young Investigator Award:** PCCYIA is for early-career scientists and clinical care researchers investigating transformational patient-oriented clinical bladder cancer research. https://bcan.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/2021_01_04_YIA-PCC-Guidelines-2022_FINAL-1.pdf

Application Deadlines: February 22, 2022

International Lung Cancer Foundation Research Grants

Adequate research funding is key to furthering developments in lung cancer treatment. Through partnering with foundations, non-profits, corporations and individual donors, the International Lung Cancer Foundation (ILCF) provides multiple funding opportunities each year to facilitate scientific advances and save lives. Before beginning your application, please review each section of this website to learn more about our available grants and our process.

Application Deadline: February 28, 2022

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Early K99/R00 Funding Opportunity Announcements

The NCI just released "early K99/R00" NCI Pathway to Independence

people w/cancer based on the latest FDA approvals & surging infections, including expertise from @SmilowCancer physicians



A new study led by @YaleENT and @BarbaraBurtness reports @NCCN guideline adherence in advanced #headandneckcancer improves survival and recommends increased awareness.

Calendar

Endocrinology Clinical Dilemma

January 21; 12:00 PM

Robert Weingold

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Yale Cancer Answers

January 23; 7:30 PM

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Why Do Young Women Develop Breast Cancer?

Mariya Rozenblit, MD

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Radiobiology and Genome Integrity Research Program

January 24; 11:00 AM

Exploration of JAK1 as a Target Governing HNSCC Radioresistance and Development of 111In-αCD68 as a SPECT Agent for Non-invasive Tracking of Microphages In Vivo

Vanessa Kelly and Erika Belitzky

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NCCN Patient Webinar

January 24; 11:15 AM

Small Cell Lung Cancer

Apar Kishor P. Ganti, MD | Wendy Iverson, BSN, RN, OCN | Charles Florsheim, JD

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Yale School of Public Health/Public Health Modeling Unit Seminar Series

January 24; 12:00 PM

Modeling in the Development of National Prevention Policy: US Preventive Service Task Force Guidelines on Screening for Lung and Colorectal Cancer

Douglas K. Owens, MD

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Pathology in Research Progress Talk

January 25; 9:30 AM

The NCI just reissued early K99/R00 - NCI Pathway to Independence Award for Outstanding Early-Stage Postdoctoral Researchers FOAs that might be of interest to some postdoctoral fellows.

- NCI Pathway to Independence Award for Outstanding Early Stage Postdoctoral Researchers (K99/R00 - Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
- NCI Pathway to Independence Award for Outstanding Early Stage Postdoctoral Researchers (K99/R00 - Independent Clinical Trial Required)
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NCI Pathway to Independence Award for Outstanding Early Stage Postdoctoral Researchers (K99/R00)

The purpose of this award is to increase and maintain a strong cohort of new and talented, NCI-supported, independent investigators. This program is designed for postdoctoral fellows with research and/or clinical doctoral degrees who do not require an extended period of mentored research training beyond their doctoral degrees. The objective of this award is to facilitate a timely transition of these fellows from their mentored, postdoctoral research positions to independent tenure-track (or equivalent) faculty positions.

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NCI Pathway to Independence Award for Outstanding Early Stage Postdoctoral Researchers (K99/R00 - Independent Basic Experimental Studies with Humans Required)

This FOA is designed specifically for candidates proposing to serve as the lead investigator of an independent clinical trial, a clinical trial feasibility study, or a separate ancillary clinical trial, as part of their research and career development. Types of studies that should be submitted under this FOA include studies that prospectively assign human participants to conditions (i.e., experimentally manipulate independent variables) and that assess biomedical or behavioral outcomes in humans for the purpose of understanding the fundamental aspects of phenomena without specific application towards processes or products in mind.

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DeLuca Career Development Award 2022

The purpose of this career development award is to provide early career clinical or laboratory-based investigators in Hematology, the opportunity to focus on research to advance patient care, therapies, and outcomes and with the ultimate goal to achieve independent support for their research from a

national agency. For further information contact Richard.Carr@yale.edu

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JH Milstone Fund 2022

This award is to support early-stage investigators and innovative research that improves understanding of bleeding, thrombosis or thrombolysis. The research can focus on the genetics, biochemistry or cell biology of coagulation or thrombolysis or on the causes, pathogenesis, diagnosis or treatment of bleeding and clotting disorders. In the absence of preliminary

January 25; 9:30 AM

Robert Means, MD & Madeline Mayday

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Lectureship

January 25; 12:00 PM

Thoughts on the Nature of Breast Neoplasia

Larry Norton, MD

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Bereavement Seminar

January 25; 5:30 PM

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

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Smilow Shares

January 25; 7:00 PM

Learning about Lung Cancer presented by Smilow Cancer Hospital Care Center in Greenwich

Anne Chiang, MD, PhD | Justin Blasberg, MD, MPH, FACS | M. Sung Lee, MD | Emily Kopas, APRN

