

Smilow Update: May 28, 2020

Dear Colleagues,

Clinical Trials

Clinical research began a phased opening this week with [50 trials](#) available for new accruals on a limited basis as of Tuesday, May 26. In addition, Clinical Research Support Labs have opened in Trumbull, New Haven, and North Haven. The team thanked the nurses and pharmacists in North Haven and the research pharmacists in New Haven for their assistance with monitoring and trial treatments over the last two months with boxed lunches as they prepare to ramp up efforts and trial accruals again.

Fairfield Care Center

Patients cared for in the Smilow Cancer Hospital Care Center in Fairfield will begin to transition back from Trumbull tomorrow, May 29, to Fairfield. Dr. Neal Fischbach and Renee Moye, APRN, will see patients on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays.

Phase I Return for Research Labs

Over the next couple of weeks, concentrated efforts are underway to begin the Phase I reactivation of research in our Yale Cancer Center laboratories. Phase I is set to begin on Monday, June 1.

- In Phase I, a limited return to campus will be granted for faculty, staff, and trainees to perform research that can be conducted only on campus. All principal investigators are asked to submit a [Phase I Research Reactivation Plan](#) for approval before proceeding to relaunch research activities.
- All trainees, faculty, and staff must complete an [online training video](#) before accessing the facilities.

Fit for the Frontline

Yale New Haven Health and Yale Medicine are joining medical centers across the United States to start a countrywide movement of physical activity to honor and support frontline health care workers who have worked tirelessly to save lives.

- #FitForTheFrontLine is a national fitness challenge culminating on Sunday, June 14 to encourage people to move more, exercise, and get fit to increase awareness and raise funds to support our nation's healthcare heroes.

- Proceeds will support a special fund at YNHHS, which will provide vital resources to help confront the psychosocial impact of COVID-19 on frontline healthcare providers and support staff.

Smilow Star

Wendy Kleckner, RN, is one of the Smilow inpatient nurses on NP 15 who initially moved to Verdi on the Saint Raphael Campus to continue caring for her patients along with our Smilow Cancer Hospital team. When Yale New Haven Hospital opened the Comfort Measures Only (CMO) unit for COVID+ patients last month and requested help, Wendy volunteered to cover the night shift in the new unit. Wendy's nursing talent, wonderful care, and kindness have been a blessing for the patients in the CMO unit, which is now in transition to NP 12. Thank you, Wendy, you are a Smilow Star!



Best regards,

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