

October 6, 2017

Announcements

CCSG Submitted!

Yale Cancer Center's Cancer Center Support Grant was officially submitted to the National Cancer Institute's Office of the Cancer Centers for review on September 25. I am incredibly proud of the hard work of our entire leadership team and our research program leaders; countless hours were dedicated to ensure our grant submission accurately reflects the outstanding science and clinical care at Yale Cancer Center and Smilow Cancer Hospital. I would especially like to thank Bob Garofalo and his team, Christine Holmberg, Christina Bates, Susan Silva, and Ashley McCaherty, and Adam Roshka and Michele Dingus in our business office for their extra attention and work on the grant. We now look ahead to preparations for our site visit with weekly reviews of our presentations and full mock visits scheduled. The site visit has been confirmed with the NCI for Thursday, January 25, 2018.

Lieping Chen Receives Alpert Prize

I am proud to announce that Lieping Chen, PhD, Co-Director of our Cancer Immunology Program and the United Technologies Corporation Professor in Cancer Research and Professor of Immunobiology, Dermatology, and Medicine, has been presented with the 2017 Warren Alpert Foundation Prize for transformative discoveries in the field of cancer immunology. Lieping is one of five scientists to receive the award this year. Collectively, their work has led to the development of effective immune therapies for several types of cancer. The honorees were recognized

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Charles S. Fuchs, MD, MPH
Director, Yale Cancer Center
and Physician-in-Chief
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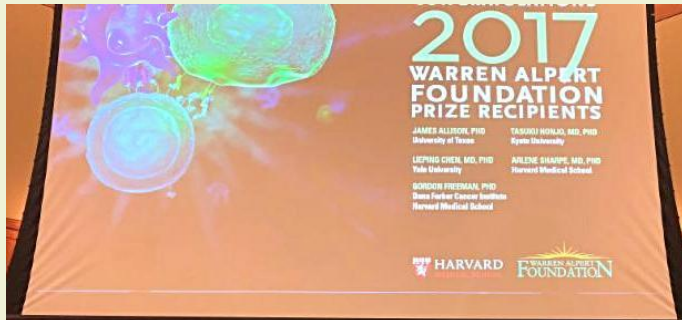
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LATEST ARTICLES:

at a day-long symposium yesterday at Harvard Medical School. They will share a \$500,000 prize.

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CT Cancer Partnership Annual Meeting

Please join the CT Cancer Partnership at their Annual Meeting highlighting "Cancer Screening Guidelines and Shared Decision Making: Challenges, Controversies, and Disparities" on Tuesday, December 5 at the Sheraton Hartford. The event is free, but registration is required to attend.

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Annual Conclave Award Nominations

Yale Cancer Center is pleased to announce our call for nominations for our annual awards in the areas of excellence in research and clinical care. Each award will be announced at the Yale Cancer Center Conclave in January. The nomination deadline for YCC awards is **Friday, October 27**.

Yale Cancer Center Research Prizes: Research Prizes will be awarded in support of excellence in the areas of



Mystery of breast cancer risk gene solved, 20 years after its discovery

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Backed by Yale Cancer Center research, FDA approves new immunotherapy drug for stomach cancer

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Five things everyone should know about breast cancer

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basic science, clinical research, translational research, and cancer prevention and control. Awards will be chosen in each area to recognize a paper that is considered to have had the greatest impact on the field this year. The applicant must be a current member of the Cancer Center and science in the publication must be cancer-focused. Please submit a PDF of your best publication (publication date from October 2016 to October 2017). To be eligible you must be either the first or last author of the publication. Email your publication to [Anna Raso](#).

Yale Cancer Center Award for Clinical Excellence:

This award will be given to the physician who best exemplifies excellence in clinical care including super clinical skills, use of a patient- and family-centered approach to care, and inclusion of a multi-disciplinary care model. Nominee must be a current member of Yale Cancer Center. Please nominate yourself or a peer and send a brief nomination letter (one-page maximum) to [Anna Raso](#).

