

May 14, 2021

## Announcements

### Celebrating our Oncology Nurses

Congratulations to our nurses and ACAs who were recognized last week at the 2021 Smilow Oncology Nursing Month Award Ceremony, in honor of this year's

Oncology Nursing Society theme, Inspiring Innovation and Inspiring Care. Kim Slusser, RN, hosted the event and highlighted the strength and resilience of our nursing team over the past year before introducing Elisabeth (Liz) DeLuca to provide remarks. Liz commented on the care of her husband at Smilow and the comforting, reassuring presence not only to patients, but to families too, calling our nurses "angels."



Awards were presented to:

- The Claire Puklin Award in Urology: Presented to the entire **Urology Nursing and Technologist Team**
- The 12th Annual Oncology Research Nursing Award for Clinical Excellence: Presented to **Lesa Enchura, RN**, Smilow Cancer Hospital Care Center in Fairfield, and **Tracy Mitchell, RN**, Tier 2, OCN, CMSRN, Inpatient Women's Oncology Unit on SLA5
- The 10th Annual Oncology Research Patient Care Associate Educational Grant: Presented to **Karen London, ACA** II, Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Clinic

### Dr. Vinay Rao Appointed to Palliative Care Program

Vinay Rao, DO, has been appointed Assistant Professor of Medicine (General Medicine) and will care for patients as part of the Palliative Care Program at Smilow Cancer Hospital



from the desk of

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

Interim Director, Yale Cancer Center  
Interim Physician-in-Chief,  
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**New Westerly Hospital Robot, the da Vinci Xi Surgical System, Brings High-Level Care to the Community**



in both our inpatient and outpatient service beginning on August 1. Dr. Rao completed his fellowship in hospice and palliative medicine at Virginia Commonwealth University and received his doctoral degree in osteopathic medicine from A.T. Still University, the founding institution of osteopathic healthcare.



Dr. Rao joins Yale from the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University where he was an Assistant Professor of Medicine and a palliative medicine attending physician at the Miriam Hospital and Fain Cancer Center. He has conducted extensive research looking at quality improvement and molecular genetics. Using his compassion, experience, and knowledge, Dr. Rao seeks to address care of the whole person and help to shape healthcare in underserved populations.

### **Drs. Jill Lacy and Ronald Salem Receive Distinguished Clinical Career Awards**



Jill Lacy, MD, Professor of Medicine (Medical Oncology) and Ronald Salem, MD, FACS, Lampman Professor of Surgery (Surgical Oncology), have been awarded Yale Medicine Distinguished Clinical Career Awards. The award was created by the Yale Medicine Board to “recognize and honor the careers of physicians marked by significant accomplishments, exemplary dedication, and important contributions in

advancing Yale Medicine, the overall medical profession, and the community.”

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### **Four Foundations Join With Yale Neurosurgeon To Provide Free Books About Childhood Brain Tumors To Pediatric Hospitals**



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### **'I'm going to keep fighting': Stamford Player Plays on as he Battles Cancer**



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### **Yale Doctor: Patients with Blood Cancers May Need Extra Care with COVID Vaccinations**



Dr. Lacy's clinical practice is devoted to caring for patients with gastrointestinal malignancies. She is the principal investigator on clinical trials for in gastrointestinal malignancies, including gastroesophageal, pancreatic, and colorectal cancers. She was recently named a Fellow of the American Society of Clinical Oncology.

Dr. Salem, a renowned expert in pancreatic and gastrointestinal cancers, has led surgical oncology at Yale since 1996. As Division Chief in the Department of Surgery and Chief of Surgical Oncology at Smilow Cancer Hospital, the division has grown to include destination sites across the state and more than 17 physicians leading programs in Breast Surgery, Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Surgery, and Endocrine Surgery.

### Remembering Jonathan Bush

Today we extend our deepest sympathies as we remember Jonathan Bush, who passed away last week at the age of 89 at his home in Florida. Mr. Bush was a wonderful advocate of Smilow Cancer Hospital and Yale University (Calhoun College '53), and we are grateful for his longstanding support. He and his wife Jody co-chaired the Capital Campaign for Smilow Cancer Hospital beginning in 2007, along with Louis and Debbie Chênevert and Marvin and Helaine Lender. The successful campaign provided the foundational support for our hospital's successful opening in 2009.

