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November 21, 2023

Dear Colleagues,

According to my search on Google, Thanksgiving has overtaken Christmas as the most popular U.S. holiday. Research aside, Thanksgiving is a beloved holiday for many of us. It is a time to take a brief break before the demands of the winter holidays and the bitterly cold weather. While we are aware of suffering here at home and around the world, we also take time to be thankful, and remind ourselves about the joy in our lives.

I am thankful for so much, but rather than wax on about what makes me beam and feel content, I sent a quick survey to over 300 of you asking you to identify what made you most thankful. My list of 30 items included some serious choices (our patients) and some a bit whimsical (our pets), and asked participants to select their six top choices. We received 71 replies, and your top selections are listed below.



Not surprisingly, “my family” rose to the top followed by the “the rewards of patient care,” “my colleagues,” and “advances in cancer research.” These three items speak to our collective commitment to our professions, cancer care, and cancer research. Two surprises included 41% choosing “making peace with oneself” and 26% selecting “furry friends.” For me, the former indicates the importance of being comfortable with who we are—being comfortable in our own skin. The latter, which I can personally relate to, evokes the image of the faithful dog or cat waiting for their devoted friend to come home from a long day at work.

Only one of you selected the Red Sox as something to be thankful for, clearly a reminder that I have left Boston behind.

Have a wonderful, restful, festive, and peaceful Thanksgiving.

Eric P. Winer, MD
Director, Yale Cancer Center
President and Physician-in-Chief,
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**Henry S. Park, MD, MPH, in Honor of
Lung Cancer Awareness Month**

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Henry S. Park, MD, MPH
Associate Professor of Therapeutic Radiology
Vice Chair for Clinical Research, Therapeutic Radiology
Chief, Thoracic Radiotherapy Program

“Treatments have been improving so much in terms of both effectiveness and safety, and so the earlier we catch a lung tumor, the more easily we can treat it with as few side effects as possible.”

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Announcements

Psycho-Oncology Program Welcomes Gabriel Cartagena, PhD

Dr. Gabriel Cartagena, Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and a member of the Psycho-Oncology Program at Smilow Cancer Hospital and Yale Cancer Center, serves as the primary clinical psychologist for patients with cancer at Smilow. Dr. Cartagena received his PhD in Clinical Psychology at the University of Florida specializing in health psychology. He completed a Predoctoral Fellowship as part of Yale School of Medicine's Doctoral Internship in Clinical & Community Psychology and focused on cancer care, tobacco cessation, sleep medicine, and sexual/reproductive health. He then completed a Postdoctoral Residency in Health Psychology at VA Connecticut Healthcare System, with an emphasis on women's health, PTSD, chronic pain, and harm reduction/substance use treatment for Veterans and their families.



Dr. Cartagena advocates for every patient with cancer to receive comprehensive, patient-centered care, to express their needs through and beyond treatment, and to live a value-based life. He is formally trained in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT), Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT), Meaning-Centered Psychotherapy, and other evidence-based treatments to provide culturally-sensitive psychotherapy in English and Spanish that is focused on the person's needs and goals. His research is concentrated on developing quality improvement projects to actively address disparities and improve patient-provider communication in medical care.

Doximity Registration

Only 10% of eligible physicians voted in the 2022 *U.S. News & World Report* Best Hospitals survey. Every vote counts. Physicians who are board-certified in one or more of the **medical specialties evaluated** by *U.S. News & World Report* and who are Doximity members are eligible to vote.

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- Enter your email and password

If you are already registered with Doximity, please take a moment to confirm that your certifications and board specialty are documented correctly. Verifying your with Doximity information now will ensure you can complete the Best Hospitals survey in February 2024.

Early Lung Cancer Diagnosis, but Stark Racial Disparities Persist, Report Finds



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Yale Biomedical Engineers Develop Nanoparticle Brain Cancer Treatment



Nominations Open for Assistant Director for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)

Nominations requested, including self-nominations, for the position of Assistant Director for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) within the Yale Cancer Center Office of DEI. The Assistant Director will work closely with Faye Rogers, PhD, Associate Cancer Center Director for DEI, to foster diverse, equitable, and inclusive research and clinical communities. This individual will partner with the Associate Director and other YSM stakeholders to support the advancement of the YCC strategic plan goals to enhance the diversity of faculty and trainees within the cancer center membership and workforce and to develop a diverse next generation of YCC leadership.