Yale Cancer Center Lifetime Achievement Award:

Yale Cancer Center recognizes the achievements of one of our senior members through our annual Lifetime Achievement award. Please send nomination suggestions for the award to [Anna Raso](#).

Ruth McCorkle Oncology Advanced Practice Provider Award: This annual award from Yale Cancer Center/Smilow Cancer Hospital recognizes the contributions of our Nurse Practitioner and Physician Assistant colleagues who contribute so much to oncology patient care. Please consider nominating yourself or a colleague for this award. Nominations are due for the Ruth McCorkle Award to [Cathy Lyons](#) by December 1.

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Employee Profile: Sherri Storms

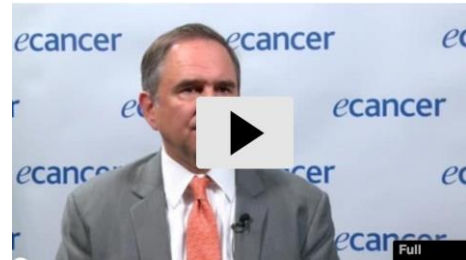
Palliative Care: To Live 'The Best That You Can'

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Will a Yale Study Cause Us to Rethink Breast Cancer Screenings

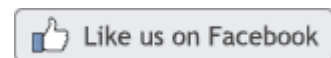
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RANGE trial of ramucirumab for urothelial cancer

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Yale Cancer Center and Smilow Cancer Hospital's Dr. Daniel Petrylak recently presented findings from the RANGE trial, reporting that the combination of docetaxel and ramucirumab may be an effective therapy for metastatic urothelial cancer. This treatment led to a doubling in the time it took for a patient's tumor to progress, and the side effects were well tolerated.

As a Nurse Coordinator in the Breast Center at Smilow Cancer Hospital, Sherri Storms, MSN, RN-BC, CBCN, meets with patients who are newly diagnosed with breast cancer and helps them to navigate and manage their care. Working closely with the various disciplines, Sherri ensures that patients are comfortable with their team, and fully understand the treatments they will receive. Although she has been in this role for just under seven years, she has over 30 years of experience in nursing and critical care and management experience.



"I started my career in oncology, and plan to finish in oncology. Working with this patient population and their families is so rewarding," said Sherri. "We follow patients throughout their care and make sure they are following up on appointments. I am still in touch with one of the first breast cancer patients I ever worked with; it's an amazing field to be able to say that."

Sherri also co-facilitates one of the Breast Cancer Support Groups available at Smilow. They recently launched a monthly patient education series where guest speakers are invited to talk on a specific area of interest for patients. This month features a discussion on genetic counseling on October 10th. Sherri commented, "I believe we have a world class team of doctors, nurses and staff here at the Breast Center, who all work together to put the needs of the patient first."

Camille Servodidio, Program Manager, Women's Oncology Services, commented, "Sherri is a consummate nursing professional and is dually certified in breast care (CBCN) and oncology nursing (OCN). She is compassionate and has the ability to be fully present as she actively listens and coordinates a personal plan of care for our breast cancer patients."



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In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, meet Marjorie, a breast and cervical cancer survivor who was treated at the Breast Center at Smilow.

"My mission is to be an inspiration to my family, my members, and the whole universe," Marjorie said. "Even though we don't win, we don't have to lose. That means you must not give up. We shall not be defeated. We have to keep fighting. That is the story of my life as a two-time cancer survivor."

Meet Marjorie



Breast Cancer Awareness Month
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Jeffrey Townsend, of the Yale School of Public Health and Yale Cancer Center, was recently appointed to the endowed Elihu Professorship in Biostatistics.

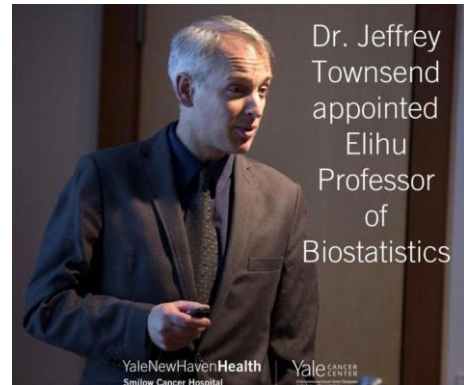
"Townsend's appointment was a coup for public health," said Paul Cleary, former dean and the Anna M.R. Lauder Professor of Public Health.