### 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.

**May 27 at 12pm: Therapeutic Advances for Breast Cancer Register**

**June 25 at 8am: Yale's Review of Advances in Oncology: Highlights from ASCO**

## Notables

**Nancy H. Ruddle, PhD**, John Rodman Paul Professor Emerita at the Yale School of Public Health and Yale School of Medicine and a member of Yale Cancer Center's Cancer Immunology Research Program, has been selected as the 2021 recipient of the **Connecticut Medal of Science**. Dr. Ruddle will accept the award at the 46th annual meeting of the Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering to be held virtually on May 27. [Read More](#)

Congratulations to the 2021 recipients of the **DeLuca Center for Innovation in Hematology Research** Pilot Grants:

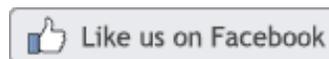
**Lai (Linda) Chan, PhD**



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## Join Smilow Cancer Hospital on Facebook



We are grateful to All American Waste for their pledge to support our 2020 matching gift campaign that raised over \$95,000 additional dollars for Smilow Cancer Hospital and the Closer to Free Fund! We look forward to seeing their team at our Closer to Free Ride on September 11, 2021!



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Leveraging pathway interference for therapeutic benefit in B-cell malignancies

**Francine Foss, MD and Markus Müschen, MD, PhD**

Targeting SYK as a central driver of oncogenic TCR-signaling in peripheral T-cell lymphomas

**Karla Neugebauer, PhD and Manoj Pillai, MBBS**

Single molecule analysis of co-transcriptional RNA processing defects in Myelodysplastic Syndrome (MDS) driven by mutations in splicing factors

**Maryam Lustberg, MD, MPH**, incoming Director of the Smilow Cancer Hospital Breast Center and Chief of Breast Medical Oncology, has received a grant from the **Alliance for Clinical Trials in Oncology** to support her proposal, "PIN ALLIANCE: Power in Numbers using Harmonized GWAS and Toxicity Data."

**Anees Chagpar, MD, MBA, MPH, FACS, FRCS(C)**, Professor of Surgery (Oncology) and a member of the Cancer Prevention and Control Research Program at Yale Cancer Center, was named a **Fellow of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (FASCO)**.

**Amer Zeidan, MBBS**, Associate Professor of Medicine (Hematology), received a UM1 Supplement, in collaboration with Dr. Jerald Radich at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center to support their proposal, "Serial monitoring of circulating cell-free tumor DNA as measured by duplex sequencing in older patients with acute myeloid leukemia who receive azacitidine+venetoclax +/- immune checkpoint blockade."

**Thomas Prebet, MD, PhD**, Associate Professor of Medicine (Hematology), received a UM1 Supplement to fund his research project, "Integration of single cell sequencing as a biomarker of PARP inhibitor response for IDH1 and IDH2 mutated AML and MDS."

**Meena Moran, MD**, Professor of Therapeutic Radiology, has been named the 2021 Commencement Speaker for **Hamden Hall Country Day School**. Dr. Moran also serves as a Trustee at the School.

Week 2 of the **American Association for Cancer Research (AACR)** meeting is scheduled for next week and will include participation from Yale Cancer Center membership. Please log in to support your colleagues:

**Educational Sessions:**

*Phase separation in immune signaling*

**Xiaolei Su, PhD**

Session: May 17; 2:16pm

*Morphological and Molecular Assessment of Tumor Infiltrating Lymphocytes (TIL)*

**David Rimm, MD, PhD**

Session: May 18; 10:16am

*Epigenetic Changes in Aging and Cancer: Two sides of the same coin*

**Morgan Levine, PhD**

Congratulations to Jill Lacy, MD, Professor of Medicine (Medical Oncology), who was recently named a Fellow 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. Lacy was one of 34 recipients nationwide to earn the FASCO designation this year.