Interested faculty should submit their CV and a one-page description of their interest in the position including their experience, achievements, and commitment to DEI matters by December 1, 2023, to **Yang Zhou**. Faculty with a clinical background are encouraged to apply.

Notables

George Goshua, MD, MSc, Assistant Professor of Medicine (Hematology), is a finalist for the NOMIS & *Science* **Young Explorer Award**, for his essay published in *Science*, "Napkin math can change the world," on uncovering how mathematical models hold the key to equitable patient care. The award recognizes bold early-career researchers who ask fundamental questions at the intersection of the life and social sciences. The award ceremony will be held next June in Zurich, Switzerland.

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Maryam Lustberg, MD, MPH, Associate Professor of Medicine (Medical Oncology) and Co-Director of the Center for Breast Cancer, has been appointed as the faculty representative for Yale Cancer Center to the Yale School of Medicine Dean's **Faculty Advisory Council** from November, 2023 to October, 2026. In addition, Dr. Lustberg presented at the **Clinique d'Oncologie Conference** in Morocco last week.

Barbara Burtness, MD, Anthony N. Brady Professor of Medicine (Medical Oncology), Chief Translational Research Officer, Division Chief of Head and Neck Cancers/Sarcoma, and Co-Leader of the Developmental Therapeutics Research Program, presented the keynote address at the **International Academy of Oral Oncology** in Incheon, Korea last week.

Alexander Pine, MD, and **Anish Sharda, MD, PhD**, Assistant Professors of Medicine (Hematology), are senior authors of an abstract presented at **American College of Rheumatology Convergence 2023** last week on "Plasma Proteomic Profiling in Antiphospholipid Antibody-positive Patients with Different Clinical Phenotypes: Results from the Antiphospholipid Syndrome Alliance for Clinical Trials and International Networking (APS ACTION) Registry." **Ayesha Butt, MD**, Resident, was first author on the

abstract and Dr. Pine presented the research. The looks at plasma proteomic profiling in patients with antiphospholipid antibodies and antiphospholipid syndrome (APS). Yale is leading the study through the international APS ACTION group, with funding by The Frederick A. DeLuca Foundation.



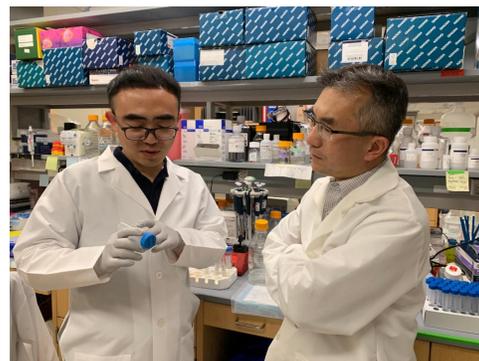
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Smilow Shares with Primary Care: Lymphadenopathy and Diagnosis



The Center for Community Engagement and Health Equity (CEHE) presented at the **American Public Health Association annual meeting** in Atlanta earlier this week on “A mixed message investigation of multilevel influences on diverse participation in early phase cancer clinical trials.” Authors of the abstract included: **Jessica Lewis, PhD, LMFT**, Amy Smoyer (Southern CT State U), **Erin Singleton, MPH, Marcella Nunez-Smith, MD, MHS**, and **Patricia LoRusso, DO**.

Jessica Lewis, PhD, LMFT, Deputy Director of CEHE, presented at a conference in New York City on sexual orientation and gender identity data collection to improve cancer health equity last month on "The Science of Cancer Health Equity in Sexual and Gender Minority Communities." Co-authors on the presentation included **Karen Wang, MD, MHS, Marcella Nunez-Smith, MD, MHS, Hill Wolfe, PhD, MPA**, and **Ash Alpert, MD**.

Sakinah Carter Suttiratana, PhD, MPH, MBA, Co-Director of CEHE and Associate Research Scientist in Internal Medicine, presented at the **Cancer Center Community Impact Forum** in Miami last month on Yale Cancer Center’s partnerships with two Connecticut federally-qualified health centers to enhance breast, cervical, and colorectal cancer screening using community health workers and cancer center guidance: “Early Learnings from Connecticut’s Accelerating Cancer Screening (AxCS) Collaborations.”

