

Smilow Update: September 28, 2022

Masking Reminder

Yale New Haven Health requires employees and members of the medical staff to wear facial coverings or masks while on YNHHS owned, leased, and maintained properties, absent an approved exemption, in accordance with the Yale New Haven Health policies on personal protective equipment. In addition, patients and visitors are required to wear facial coverings or masks in all public spaces (e.g., hallways, reception areas) on YNHHS owned, leased, and maintained property for the safety of all, unless medical, or disability reasons prohibit such use. Masks should always be worn properly, covering one's nose and mouth. It is permissible for patients to remove their masks when deemed necessary by the care team to optimize medical care.

Consent for Anti-Cancer Therapy

Consent for Anti-Cancer Therapy forms must be correctly and consistently completed and audited. The Attending Physician must appropriately complete data fields, including:

- Cancer Diagnosis
- Cancer Staging (n/a if not applicable)
- Drug names, frequency, and administration route
- Number of expected cycles or box stating treatment will continue until progression
- Goals of treatment (Cure or Control of disease)
- Time, date, provider and patient signature and printed name

Consent forms will be reviewed by the clinical team to ensure completeness of documentation prior to scanning into medical record. Unit leaders will now audit five charts per week to ensure completion of documentation.

Yale First in State to Offer 'Shape Sensing' Robotic Bronchoscopy

Yale will be the first in Connecticut to offer robotic-assisted bronchoscopy with novel shape-sensing technology to patients next month, which will allow physicians to visualize and biopsy remote parts of the lung that were previously inaccessible to screen and diagnose lung cancer. The robotic bronchoscopy will be used concurrently with endobronchial ultrasound (EBUS), a biopsy of the lymph node.

[Learn More](#)

Updated Epic Order for Brain MRI (IMG code 271)

Currently, Brain MRI without and with contrast has 20+ protocol variations depending on the clinical question and indication for the scan. Some imaging protocols require machines with advanced capabilities. All MRI machines in our system are not capable of performing every protocol. To help clarify what protocol a referring provider wants and to get each patient booked to the correct MRI scanner, there is now an optional fourth ordering question. If the provider answers Yes, the following protocol options will appear: *For Smilow oncologists the vast majority of time a routine brain tumor/metastasis assessment protocol is needed. For neuro-oncology providers some primary brain tumors will need perfusion imaging or a radiation necrosis protocol.* Answering this question will allow clinicians to identify the protocol they need for specialized cases, eliminate need for the radiologist to assign a protocol, and reduce scheduling resources.

YNHHS Town Hall: An Update with Senior Leaders

Join the YNHHS town hall on **Thursday, September 29 at 10am** where YNHHS senior leaders will provide further insight into our efforts to improve our operational and financial performance and position us for the future.

Featuring:

Christopher O'Connor, CEO and President

Pamela Sutton-Wallace, Chief Operating Officer

Anne Diamond, JD, President, Bridgeport Hospital

Diane Kelly, DNP, RN, President, Greenwich Hospital

Patrick Green, President, Lawrence + Memorial and Westerly Hospitals

Keith Churchwell, MD, President, Yale New Haven Hospital

Richard Goldstein, MD, Interim President, Northeast Medical Group

Join the conversation online via [Zoom](#).

A Study of the Experience of Oncology Nurses

We invite all oncology RNs and APRNs to participate in a follow-up study to a qualitative study of the oncology nursing experience during year one of the pandemic. Participation involves completing a one-time anonymous questionnaire, designed to assess the quality of your professional life as an oncology nurse. Estimated time to complete this activity is 15 minutes. The findings will help us better understand your experience and improve the practice environment. If you are interested in participating, please click [this link](#).

Upcoming CME Programs

Join Yale Cancer Center faculty for several upcoming CME programs this fall highlighting the latest advances in cancer research and care from Yale:

- [Yale's Review of Advances in Oncology: Highlights from the ASCO Annual Meeting 2022](#), Friday, September 30 at 8am at Anthony's Ocean View in New Haven.
- [Smilow Shares with Primary Care on Breast Cancer](#), Tuesday, October 4 at 5pm, Virtual

- **Redefining Resectability in Head & Neck Cancers**, Wednesday, October 12 at 6:30pm, Virtual
- **Multidisciplinary Breast Cancer Care at the Smilow Cancer Hospital Care Center in Guilford**, Thursday, October 13 at 6:30pm, Virtual
- **Emerging Strategies in Breast Cancer Treatment and Care**, Wednesday, October 19 at 6:30pm, Virtual
- **Smilow Shares with Primary Care on Lung Cancer**, Tuesday, November 1 at 5pm, Virtual
- **Immunotherapy and Novel Treatment for Head & Neck Cancers**, Wednesday, November 9 at 6:30pm, Virtual
- **Ella Grasso Gynecologic Oncology Conference**, Wednesday, November 16 at 8am, Virtual
- **Scientific Network on Female Sexual Health and Cancer 2022 Conference: Extending Our Reach: Broadening the Boundaries of Oncosexual Health**, Thursday and Friday, November 17-18, Greenberg Center

NCCN Guidelines

Experts from Yale Cancer Center, Smilow Cancer Hospital, and other NCCN Member Institutions develop the **NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology (NCCN Guidelines®)** and associated clinical resources that present valuable information to numerous stakeholders in the health care delivery system.

To access the library of 84 NCCN Guidelines visit **NCCN.org/guidelines** or download the mobile app at **NCCN.org/apps**. A full library of **NCCN Guidelines for Patients** is also available.

If you would like to receive email alerts when the NCCN Guidelines and associated clinical resources are updated, you can sign up to receive NCCN Flash Updates™. To be added to the Flash Updates list, contact **Deanne Field**.

Smilow Star!

Shivara Tucker, a PCA on NP14, proves that our Smilow Stars extend their care and compassion out into the community. Shivara was shopping with her daughter when she saw a crowd of people around a truck. She walked over and found a man unresponsive and blue. She quickly provided a crosscheck to the bystanders to ask if anyone had tried chest compressions or called for help. Shivara sprang into action, performing a basic life support assessment and started chest compressions on the man. After two minutes she got a faint pulse and the man started breathing. We are grateful that her calm and quick care for the man in cardiac arrest helped to save his life. Shivara has been an



outstanding employee of Yale New Haven Hospital for 16 years, and joined the Smilow Cancer Hospital team earlier this year. She is frequently mentioned in patient comments for the compassionate care she provides and we are proud to recognize her as a Smilow Star!

Best regards,

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