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One of the highest honors in the scientific field, Lieping Chen, MD, PhD, United Technologies Corporation Professor in Cancer Research, Professor of Immunobiology, Dermatology, and of Medical Oncology, and Co-Director of the Cancer Immunology Program at Yale Cancer Center, was elected to the National Academy of Sciences (NAS). We are proud to celebrate Dr. Chen's election in recognition of his leadership in the field of PD-L1 biology. He joins 15 other members of Yale Cancer Center as part of this prestigious organization.



Session: May 20; 2:16pm

### Special Sessions:

*Project Livin' Label: Osimertinib - The Backstory*

**Roy Herbst, MD, PhD (Panelist)**

Session: May 20; 9:45am

*Discussion on Issues Important to Tobacco Control*

**Roy Herbst, MD, PhD (Moderator)**

**Suchitra Krishnan-Sarin, PhD (Panelist)**

Session: May 20; 2pm

## Employee Profile: Amelea Lowery

Since June of 2019, Amelea Lowery has supported faculty recruitment efforts as a member of the administrative support team for Yale Cancer Center. And earlier this year, Amelea expanded her role, supporting Marcella Nunez-Smith, MD, MHS, Associate Dean of Health Equity Research, while she was in the midst of beginning to serve as Senior Advisor to the White House COVID-19 Response Team and Chair of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) COVID-19 Health Equity Task Force. For Amelea, overall, this has been 'the ideal job.'



Amelea takes a great amount of pride in offering a seamless recruitment process to faculty applicants, and works closely on this process with her manager, Anna Raso, Administrative Services Supervisor. Pre-COVID, recruitment required coordination for travel and overnight stays while a candidate was on campus for about two days. And through COVID, recruitment did not pause and was in fact busier due to all meetings being virtual and having to juggle numerous calendars. Amelea never missed a beat with the exponentially busier schedule.

"Amelea's proactive work style and stellar organizational skills make her such an integral part of the team, especially in relation to her support of our recruitment efforts. Recruitment candidates are often

impressed with her attention to detail, reliability, and friendly nature during their visits," shares Anna.

In addition to her normal responsibilities, Amelea has an interest in public health. she is a member of the Yale African American Affinity

MD, PhD,  
elected to the  
National  
Academy  
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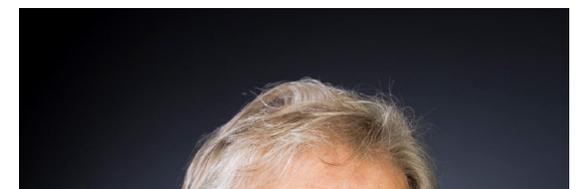
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On Thursday, May 6, we recognized National Nurses Day! Our nurses are the heart of Smilow. Thank you for your sacrifice and care each day.



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Learn more about advances in the treatment of liver cancer with Dr. Mario Strazzabosco on Yale Cancer Answers. Dr. Strazzabosco is the leader of the Liver Cancer Program at Smilow Cancer Hospital and will share his insight on the multidisciplinary care available for our patients. Listen online, or download our weekly podcast from iTunes.



public health, and is a member of the Yale Alumni American Family (YAAA) Group Social Justice Committee and enjoys taking advantage of the numerous seminars Yale hosts. Engaging with visiting candidates and faculty around campus has also been beneficial, providing valuable career advice and opportunities for networking. "This role has brought me such fulfillment and inspiration thanks to working for an amazing manager alongside a great team and having the opportunity to meet incredible candidates and our own faculty."

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## Recent Publications

Puklin, L, Cartmel, B, Harrigan, M, Lu, L, Li, FY, Sanft, T, Irwin, ML  
**Randomized trial of weight loss on circulating ghrelin levels among breast cancer survivors**

*NPJ breast cancer*, 7(1), 49.

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Sutton TL, Walker BS, Billingsley KG, Sheppard BC, Corless CL, Heinrich MC, Mayo SC

**Disease-Free Interval is Associated with Oncologic Outcomes in Patients with Recurrent Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumor**

*Annals of Surgical Oncology*, Online ahead of print.