Yale Cancer Center’s **Cancer Immunology Research Program** welcomes **Sang Taek Kim, MD, PhD**. Dr. Kim is an Assistant Professor of Medicine (Rheumatology). He is the Director of the Rheumatology Immunotoxicity Clinic at Yale School of Medicine. Dr. Kim’s research is focused on understanding the molecular and cellular biology of the immunotoxicity induced by immune-based cancer therapy, such as immune checkpoint inhibitors (ICIs), CAR T, cancer vaccines, and T-cell transfer. His primary research focuses on the causes and treatments of toxicity from cancer immune modulators.

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[Yale Team Shares Importance of Lung Cancer Screening at Community Event](#)



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Harry Aslanian, MD
Professor of Medicine (Digestive Diseases)

"It is very satisfying to work as part of a multidisciplinary team, along with surgeons, radiologists, pathologists and oncologists with expertise in pancreas cancer, to improve outcomes for patients with pancreas cancer."

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[Transitioning Cancer Survivors Away From Oncologic Care](#)



The first Yale Cancer Center—Foundation Medicine Research Summit was held on Tuesday, November 7th at Yale West Campus. The event was well attended with 36 Yale Cancer Center faculty who joined ranks with Foundation Medicine scientists to hear about and discuss the latest technologies in tissue and liquid tumor profiling. Breakout sessions included: Clinical Decision support, Retrospective data collaborations leveraging Foundation Core, Emergence of resistance alterations, and Emerging assays. Yale faculty included clinical, laboratory, and “big data” scientists. The aim of the Summit was to generate innovative pilot projects that will be supported by the collaboration.

Center for Community Engagement and Health Equity (CEHE)

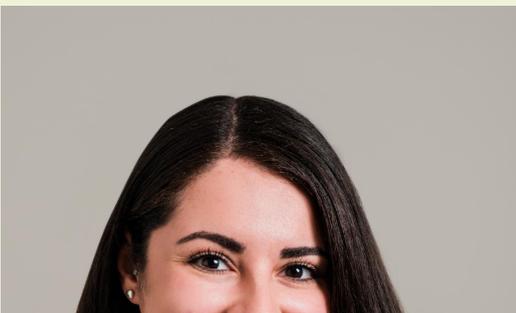
December 8 Application Deadline for Community Research Fellows Program

CEHE, in partnership with the Community Alliance for Research and Engagement (CARE), is accepting applications for Yale research teams to be host sites for the 2024 cohort of Community Research Fellows.

This innovative program matches Connecticut residents with Yale research teams to bring community expertise to cancer research. Fellows dedicate approximately 5 hours per week as members of a YCC-affiliated research team and can contribute to all areas of a research project (proposal development, survey design, data interpretation, dissemination of findings, and community outreach).

Hosting investigators and Fellows receive CEHE/CARE training and support through the 9-month program (Jan –Sept 2024). Applications are available **online**. For more information, please contact **Erin Singleton**, CEHE Program Manager.

Employee Profile: Christine Pedro



The Smilow Cancer Genetics and Prevention Program is comprised of specialists

including geneticists, genetic counselors, physicians, and nurse practitioners who work together to provide cancer risk assessment, but often the first point of contact is Physician Liaison, Christine Pedro. Christine receives the referrals



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Cancer Metabolism Symposium



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Roy Herbst, MD, PhD, joined Adriana Kahn, MD, and Jacquelyne Gaddy MD, MSc, MSCR, from Yale Cancer Center and Smilow Cancer Hospital, along with colleagues from around the country at the The Robert A. Winn Diversity in Clinical Trials Design and Implementation Workshop last week. Dr. Herbst is a co-director of the workshop, co-sponsored by the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR), which seeks to increase the diversity of patients enrolled in clinical trials, and ultimately to enhance the development of therapeutics for all populations.





and reaches out to patients to complete the intake and schedules them to meet with one of ten counselors at one of the four locations she covers which include Greenwich, Trumbull, New Haven, and Waterford.

Christine takes a family and personal cancer history to share with the counselor ahead of the appointment. She commented that it is during this time that she

hears many wonderful stories and is able to make connections with people over the phone; anything to make them more comfortable going into the process.