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Interventional Radiology Grand Rounds Lecture Series

January 26; 7:30 AM

BCLC Staging System – the 2022 Update

Maria Reig, MD, PhD

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NCCN Patient Webinar

January 26; 3:15 PM

Small Cell Lung Cancer

Apar Kishor P. Ganti, MD | Wendy Iverson, BSN, RN, OCN | Charles Florsheim, JD

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Neuroendocrine Conference

January 26; 4:00 PM

Management of Hypopituitarism

Silvio Inzucchi, MD

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Pathology Grand Rounds

January 27; 12:30 PM

Empowering Change: Effective Strategies to Improve Diversity, Inclusion and Equity in Pathology

Marissa White, MD

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treatment of bleeding and clotting disorders. In the absence of preliminary data, appropriate mentors and/or collaborators are important.

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The Mark Foundation Endeavor Awards

These awards support collaborative research projects that bring together investigators with diverse areas of expertise to tackle challenges in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of cancer. These grants are awarded to teams of three or more investigators to generate and integrate data from diverse lines of research and transform those insights into advances for cancer patients that could not be achieved by individual efforts.

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Breast Cancer Alliance: Exceptional Project Grants

BCA invites clinical doctors and research scientists, including post docs, at any stage of their careers whose primary focus is breast cancer to apply for an Exceptional Project Grant. This award recognizes creative, unique, and innovative research and is open to applicants at institutions throughout the contiguous United States. Only two nominees may be put forward by YCC.

Internal Deadline: March 6, 2022

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BMSF Diversity in Clinical Trials Career Development Program

The intent of this program is to increase diversity in clinical trials. The initiative is comprised of a Career Development Program for early-stage clinical investigators and a Clinical Investigator Pipeline Program (BMSF CIPP) for rising second-year medical students.

Application Deadline: March 15, 2022

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U.S. and Low- and Middle-Income Country (LMIC) HIV-Associated Malignancy Research Centers

The purpose of this FOA is to support research on human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)-associated cancers in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) through the formation of collaborative partnerships between investigators in the United States and investigators in LMICs.

Application Deadline: March 30, 2022

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Innovative Biospecimen Science Technologies for Basic and Clinical Cancer Research (R61)

The overall goal is to support the development of highly innovative technologies capable of maximizing or otherwise interrogating the quality and utility of biological samples used for downstream analyses.

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Advanced Development and Validation of Emerging Biospecimen Science Technologies for Basic and Clinical Cancer Research (R33)

This FOA solicits R33 applications where major feasibility gaps for the technology or methodology have been overcome, as demonstrated with supportive preliminary data, but still require further development and rigorous validation to encourage adoption by the research community.

Application Deadline: April 22, 2022

Yale Pharmacology Faculty Recruitment Seminar

January 27; 12:30 PM

The σ_2 Receptor: From A Pharmacological Curiosity To Structure-Based Drug Discovery

Assaf Alon, PhD

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Cancer Genetics and Prevention Seminar

January 27; 2:30 PM

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Center for GI Cancers Weekly Seminar

January 27; 4:15 PM

Early Phase NET Clinical Trials

Aman Chauhan, MD

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Endocrinology Clinical Dilemma

January 28; 12:00 PM

Carolina Gonzalez-Lopez

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Yale Cancer Center Seminar

January 28; 1:00 PM

Expanding Targeted Therapies in GI Cancers

Olatunji Alese, MD, FWACS

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Yale Cancer Answers

January 30; 7:30 PM

Improving HPV-vaccine Rates among Youths

Sangini S. Seth, MD, MPH, FACOG

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Radiobiology and Genome Integrity Research Program

January 31; 11:00 AM

The Use of CRISPR-Cas9 Technology to Uncover Novel Therapeutic Targets to Enhance Meningioma Radiosensitivity

Marta Baro, PhD

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Yale Cancer Center Grand Rounds

February 1; 12:00 PM

Kurt Schalper, MD, PhD and Jason Sheltzer, PhD

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Yale Center for Immuno-Oncology Seminar (presented as part of the Human

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and Translational Immunology Program Seminar Series)

February 1; 4:00 PM

Understanding Immune Responses to Cancer from Single-cell Data

Matthew Spitzer, PhD

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Neuroendocrine Conference

February 2; 4:00 PM

Pituitary Surgery: Techniques and Pitfalls

Stephanie Cheok, MD

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Pathology Grand Rounds

February 3; 12:30 PM

Pathology Quality & Safety: Managing Mistakes, Mentality and Methods

Yael Heher, MD, MPH, FRCPN (C)

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Center for GI Cancers Weekly Seminar

February 3; 4:15 PM

Industry Presentation

Serge Karpow, PharmD

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Smilow Cancer Hospital and Yale Cancer Center Clinical and Research Town Hall

February 3; 5:00 PM

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