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Garg T, Johns A, Young AJ, Nielsen ME, Tan HJ, McMullen CK, Kirchner HL, Cohen HJ, Murphy TE

**Geriatric Conditions and Treatment Burden Following Diagnosis of Non-muscle-invasive Bladder Cancer in Older Adults: A Population-based Analysis**

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

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Perazella MA, Sprangers B

**Checkpoint Inhibitor Therapy-associated Acute Kidney Injury: Time to Move on to Evidence-based Recommendations**

*Clinical Kidney Journal*.

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Pratte MA, Ogazi C, Vozzolo C, Wright D, Griffin A

**Evaluating the Impact of Wellness Days on Enrollment of Underserved Women in the Connecticut Early Detection and Prevention Program**

*Health Promotion Practice*, Online ahead of print.

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Wang T, Townsend MK, Eliassen AH, Terry KL, Song M, Irwin ML, Tworoger SS

**Pre- and Post-diagnosis Leisure Time Physical Activity and**

**Survival Following Diagnosis with Ovarian Cancer**

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

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Chang E, Joel MZ, Chang HY, Du J, Khanna O, Omuro A, Chiang V, Aneia S



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Meet our Smilow Cancer Hospital Care Center team from Torrington! Drs. Christina Gomez, Katherine Harvey, Jane Kanowitz, and Ashita Talsania.

### Smilow Cancer Hospital Care Center at **TORRINGTON**

Our Smilow Cancer Hospital Care Center in Torrington provides access to expert cancer care and treatment to patients in northwestern Connecticut. Our Care Center providers collaborate closely with referring physicians, and with our colleagues in the community for radiation oncology and surgical care.

**OUR CLINICAL SERVICES INCLUDE:**

- Outstanding teamwork and patient-centered focus on exceptional cancer care, with Oncology Nursing Society certified nursing staff
- Over 1,000 patient visits and 600 IV and oral treatments per month
- 40 staff members dedicated to coordinated cancer care
- Clinical trials through Yale Cancer Center, Connecticut's only National Cancer Institute designated Comprehensive Cancer Center
- Chemotherapy pharmacy staffed by experienced Clinical Pharmacists with certifications in oncology pharmacy
- Social work, nutrition, complimentary services (Reiki, yoga, massage, hypnosis), palliative care, tobacco cessation, genomic profiling, survivorship planning, healing garden, pharmacy, and support groups all offered on-site



Kristina Gomez,  
MD



Katherine Harvey,  
MD, MPH



Jane Kanowitz,  
MD



Ashita Talsania,  
MRCP, MBBS

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Celebrated annually as part of National Women's Health Week, National Women's Checkup Day was started by the U.S. Department of Health and

Human Services HHS to remind women to take care of themselves and their health by scheduling appointments with a physician. Please share this with your friends as a reminder, and consider reaching out to your provider and schedule your annual screenings if you haven't already.

Annual screenings if you haven't already.

## Comparison of Radiomic Feature Aggregation Methods for Patients with Multiple Tumors

*Scientific Reports.*

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## Zhu G, Su H, Johnson CH, Khan SA, Kluger H, Lu L Intratumour Microbiome Associated with The Infiltration of Cytotoxic CD8+ T Cells and Patient Survival in Cutaneous Melanoma

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

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## Jani KS, Lu SE, Murphy JD, Romesser PB, Jethwa KR, Li D, Chundury A, Wu AJ, Hathout L, Hallemeier CL, Jabbour SK Malignancies Diagnosed before and after Anal Squamous Cell Carcinomas: A SEER Registry Analysis

*Cancer Medicine, Online ahead of print.*

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Muniraj T, Aslanian HR, Laine L, Jamidar PA, Farrell JF, Mitchell KA, Salem RR

## Resection of Pancreatic Cystic Neoplasms in Recurrent Acute Pancreatitis Prevents Recurrent Pancreatitis but Does Not Identify More Malignancies

*World Journal of Gastroenterology.*

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Park S, Matte-Martone C, Gonzalez DG, Lathrop EA, May DP, Pineda CM, Moore JL, Boucher JD, Marsh E, Schmitter-Sánchez A, Cockburn K, Markova O, Bellaïche Y, Greco V