“I see my role as helping to bridge that gap for people that may not know a lot about genetics and what to expect,” said Christine. “I enjoy speaking with people and learning about them and am happy to answer any questions they may have. Some have a family history, some have a cancer diagnosis, and some are post cancer seeking information, so I tailor each call based on the individual and their needs. I hope that some of what I share makes them less anxious and that it carries over into their appointment.”

Christine has been with the Smilow Cancer Genetics and Prevention Program for two years and credits the amazing team she works with for her success. All the calls are triaged for urgency, so she knows who to schedule first and how to handle each call. She also works closely with the high-risk providers to handle scheduling for more specialized appointments including those with high-risk genetics, genitourinary cancers, and breast cancer.

Members of the Cancer Genetics and Prevention team had many wonderful things to say about Christine, including: “Christine gives each patient her undivided attention to help and support them in every way she can,” and “Christine is the heart of this program in many ways. She remembers facts about many of the patients she’s spoken to and her humor never fails to make us laugh.”

Claire Healy, MS, CGC, Co-Manager, Genetics Counselor, said of Christine, “Having her on our team makes a huge difference. Her attention to detail, compassion for patients, and ability to remember specific patients and details even after a brief phone call means that patients have an initial positive impression and experience of the program leading to better outcomes in their visits.”

Recent Publications

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Yang Yang-Hartwich, PhD, Associate Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Sciences and a member of Yale Cancer Center’s Cancer Signaling Networks Research Program, has been awarded a Scholar Award from the American Cancer Society to fund her grant, “MiPEP133, a New Tumor Suppressor for Ovarian Cancer.”

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Dockside Brewery in Milford, CT hosted a golf tournament at Grassy Hill Country Club on a sunny October day. Before tee-off Daniel Boffa, MD, Chief of Thoracic Surgery at Smilow Cancer Hospital, provided uplifting remarks to the golfers, emphasizing gratitude for their focus on the work being done at Smilow Cancer Hospital and Yale Cancer Center. The successful event raised funds for esophageal cancer research in memory of Ian Horowitz. Pictured are Tom Hanley, General Manager and Elaine Pick, Manager.



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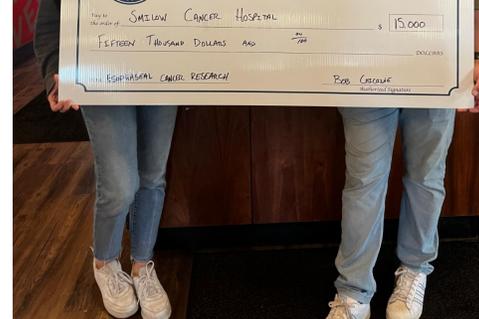
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Recently on Yale Cancer Answers, in honor of World Neuroendocrine Cancers Day, Dr. Pamela Kunz highlighted the advances in clinical trials and translational science that are defining the next generation of therapies for patients with this rare diagnosis. Listen on Connecticut Public Radio, or download our podcast from iTunes.



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Kiran Turaga, MD, Division Chief of Surgical Oncology and Assistant Medical Director for the Clinical Trials Office, treats patients with gastrointestinal cancers and is considered an expert in regional perfusion and including hyperthermic intraperitoneal chemotherapy (HIPEC). A recent patient shared their experience with Dr. Turaga and his team: "Dr. Turaga and his staff are amazing. There is not enough room in the comment section to describe how wonderful they were. Their compassion, explanations, completeness and overall care was exactly what I needed. We travelled far just to see them, and they did not disappoint."

Kiran Turaga, MD, MPH Surgical Oncologist

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Paper: Individual-Level Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) Measures and Treatment Complications in Acute Leukemia (confex.com)

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Funding and Award Opportunities

Lion Heart Fund for Cancer Research Grant Opportunity

Yale investigators are encouraged to submit proposals of innovative, high-potential projects requiring pilot funding. Projects may be in any area of breast cancer research – basic, translational, clinical, outcomes and population science are all welcomed from any discipline or group of disciplines.

Funding will be \$50,000 for a one-year project. The number of projects funded will depend on the amount of funds raised the preceding year but is estimated at two (2) projects for the 2024 cycle.

Proposal Deadline: November 27, 2023. Any questions, please reach out to **David Stern**.