#OOTBTHANKS



#OOTB: Michele Messina

YCC #OUTOFTHEBLUETHANKS recently recognized senior administrative assistant Michele Messina for her tremendous contribution over the last few years to the coordination of the Physician Scientist Fast Track program. Organizing the interviews for nearly 30 candidates, Michele exemplified the hard work and dedication necessary to keep the program running smoothly. Combining that with her humor and energy, Michele made this program enjoyable to all involved. Thank you, Michele!



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In celebration of World Cancer Research Day, we are highlighting some of the amazing science occurring at Yale Cancer Center! These researchers are dedicating their careers towards fighting cancer, and new discoveries are being made every day in these labs and many others. #WorldCancerResearchDay

Clockwise from top left: Dr. Donald Engleman, who is studying how to use cancer's metabolism as a weapon against itself; Dr. Sarah Mougalian, who is developing a text message system for checking in on patients; Dr. Lajos Pusztai, who is spearheading two new clinical trials for triple-negative breast cancer; and Dr. Kathryn Ferguson, who is attempting to understand the workings of EGFR, a protein implicated in many different cancer types.



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September is Blood Cancer Awareness Month. Blood cancer comes in multiple forms, including leukemia, lymphoma, and myeloma, and it affects almost 1.3 million



#OOTB: Laurene Goode-Gade

YCC #OUTOFTHEBLUETHANKS recently recognized senior administrative assistant Laurene Goode-Gade after she took time out of her day to graciously assist her colleagues with Workday issues. Laurene's peers expressed how her help, not only saved them from countless hours of frustration, but also improved their daily work productivity. Thank you, Laurene!

Yale Cancer Center's #OUTOFTHEBLUETHANKS program is a staff recognition initiative to show appreciation to employees who have exemplified an above-and-beyond effort or an outstanding contribution to the team. All nominations should be submitted to the Director's Office c/o [Anna Raso](#).

Funding Opportunities

YCCI Multidisciplinary Post-Doctoral Training Program RFA

We are pleased to announce the YCCI Multidisciplinary Post-Doctoral Training Program in Translational Research RFA, which will provide support to a select number of postdoctoral trainees who are strongly committed to careers in translational research.

Deadline for Application: October 13, 2017, 5:00pm

Submit Application here: <http://ycci.yale.edu/>

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people across the United States. It is currently the third leading cancer killer among Americans, and with no available prevention and screening methods, all efforts are directed to finding cures.



Leukemia



Hodgkin Lymphoma



Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma



Myeloma

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For even more things everyone should know about breast cancer, check out my course on [@coursera@YaleCancer@YaleCTL](#)

[Brand new research by Yale Cancer Center scientists will help design drugs to combat breast and ovarian cancers!](#)

Collector's edition of Year in Review 2016 from @DrNeilLove team. @geoff_oxnard@MLJohnsonMD2 and Sarah Goldberg from @YaleCancer on cover!

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. Do you know the important warning signs and risk factors for the disease?

Tune into @WNPR at 7:30pm to listen to a discussion on #breastcancer medication adherence and a new #app developed by a @YaleCancer MD #BCAM

2017 Class of '61 YCC Research Award

To recognize significant accomplishments and outstanding promise in cancer research, Yale Cancer Center is pleased to announce the 2017 competition for the Class of '61 Cancer Research Award. Please send all inquiries and materials to daniel.dimaio@yale.edu.