## Skin-resident Immune Cells Actively Coordinate their Distribution with Epidermal Cells during Homeostasis

*Nature Cell Biology, Online ahead of print.*

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Vassilakopoulou M, Won M, Curran WJ, Souhami L, Prados MD, Langer CJ, Rimm DL, Hanna JA, Neumeister VM, Melian E, Diaz AZ, Atkins JN, Komarnicky LT, Schultz CJ, Howard SP, Zhang P, Dicker AP, Knisely JPS

## BRCA1 Protein Expression Predicts Survival in Glioblastoma Patients from an NRG Oncology RTOG Cohort

*Oncology, Online ahead of print.*

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Drzewiecki K, Choi J, Brancale J, Leney-Greene MA, Sari S, Dalgıç B, Ünlüsoy Aksu A, Evirgen Şahin G, Ozen A, Baris S, Karakoc-Aydiner E, Jain D, Kleiner D, Schmalz M, Radhakrishnan K, Zhang J, Hoebe K, Su HC, Pereira JP, Lenardo MJ, Lifton RP, Vilarinho S

## GIMAP5 Maintains Liver Endothelial Cell Homeostasis and Prevents Portal Hypertension

*Journal of Experimental Medicine.*

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Paradkar S, Herrington J, Hendricson A, Hewawasam P, Plummer M, Hoyer D, Sundaram RK, Surovtseva YV, Bindra RS



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May 3 was Melanoma Monday, an important annual reminder to prioritize sun protection and help prevent skin cancer. Avoiding ultraviolet (UV) radiation is important not just when you are at the pool or beach. Even on cloudy days, your skin is at risk. It's also important to monitor your skin for changes once a month. With a mirror, check for any new spots on your skin, spots that appear different from others, or are itching, bleeding, or changing. Don't forget places you can't easily see: your back, the soles of your feet, forearms, neck, and scalp. A general practitioner or dermatologist can also perform a skin check for you!



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Register to join [@MehraGolshan](#)  
[@MaryamLustberg](#), Dr. Michael DiGiovanna  
[@Dr. Andrea Silber](#) for a #CME program to share the latest advances in #breastcancer adjutant

Loyfer D, Chandram RK, Carevtseva TV, Binkra RS  
**Creation of a New Class of Radiosensitizers dor Glioblastoma Based on The Mibefradil Pharmacophore**

*Oncotarget.*

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Miller JE, Mello MM, Wallach JD, Gudbranson EM, Bohlig B, Ross JS, Gross CP, Bach PB

**Evaluation of Drug Trials in High-, Middle-, and Low-Income Countries and Local Commercial Availability of Newly Approved Drugs**

*JAMA Network Open.*

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Lesch, BJ

**Epigenetic States in the Human Placenta: A Singular Epigenome for an Exceptional Tissue**

*Developmental Cell.*

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Claus EB, Cannataro VL, Gaffney SG, Townsend JP

**Environmental and Sex-specific Molecular Signatures of Glioma Causation**

*Neuro-Oncology*, Online ahead of print.

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Dizman N, Meza L, Pal SK

**Biomarker Approach Harnessed in Trials of Personalized Medicine for Bladder Cancer**

*Nature Medicine*, Online ahead of print.

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Horst EN, Bregenzer ME, Mehta P, Snyder CS, Repetto T, Yang-Hartwich Y, Mehta G

**Personalized Models of Heterogenous 3D Epithelial Tumor Microenvironments: Ovarian Cancer as a Model**

*Acta Biomaterialia*, Online ahead of print.

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Bellone S, Roque DM, Siegel ER, Buza N, Hui P, Bonazzoli E, Guglielmi A, Zammataro L, Nagarkatti N, Zaidi S, Lee J, Silasi DA, Huang GS, Andikyan V, Damast S, Clark M, Azodi M, Schwartz PE, Tymon-Rosario J, Harold J, Mauricio D, Zeybek B, Menderes G, Altwerger G, Ratner E, Alexandrov LB, Iwasaki A, Kong Y, Song E, Dong W, Elvin J, Choi J, Santin AD

**A Phase II Evaluation Of Pembrolizumab in Recurrent Microsatellite Instability-High (MSI-H) Endometrial Cancer Patients with Lynch-like versus MLH-1 Methylated Characteristics (NCT02899793)**

*Annals of Oncology*, Online ahead of print.