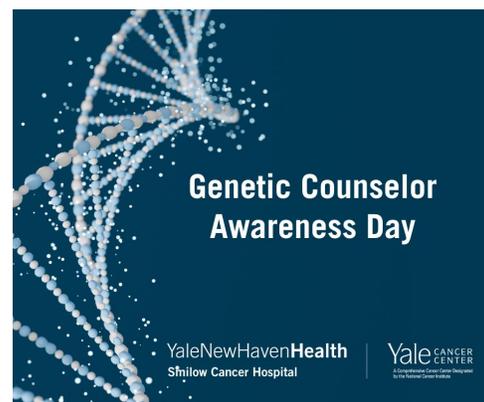
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Sara Pai, MD, PhD, recently joined the Head and Neck Cancer Program at Smilow Cancer Hospital and Yale Cancer Center from the Division of Surgical Oncology at the Massachusetts General Hospital/Harvard Medical School. Dr. Pai completed the MD/PhD program at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, where she obtained her PhD training in cancer immunology and vaccines. She did her residency in otolaryngology-head and neck surgery at Johns Hopkins Hospital.



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The future of healthcare is personalized, and genetic counselors are at the forefront of this evolution. In honor of Genetic Counselor Awareness Day, you can learn more about a career in this exciting profession, gain tips on how to pursue a career, as well as job shadowing opportunities, by visiting the link below.



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2024 ACS IRG Pilot Grant

The purpose of this grant is to provide pilot funds (up to \$40,000 total for one year) for the initiation of promising new projects or novel ideas by Yale Assistant Professors so that they can obtain preliminary results to enable them to compete successfully for national cancer research grants. These grants will support all potential areas of cancer research including basic, clinical, computational, population and epidemiology, prevention/control, implementation science and translational cancer research.

Internal Submission Deadline: November 27, 2023

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Understanding and Mitigating Health Disparities experienced by People with Disabilities caused by Ableism (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)

The goal of this NOFO is to encourage research to understand the impact of ableism on health outcomes. Research on the underlying mechanisms by which ableism adversely influences the health of persons with disabilities (PWD), as well as developing and/or testing interventions at a community or health systems level to mitigate adverse health effects of ableism are high priority.

Application Deadline: November 29, 2023

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Center for Exposome Research Coordination to Accelerate Precision Environmental Health (U24)

This NOFO solicits applications for establishing a Center for Exposome Research Coordination (CERC) that will serve the broad biomedical research community by coordinating and advancing exposome research to accelerate precision environmental health. The CERC will engage existing and ongoing exposome initiatives around the globe to promote methodological advancement and best practices, provide training and education, and foster national and international collaborations.

Application Deadline: November 30, 2023

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Advancing Genomic Medicine Research (R01/R21)

This NOFO solicits proposals that stimulate innovation and advance understanding of when, where, and how best to implement the use and sharing of genomic information and technologies in clinical care provided to all persons irrespective of racial/ethnic background or socioeconomic status.

Application Deadline: December 1, 2023

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CRI Clinic & Laboratory Integration Program (CLIP)

CLIP provides catalytic support for the translation of basic laboratory discoveries into novel therapies that can be tested in patients. CRI is pleased to announce an increase in the award amount for new CLIP grants. Awards

now provide up to \$300,000 over two years.

Application Deadline: December 1, 2023

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CRI Clinical Innovator Grant

The Clinical Innovator provides funding for clinician-scientists aiming to launch innovative phase I/II or phase II clinical studies using novel immunotherapies. In addition to the merits of the clinical and scientific rationale, studies will be selected based on their novelty, feasibility, and clinical impact.

Application Deadline: December 1, 2023

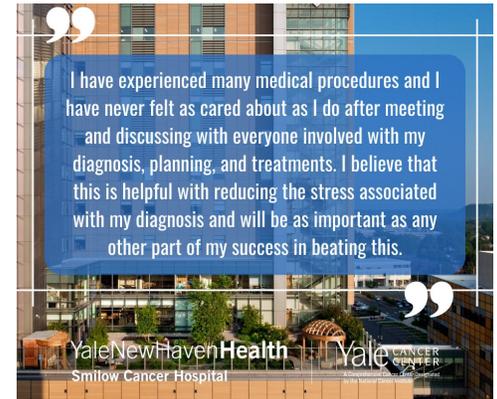
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Rising Tide Foundation for Clinical Cancer Research

RTFCCR's primary consideration in granting support is given to innovative, patient-centered clinical research. RTFCCR funds clinical trials within the focus areas: Improved Patients Outcomes; Science of Early Detection and

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Congratulations to Kristina Capretti, DNP, RN, ANP-BC, OCN, Director of Patient Services for Smilow Cancer Hospital in Greenwich and in Bridgeport, who was recently presented with the 2023 Grace E. Davidson Award from New York University Meyers College of Nursing. The Grace E. Davidson Award recognizes a nursing administrator of a health care agency who has significantly enhanced the education experience of nursing students.