Nominations Due: October 16, 2017

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Scholar Awards Programs:

Edward Mallinckrodt, Jr. Foundation

Mallinckrodt Scholars 2018 For junior faculty in the 5th-8th year of appointment

Internal Deadline: October 16, 2017

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Rita Allen Foundation Scholars 2018

For junior faculty within the first 3 years of appointment)

Internal Deadline: October 16, 2017

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The Klingenstein Third Generation Foundation:

- Fellowship in Child & Adolescent 2018
- Fellowship in Child & Adolescent Depression 2018
- Fellowship in Access to Care 2018

For junior faculty and senior-level postdocs

Internal Deadline: October 16, 2017

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Paul B. Beeson Emerging Leaders Career Development Award in Aging


This FOA invites early-stage physicians and other health-professional investigators with a commitment to aging to apply for this award to advance their research and leadership skills in their specialty.


Application Deadline: October 19, 2017


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Women's Health Research at Yale 2017-18 Pilot Project Program


 We are proud of the progress in detection & treatment of breast cancer & committed to finding better solutions #BCAM <http://bit.ly/2wqEtpq>


 Our special issue in JNO on #GBM is finally out! Thx to all the authors 4 their hard work: "We've not yet begun to fight!" @YaleCancer#btsm


 #ProstateCancerAwarenessMonth comes to a close, meet David, #prostatecancer survivor. <http://bit.ly/2xR5SEt>


 Dr. Beth Jones greets guests of the @AACR Conference on The Science of #Cancer Health #Disparities in Minorities and Medically Underserved

 9/28 is our YA #cancer support group! Join us to learn about our #IMPACT Conference on 10/14 <http://bit.ly/2wjdhZF> with @suleikajaouad

 "I cannot stress enough how important it is to find a doctor that you trust." Meet Tom, #prostatecancer survivor. <http://bit.ly/2yBUxWw>

 Tune in to @wnpr at 7:30pm for a discussion on #OvarianCancerAwareness with Dr. Peter Schwartz and @HH_OncoDr

 Grateful for the talented, creative, diverse and committed scientists in my lab @YaleCancer #WorldCancerResearchDay

 Working toward a non surgical alt treatment for HPV-caused cervical lesions with @YaleCancer! #benchtoclinic #WCRD #worldcancerresearchday

 We join @theNCI today for

On behalf of Dr. Carolyn M. Mazure and Women's Health Research at Yale, we are pleased to announce the Pilot Project Program Request for Letters of Intent.

* Pilot Project Awards: Up to \$35,000 over one or two years.

* Wendy U. and Thomas C. Naratil Pioneer Award: up to \$50,000 in funding over one or two years.

Application Deadline: October 26, 2017

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Nominations for Annual YCC Awards:

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Nomination Deadline: October 27, 2017

Matthew Larson Foundation for Pediatric Brain Tumor Research Grants

The Matthew Larson Foundation for Pediatric Brain Tumor Research seeks to fund both translational and clinical projects in Pediatric Brain Tumor Research.

LOI Due: November 1, 2017

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Pershing Square Sohn Cancer Research Alliance Prize for Young Investigators

This prize of \$200,000 per year for up to three years is awarded annually to at least six New York City area scientists, enabling them to continue to pursue explorative, high-risk/high-reward cancer research at a stage when traditional funding is lacking.

LOI Due: November 6, 2017

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NCI Clinical and Epidemiological Research on Chronic Disease in the Caribbean


The purpose of this FOA is to support US-Caribbean collaborative research to develop or extend cohort or surveillance studies on chronic disease in the Caribbean region that are aligned with existing publicly available US datasets.


Application Deadline: November 15, 2017

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Program in Innovative Therapeutics for Connecticut's Health (PITCH)

#WorldCancerResearchDay to recognize the critical work of cancer research & researchers <https://go.usa.gov/xReFV>

 Yale Cancer Center top docs on their way to San Diego for ASTRO, the world's most important meeting for radiation oncology. #ASTRO17

 First immunotherapy drug for advanced stomach cancer approved by FDA. Clinical testing led by Dr. Charles Fuchs.

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Calendar of Events

October 8; 7:30PM

Yale Cancer Answers

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Radiotherapy for the Treatment of Breast Cancer

Meena Moran, MD

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October 10; 9:30AM

Pathology Research in Progress

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TBD

Huanjiao J Zhou, MD, PhD

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October 10; 11:30AM

Genetics Department Seminar

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Onco-histone Mutations Reprogram Cancer Epigenomes

Zhiguo Zhang, PhD

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PITCH fuels target validation based on innovative research ideas born in laboratories from Yale University and the University of Connecticut. This three-year, \$10 million dollar program provides translational research resources to generate prototype therapeutics that address unmet clinical needs.