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Xu L, Chen Y, Huang Y, Sandanaraj E, Yu JS, Lin RY, Dakle P, Ke XY, Chong YK, Koh L, Mayakonda A, Nacro K, Hill J, Huang ML, Gery S, Lim SW, Huang Z, Xu Y, Chen J, Bai L, Wang S, Wakimoto H, Yeo TT, Ang BT, Mischen M, Tang C, Tan TZ, Koefler HP

therapy on Thursday, May 27th at Noon.



.@cancerhistproj shares the story of the remarkable Dr. Paul Calabresi, with perspective from @DeVitaDoctor and @DrRoyHerbstYale, who share their experiences working closely with the giant in #oncology.



We're getting ready for the #AACR21 Virtual Meeting 2 next week! @YaleCancer @SmilowCancer scientists will report on the latest developments in #cancer research, including tobacco control and aging & cancer.



Join us at Noon for a virtual @YaleCancer Grand Rounds. Guest speaker Dr. Tait Shanafelt @StandfordMed will present "Organizational Efforts to Cultivate Healthcare Professional Well-being: Before & After the #COVID19 Pandemic."



Promising new research in @Annals\_Oncology led by Dr. Alessandro Santin shows pembrolizumab is more effective in Lynch-Like vs Methylated patients with recurrent microsatellite instability-high (MSI-H) #endometrialcancer



Congratulations to @AneesChagpar on her election as a 2021 Fellow of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (#FASCO) @ASCO in recognition of exceptional contributions to the #oncology community.



Interested in "Clinical Research Opportunities in #BrainTumors" & "Molecular Basis of Gut Microbiome-associated Carcinogenesis?" Join us today at Noon for a .@YaleCancer virtual Grand Rounds with Dr. Antonio Omuro.



Learn more about advances in the treatment of #livercancer with @MarioStrazzabos on Yale Cancer Answers at 7:30pm on @wnpr. Dr. Strazzabosco will share his insight on treatment advances and the multidisciplinary care for patients



Register now to join .@MehraGolshan @Maryam\_Lustberg, Dr. Michael DiGiovanna & Dr. Andrea Silber for a #CME program to share the latest advances in #breastcancer adjuvant therapy on Thursday, May 27th at Noon.



Join us at Noon today for a @YaleCancer

Ang DT, Madschen M, Tang C, Fan YZ, Koehler T  
**Topography of Transcriptionally Active Chromatin in Glioblastoma**

*Science Advances.*

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Gowda L, Vege S, Kessler D, Shaz B, Westhoff CM

**Screening of Blood Donors for Sickle Cell Trait Using A DNA-Based Approach: Frequency in a Multiethnic Donor Population**

*Transfusion*, Online ahead of print.

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Yeung J, Yaghoobi V, Miyagishima D, Vesely MD, Zhang T, Badri T, Nassar A, Han X, Sanmamed MF, Youngblood M, Peyre M, Kalamarides M, Rimm DL, Gunel M, Chen L

**Targeting the CSF1/CSF1R Axis is a Potential Treatment Strategy for Malignant Meningiomas**

*Neuro-Oncology*, Online ahead of print.

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## Funding and Award Opportunities

### YHN SPORE Developmental Research Program

The Yale Head and Neck SPORE's Developmental Research Program (YHN-SPORE DRP) provides seed money to investigators to support studies with a strong translational component that have the potential to evolve into, or be incorporated as, a full YHN-SPORE project or to generate preliminary data or evidence of collaboration for other new NIH grant applications.

**Application Deadline:** May 15, 2021

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### YHN SPORE Career Enhancement Program

The Career Enhancement Program (CEP) of the Yale SPORE in Head and Neck Cancer (YHN-SPORE) has been established to educate the next generation of investigators committed to translational research in head and neck cancer. The CEP will provide support to promising junior investigators and/or establish investigators who have not previously conducted head and neck cancer focused research.