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Intervention; Advancing Cancer Research in Underserved Areas

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Human Tumor Atlas (HTA) Research Centers (U01)

Through this NOFO, the NCI solicits applications for Human Tumor Atlas (HTA) Research Centers, one of the three scientific components of the Human Tumor Atlas Network (HTAN) (NCI Human Tumor Atlas Network). HTAN is a collaborative research initiative for constructing 3-dimensional (3D) and dynamic atlases of the cellular, morphological, molecular, and spatial features of human cancers and their surrounding microenvironments as they progress from precancerous lesions to advanced disease.

Application Deadline: December 5, 2023

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Single Source: Human Tumor Atlas Network Data Coordinating Center (HTAN-DCC; U24)

Through this non-competitive NOFO, the NCI solicits an application to fund a single award to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute for a Human Tumor Atlas Network (HTAN) Data Coordinating Center (DCC). The HTAN-DCC will have three major areas of responsibility: (1) Data Standards, Storage, and Dissemination; (2) Consortium Coordination; and (3) Community Outreach.

Application Deadline: December 5, 2023

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Public Health Communication Messaging about the Continuum of Risk for Tobacco Products (U01)

The purpose of this NOFO is to invite applications for a Research Project (U01) that will utilize health communication research to better understand the impact that messaging about the continuum of risk for tobacco products may have on various segments of the population.

Application Deadline: December 6, 2023

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ACPMP Research Foundation Catalyst Research Grants

The ACPMP Research Foundation Catalyst Research Grant Program is intended to support basic scientific, clinical, or translational research that is focused on appendix cancer and/or appendiceal pseudomyxoma peritonei (PMP). The aim of this grant program is to promote studies of the biology, epidemiology, genetics, pharmacology, immunobiology, or biochemistry of malignant epithelial neoplasms of the appendix that have the potential to yield diagnostic, therapeutic, or population-based advances for these rare cancers.

Application Deadline: December 15, 2023

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Mary Kay Ash Foundation Innovative/Translational Cancer Research Grant

The Mary Kay Ash Foundation, a funding source for cancer research, is currently accepting applications for innovative grants for translational research for cancers affecting women, including but not limited to ovarian, uterine, breast and/or cervical cancer. Grants will be awarded in the amount of \$100,000 over a two-year period.

Internal Submission Deadline: Friday, December 15, 2023 at 3:00 pm

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Melanoma Research Foundation Mid-Career Bridge Grant

In response to a growing need in the field, the MRF has established its Mid-Career Bridge Grant to support investigators who are dedicated to melanoma research. Investigators who have received their first R01 often have difficulty obtaining their second one. This award will be for established researchers with a pre-existing R01s, who have applied for a second NIH R01 grant that was scored, but not funded. To support and sustain these investigators while they generate the data for the Response to Reviewers in the revised R01 (A1) submission, the MRF is offering 1-year bridge funding of up to \$100,000.

On Yale Cancer Answers, advanced endoscopist Dr. Thiru Muniraj discussed the diagnosis and care of patients with pancreatic cancer in honor of Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month. Listen on Connecticut Public Radio, or download our podcast from iTunes.

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Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month

Thiru Muniraj, MD, FACC, FRCP
Associate Professor of Medicine (Digestive Diseases); Associate Chief, Digestive Health; Director, Yale Center for Pancreatitis; Director, Bariatric Endoscopy, Advanced Endoscopy

Sunday, November 5, 2023

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Hari Deshpande, MD, is a medical oncologist who specializes in the care of patients with sarcomas. A patient recently shared this sentiment: "Dr. Deshpande has been caring for me for over three years and is the kindest most knowledgeable physician I have ever encountered. I am so fortunate and grateful to have him in my life."