Deadline for Application: November 15, 2017.

Please contact janie.merkel@yale.edu for information

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Melanoma Research Alliance

The MRA is pleased to announce RFP's for high-impact pre-clinical, translational, and early clinical research that has the potential to lead to near-term clinical application in melanoma prevention, detection, diagnosis, staging, and treatment.

Application Deadline: November 17, 2017:

Young Investigator Award and Academic-Industry Partnership Award

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Recent Publications

BRCA1-BARD1 promotes RAD51-mediated homologous DNA pairing.

Zhao W, Steinfeld JB, Liang F, Chen X, Maranon DG, Jian Ma C, Kwon Y, Rao T, Wang W, Sheng C, Song X, Deng Y, Jimenez-Sainz J, Lu L, Jensen RB, Xiong Y, Kupfer GM, Wiese C, Greene EC, Sung P.

Nature. 2017 Oct 4.

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Adjuvant Chemoradiotherapy With Epirubicin, Cisplatin, and Fluorouracil Compared With Adjuvant Chemoradiotherapy With Fluorouracil and Leucovorin After Curative Resection of Gastric Cancer: Results From CALGB 80101 (Alliance).

Fuchs CS, Niedzwiecki D, Mamon HJ, Tepper JE, Ye X, Swanson RS, Enzinger PC, Haller DG, Dragovich T, Alberts SR, Bjarnason GA, Willett CG, Gunderson LL, Goldberg RM, Venook AP, Ilson D, O'Reilly E, Ciombor K, Berg DJ, Meyerhardt J, Mayer RJ.

J Clin Oncol. 2017 Oct 4:JCO2017742130.

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Delayed Adjacent Chemotherapy and Survival After Lung Cancer Surgery-Reply.

October 10; 12PM

Yale Cancer Center Grand Rounds/Paul Calabresi Memorial Lecture

55 Park Street

Lymphoma: An Emperor Has New Clothes

George Canellos, MD

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October 11; 12PM

YSPH/EHS Seminar

LEPH 101

Innovations in Assessing Lifetime Occupational Exposure in Population-Based Studies of Cancer

Melissa Friesen, PhD

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October 11; 7PM

YNHH Health Education Lecture Series

Old Saybrook Medical Center

Skin Cancer - A Topical Discussion

Jonathan Leventhal, MD

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October 12; 8:30AM

Medical Grand Rounds

LMP 1094

Multidisciplinary Management of Hepatocellular Carcinoma: Champions of Change

Tamar H Taddei, MD

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October 12; 9AM

Therapeutic Radiology Grand Rounds

Smilow LL505

DNA Repair and Lupus

Joann B Sweasy, PhD

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October 12; 12:30PM

Pathology Grand Rounds

Boffa DJ.

JAMA Oncol. 2017 Sep 21.

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Survival Outcomes for Patients with Localized Upper-Tract Urothelial Carcinoma Managed with Non-Definitive Treatment.

Syed JS, Nguyen KA, Suarez-Sarmiento A, Johnson K, Leapman MS, Raman JD, Shuch B.

BJU Int. 2017 Oct 3.

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Borealis-1: a randomized, first-line, placebo-controlled, phase II study evaluating apatersen and chemotherapy for patients with advanced urothelial cancer.

Bellmunt J, Eigel BJ, Senkus E, Loriot Y, Twardowski P, Castellano D, Blais N, Sridhar SS, Sternberg CN, Retz M, Pal S, Blumenstein B, Jacobs C, Stewart PS, Petrylak DP.

Ann Oncol. 2017 Oct 1;28(10):2481-2488.

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Age does not influence efficacy of ramucirumab in advanced gastric cancer: subgroup analyses of REGARD and RAINBOW.