**Application Deadline:** May 15, 2021

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### AACR Research Funding Opportunities

The AACR, in collaboration with its scientific and funding partners, offers a variety of research grant mechanisms for researchers

worldwide at all career levels

- **Clinical Oncology Research (CORE) Training Fellowships:** Application Deadline - May 31, 2021
- **MPM Oncology Charitable Foundation Transformative Cancer Research Grants:** LOI Deadline - June 29, 2021
- **Lobular Breast Cancer Alliance Invasive Lobular Carcinoma Research Fellowship:** LOI Deadline - July 6, 2021

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Yale Cancer Center Internal Pilot Awards

virtual Grand Rounds. AbbyRosenbergMD @SeattleChildren will present "Promoting Resilience in Children with Serious Illness and Their Families."



We're proud to announce Dr. Lieping Chen has been elected to .@theNASciences, one of the highest honors in the scientific community, in recognition of his pioneering advances and research in [#immunotherapy](#).



Congratulations to Dr. Jill Lacy @lacyjil5 on being elected by @ASCO as a 2021 Fellow of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (#FASCO) in recognition of exceptional contributions to the oncology community.



Join .@fperrywilson on @YaleCancer Answers today at 7:30pm on @wnpr for a discussion on the best tools to navigate online medical research and social media posts when researching a #cancer diagnosis.

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## Calendar

### Fourth Annual Yale Cancer Center Trainee Colloquium

**May 14; 8:00 AM**

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### Office of Health Equity Research Visiting Professor Lecture

**May 14; 1:00 PM**

Camara Jones, MD, MPH, PhD

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### Yale Cancer Answers

**May 16; 7:30 PM**

**NPR**

*Immunotherapies for Cancer*

Carla Rothlin, PhD

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### Radiobiology and Radiotherapy Research Program

**May 17; 11:00 AM**

*Tumor Suppressive Role of RNA Splicing in Pancreatic Cancer and Therapy*

Diana Martinez Saucedo

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### Yale Cancer Center Grand Rounds

**May 18; 12:00 PM**

*The Yale Center for GI Cancers: Challenges and Opportunities*

### **Yale Cancer Center Internal Pilot Awards**

These \$50k/1yr 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. Relevance of proposed research to our catchment area priorities is also an important consideration. YCC members are eligible to apply.

**Application Deadline:** June 1, 2021

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### **Breast Cancer Alliance Young Investigator Grant**

To encourage a commitment to breast cancer research, the BCA invites clinical doctors and research scientists whose primary focus is breast cancer and who are in the early stages of their careers to apply for funding for the Young Investigator Grant.

**Internal LOI Deadline:** June 1, 2021

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### **The Cure Starts Now Foundation Research Grants**

Research questions considered - Disease Impact: Does the study propose an intervention or clinical tool that will reduce the morbidity or mortality from or potentially find a cure for pediatric brain cancer? Innovation: Does the research study propose a novel approach or represent advancement in current treatment of pediatric brain cancer?

**Application Deadline:** June 1, 2021

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

This FOA supports the development of cancer-relevant technologies suitable for use in low- and middle-income countries.

**Application Deadline:** June 2, 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

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### **Short Courses on Innovative Methodologies and Approaches in the Behavioral and Social Sciences (R25)**

The NIH Research Education Program (R25) supports research education activities in the mission areas of the NIH. The overarching goal of this R25 program is to support educational activities that complement and/or enhance the training of a workforce to meet the nation's biomedical, behavioral and clinical research needs.