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The Colton Center for Autoimmunity at Yale: 2024 Colton Center Awards

The Colton Center for Autoimmunity at Yale (CCAY) is requesting project proposals to advance innovative translational research in autoimmune and allergic diseases, including but not limited to, discovery and development of therapeutics; identification and validation of therapeutic targets; development of platform technologies; and development of diagnostics, or biomarkers for patient stratification during clinical trials.

Reach out to makoto.yoshioka@yale.edu for more information.

Internal Submission Deadline: December 21, 2023

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Alex's Lemonade Stand – Crazy 8 Initiative

Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation (ALSF) is pleased to announce that we are now accepting LOIs for the 2024 Crazy 8 Initiative Award. In 2024, the ALSF Crazy 8 Initiative will focus on Childhood Cancer Predisposition and Prevention. This is an opportunity for an investigator to bring a team of experts together to apply for this award of \$3-5 million USD over four years and make a critical impact on children with cancer and their families.

Internal Submission Deadline: January 4, 2024 at 8:00pm

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Lustgarten Foundation Innovation & Collaboration Program

The intent of this program is to provide seed funding for highly innovative research with significant potential to accelerate the mission of the Lustgarten Foundation. Proposals should address key outstanding questions and have the potential to lead to a change in the current paradigm or conventional wisdom. Proposals that involve collaborations across groups or that bring new expertise and/or technology into the field will be preferred.

Application Deadline: January 5, 2024

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CRI Llyod J. Old STAR Program

Candidates selected for this award are expected to be the future leaders in the field of cancer immunotherapy, and this sustained funding will enable them to carry out transformational research. Because the funds are not restricted to a particular project, the award allows the recipients to follow new and promising lines of investigation, which often lead to unanticipated scientific breakthroughs. This long-term funding provides a degree of flexibility and freedom to explore outside-the-box and disruptive avenues of research.

Funding Organization's Deadline: January 15, 2024

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NCI-funded Obesity and Cancer Training Program (TREC) for Basic, Clinical and Population Early Career Investigators

We are pleased to announce that we are taking applications for our 8th annual NCI R25-funded Transdisciplinary Research on Energetics and Cancer (TREC) Training Workshop for early career investigators at Yale. The Workshop, with all costs covered, focuses on working with early career investigators and post-docs on developing grant applications related to obesity, diet, exercise and cancer from a translational and transdisciplinary perspective. Basic scientists, clinician-scientists and population scientists are encouraged to apply. This year's Workshop will be held **June 24-28, 2024** at Water's Edge Resort, Westbrook, CT.

Application Deadline: January 15, 2024

For more details and to apply, visit TRECTraining.yale.edu

Questions: contact Diana Lowry dlowry@fredhutch.org

Comprehensive Partnerships to Advance Cancer Health Equity (CPACHE) (U54)

This funding opportunity seeks to support the Comprehensive Partnerships to Advance Cancer Health Equity (CPACHE) Program. The CPACHE Program develops and maintains comprehensive, long-term, and mutually beneficial

Palliative Care Journal Club

November 21, 2023 12:00 PM

Zoom/FMP 132

Hospital Opioid Usage and Adverse Events in Patients with End Stage Liver Disease

Caitlin Bennett, MD

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Palliative Care Case Conference

November 21, 2023 4:00 PM

Zoom/FMP 618 Conf Rm

Navigating Substance Use, Bias, and Social Determinants of Health in the treatment of pain

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Digestive Diseases Research Seminar

November 21, 2023 5:00 PM

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Louise Wang, MD, MSCE

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Yale Cancer Answers

November 26, 2023 7:30 PM

WNPR 90.5

November/Men's Health

Michael E. Karellas, MD, FACS

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Ask a Clinical Librarian

November 26, 2023 2:00 PM

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Alyssa Ann Grimshaw, MLIS, MBA

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Integrative Medicine & Support Services at Smilow Cancer Hospital

November 27, 2023 10:00 AM

Park Ave Medical Center – 5520 Park Ave Trumbull

Support Group for Women with Cancer

Ellen Riccardi, LPC

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Multi-Disciplinary Portal Hypertension and Vascular Liver Disorders Conference

November 28, 2023 7:30 AM

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Todd Schlachter, MD

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Department of Pathology Innovation and Entrepreneurship Seminar

November 28, 2023 12:00 PM

Brady Memorial Library

partnerships between institutions serving underserved health disparity populations and underrepresented students (ISUPs) and NCI-designated Cancer Centers (CCs). The program aims to achieve a stronger national cancer program and address challenges in cancer and cancer disparities research, education, and outreach, as well as cancer's impact on underserved populations.