Muro K, Cho JY, Bodoky G, Goswami C, Chao Y, Dos Santos LV, Shimada Y, Topuzov E, Van Cutsem E, Tabernero J, Zalcberg J, Chau I, Cascinu S, Cheng R, Hsu Y, Emig M, Orlando M, Fuchs C.

J Gastroenterol Hepatol. 2017 Sep 29.

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On baseball and breast cancer.

Chagpar AB.

Am J Surg. 2017 Sep 20.

[Read More >>](#)

The Mechanism of Action of (-)-Lomaiviticin A.

Herzon SB.

Acc Chem Res. 2017 Sep 28.

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LMP 1094

NOX Enzymes: New Concepts on Their Regulation and Roles in Disease

John D. Lambeth, MD

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October 12; 2:30PM

Smilow Cancer Genetics and Prevention Program Seminar

SRC, suites 107-109

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October 12; 5:30PM

Smilow Wellness Workshop

Park Street Auditorium

Medical Marijuana As a Treatment Option: An Interactive Panel Discussion

Andrew Putnam, MD

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October 13; 11AM

Smilow Screening and Prevention Program Informational Table

YNHH café

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

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October 14; 9AM

Smilow/YCC 2nd-Annual IMPACT Conference

Park Street Auditorium

Young Adults Living with Cancer and Beyond

Suleika Jaouad

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October 15; 7:30PM

Yale Cancer Answers

WNPR

Reconstructive Surgery after Breast Cancer

Michael Alperovich, MD, MSc

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Pathology Research in Progress

TAC N-107

TBD

Human Organ Culture: Updating the Approach to Bridge the Gap from *In Vitro* to *In Vivo* in Inflammation, Cancer, and Stem Cell Biology.

Al-Lamki RS, Bradley JR, Pober JS.

Front Med (Lausanne). 2017 Sep 11;4:148.

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Hypomethylating agents in myelodysplastic syndromes and population-level outcomes: a changing landscape or a small dent?

Zeidan AM.

Leuk Lymphoma. 2017 Sep 27:1-3.

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Erratum to: Effect of neoadjuvant chemotherapy on tumor-infiltrating lymphocytes and PD-L1 expression in breast cancer and its clinical significance.

Pelekanou V, Carvajal-Hausdorf DE, Altan M, Wasserman B, Carvajal-Hausdorf C, Wimberly H, Brown J, Lannin D, Puztai L, Rimm DL.

Breast Cancer Res. 2017 Sep 25;19(1):109.

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YCC Grand Rounds

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October 19; 10AM

SPH/EHS Symposium

LEPH 109

Tissue Imaging Mass Spectrometry

Richard Caprioli, PhD

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October 19; 12:00PM

YCC Special Seminar

FMB 115

Glioblastoma: Past, Present, and Future

Andrew Lassman, MD

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October 19; 12:30PM

Pathology Grand Rounds

LMP 1094

A Genomic Approach to Idiopathic Liver Diseases: New Insights into Pathogenesis and New Interventions at Bedside

Silvia Vilarinho, MD, PhD

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October 19; 2:30PM

Smilow Cancer Genetics and Prevention Program Seminar

October 19; 2:30PM

SRC, suites 107-109

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October 19; 6:00PM

CME Dinner

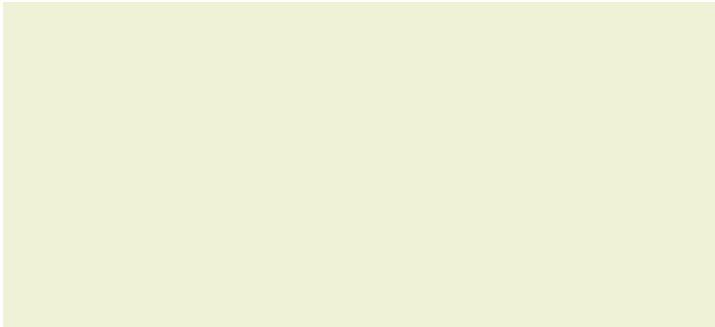
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Gastrointestinal Cancers

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