**Application Deadline:** June 4, 2021

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### **Emergen Collective: Digital Oncology Care**

### *Opportunities*

Pamela Kunz, MD and Mandar Deepak Muzumdar, MD

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### **Center for Methods in Implementation and Prevention Science (CMIPS) Global Mental Health Promotion (GMHP) Seminar Series** **May 19; 12:00 PM**

Echezona Ezeanolue, MD, MPH

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### **Yale Head and Neck SPORE's Monthly Meeting** **May 19; 6:00 PM**

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### **NCCN Global Policy and Advocacy Webinar Series**

**May 20; 8:00 AM**

*Treatment & Survivorship*

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### **Pathology Grand Rounds**

**May 20; 12:30 PM**

*Cardiac Pathology of SARS-CoV-2 Infection*

James R. Stone, MD, PhD

**Learn More**

### **Cancer Genetics and Prevention Seminar**

**May 20; 2:30 PM**

**Learn More**

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

**May 20; 4:15 PM**

*Role of Microbes in Shaping Immune Responses in Cancer and Beyond*

Florencia McAllister, MD

**Learn More**

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

**May 20; 5:00 PM**

*Anorectal Disorders*

Walter Longo, MD, MBA, FACS, FASCRS

**Learn More**

### **Genetic Counselor for a Day 2021**

**May 21, 12:30 PM**

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### **Yale Cancer Answers**

**May 23; 7:30 PM**

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*Hematologic Malignancies*

Francesca Montanari, MD

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### Emerson Collective: Digital Oncology Care

This RFP invites grant applications for solutions that implement evidence-based research findings to improve patient health outcomes for clinical practice in oncology.

**Application Deadline:** June 8, 2021

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### The NCI Transition Career Development Award

- **K22 - Independent Clinical Trial Required-** This FOA represents the continuation of an NCI program to facilitate the transition of investigators in mentored, non-independent cancer research positions to independent faculty cancer research positions. **Application Deadline:** June 12, 2021 [Read More](#)
- **K22 - Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed-** This FOA is designed specifically for candidates proposing research that does not involve leading an independent clinical trial, a clinical trial feasibility study, or an ancillary study to a clinical trial. **Application Deadline:** June 12, 2021 [Read More](#)
- **K22 Independent Basic Experimental Studies with Humans Required-** This FOA is designed specifically for basic science experimental studies involving humans. **Application Deadline:** June 12, 2021 [Read More](#)

### Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women's Health Program K12

This Program will support mentored research career development of junior faculty members, known as BIRCWH Scholars, who have recently completed clinical training or postdoctoral fellowships, and who will be engaged in interdisciplinary basic, translational, behavioral, clinical, and/or health services research relevant to the health of women and, where appropriate, the use of both sexes to better understand the influence of sex as a biological variable on health and disease.

**Application Deadline:** June 11, 2021

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### Administrative Supplements to Stimulate and Strengthen Global Cancer Survivorship Research

This NOSI is to announce an opportunity for supplemental funding to active, eligible NCI-funded grants and cooperative agreements to support global cancer survivorship research.

**Application Deadline:** June 11, 2021

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### YCC 2021 Internal Pilot Awards Program

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 supporting and

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### Yale Cancer Center Grand Rounds

**May 25; 12:00 PM**

*Liver Cancer Clinical Care and Research at Yale & Dermatologic Toxicities in Cancer Patients: Updates from the Yale Onco-dermatology Clinic*

Mario Strazzabosco, MD, PhD & Jonathan Leventhal, MD

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### Neuroendocrine Conference

**May 26; 4:00 PM**

*Radiation Therapy to the Pituitary*

Yi An, MD

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### A Conversation with Survivors

**May 26; 6:00 PM**

*Let's Talk About Cancer Survivorship*

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### NCCN Global Policy and Advocacy Webinar Series

**May 27; 8:00 AM**

*Patient Engagement to Impact Cancer Care Policy*

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### Yale Breast Cancer CME Series

**May 27; 12:00 PM**

*Latest Advances in Breast Cancer Adjuvant Therapy*  
Mehra Golshan, MD | Maryam Lustberg, MD, MPH | Michael DiGiovanna, MD, PhD | Andrea Silber, MD

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### Pathology Grand Rounds

**May 27; 12:30 PM**

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### Cancer Genetics and Prevention Seminar

**May 27; 2:30 PM**

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### Center for GI Cancers Weekly Seminar – Clinical Talk

**May 27; 4:15 PM**

Amit Khanna, MD

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or 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.

**Application Deadline:** June 16, 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**

### **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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### **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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**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-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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#### **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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