Application Deadline: January 16, 2024

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SPOREs in Human Cancers for Years 2024, 2025, and 2026 (P50)

Through this NOFO, the NCI invites applications for P50 Research Center Grants for Specialized Programs of Research Excellence (SPORE). Based on the research proposed, applications may be jointly funded with the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR). The program will fund P50 SPORE grants to support state-of-the-art investigator-initiated translational research that will contribute to improved prevention, early detection, diagnosis, and treatment of an organ-specific cancer or a highly related group of cancers.

Application Deadline: January 24, 2024

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Lustgarten Equity, Accessibility & Diversity (LEAD) Project

The Lustgarten Equity, Accessibility, and Diversity (LEAD) Project was created to address these discrepancies by increasing the recruitment and retention of underrepresented groups in pancreatic cancer clinical trials. The supported projects are designed to identify and address barriers to participation and develop and implement specific tools to expand community outreach, patient education, and/or clinical recruitment staff.

Application Deadline: February 2, 2024

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Demetrios Braddock, MD, PhD

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Yale Cell Biology Seminar

November 28, 2023 1:00 PM

TAC N107 – 300 Cedar Street

Signals and Blockers in Nuclear-Cytoplasmic

Yuh Min Chook, PhD

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Rheumatology Grand Rounds

November 29, 2023 8:00 AM

Zoom/TAC

SLE in Latin America: Challenges and Opportunities

Manuel F. Ugarte-Gil, MD

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Yale Infectious Diseases Didactic Lecture Series

November 29, 2023 10:00 AM

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Surgical Infections

Rupak Datta, MD, PhD, MPH

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When You Can't Find the Data You Need

November 29, 2023 11:00 AM

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Advanced Data Collection Methods

Kaitlin Throgmorton; Gavriella Levy Haskell

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Pediatric Grand Rounds

November 29, 2023 12:00 PM

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Climate Change and Kids: How We Got Here and Where We're Going

Carl Baum, MD, MSc

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EMD Seminar Series

November 29, 2023 12:00 PM

Yale School of Public Health 115-1

Allison Brown

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Endocrine Workshop

November 29, 2023 4:00 PM

Fitkin Memorial Pavilion

My Approach to the Patient Suspected of Having Endocrine Hypertension

Olga Sakharova, MD

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YCC/Smilow Town Hall

YCC/Simlow Town Hall

November 29, 2023 5:00 PM

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Kevin Billingsley, MD, MBA; Tracy Carafeno, MD, RN, CNML; Corey Champeau; Scott Huntington, MD, MPH, MSc; Michele Kelvey-Albert, MPH

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Violence as a Public Health Crisis: The Road to Solutions

November 29, 2023 6:30 PM

Zoom

VITAE Inaugural Event: A Conversation with YSPH Dean Megan Ranney

Megan Ranney, MD, MPH; Martin Kelin, MPH, PhD

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2023 ACS CAN Connecticut Forum

November 30, 2023 8:00 AM

55 Park Street Auditorium

The Future of Lung Cancer Prevention and Treatment

Keynote: Roy S. Herbst, MD, PhD

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Therapeutic Radiology Grand Rounds

November 30, 2023 9:00 AM

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Exploiting DDR Defects in Cancer: Stories from the bench to bedside and beyond...

Ranjit S. Bindra, MD, PhD

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Endocrine Workshop

November 30, 2023 4:00 PM

Fitkin Memorial Pavilion

My Approach to Transgender Care (part 1)

Anika K. Anam, MD

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Center for GI Cancers

November 30, 2023 4:15 PM

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Seminar Series 2023-2024

Lulsa Escobar-Hoyos

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Understanding Myeloma

November 30, 2023 4:30 PM

436 Newhall St

A Community Event Led by the Yale Myeloma Team

Natalia Neparidze, MD

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Urology Grand Rounds

December 1, 2023 7:00 AM

SHM 221 A – Beaumont Rm

Speaker to be Announced

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Yale Cancer Center Grand Rounds

December 1, 2023 9:00 AM

55 Park Street, Smilow Auditorium

Benjamin Lu, MD

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