

March 19, 2021

Announcements

Dr. Cecelia Calhoun Joins Yale Hematology and Pediatrics

Cecelia Calhoun, MD, MSPH, MBA, has been appointed as an Assistant Professor of Medicine (Hematology) in the Clinician-Scientist Track and an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics (Hematology/Oncology). Dr. Calhoun will join Yale Cancer Center and Smilow Cancer Hospital on July 1 to care for



adolescents and young adults with Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) as part of the Smilow Cancer Hospital Pediatric and Adult Hematology Programs and Director of the Adolescent-Young Adult Sickle Cell Program. Most recently, she was an Assistant Professor in Pediatrics, Hematology and Oncology, and Director of the Pediatric Sickle Cell Disease Transition Program at Washington University School of Medicine.

Her research will focus on the relationship between health literacy, self-management, and cognition in adolescent and young adult patients with SCD. In addition, she's interested in conducting health services research to inform interventions and improve transitions of care for adolescents and young adults with SCD to adult care.

Dr. Calhoun received her medical degree from Wayne State University in Detroit and completed her clinical fellowship at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, where she also received her MSPH. She recently received her MBA from the Yale University School of Management. In 2019, Dr. Calhoun received the Pozen-Commonwealth Fund Fellowship in Minority Health Leadership at Yale University, which is intended to give healthcare practitioners the leadership skills and the deep understanding of teams, markets, and organizations necessary to tackle major inequities in the U.S.

healthcare system.

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Collaboration with ProHealth Physicians Announced

We are excited to announce a new collaboration between ProHealth Physicians and Smilow Cancer Hospital and Saint Francis Hospital/Trinity Health to improve timely access to breast care for patients of ProHealth Physicians. Launched this week, ProHealth providers now have streamlined access to refer their patients to the Breast Cancer Programs at Smilow Cancer Hospital and Saint Francis Hospital/Trinity Health through a single, integrated, and dedicated referral line, 877-STOPCA1 (877-786-7221). ProHealth Physicians includes more than 500 primary care physicians and has practices in every county in Connecticut. Faith Kozikowski is our dedicated nurse coordinator that will be the connection between ProHealth Physicians and the Smilow and Saint Francis/Trinity teams in this exciting endeavor. This new collaboration will ensure seamless access for patients in need of breast care and enhanced care coordination with primary care practices, with the potential for future expansion to other types of oncology care.

Vote to Support Smilow Cancer Hospital

Please support Smilow Cancer Hospital during *U.S. News & World Report's* annual survey for the Best Hospitals. While we recognize that our reputation and ranking in the annual guide is only one of many measures of our success, we count on our providers to show their support. If each registered provider at Smilow voted, our national reputation score would increase substantially. Please support our institution by participating in this year's survey. Online voting is open through [Doximity](#) or on the Doximity app until March 26.

Register to Join us at Closer to Free!

Last year proved that the Closer to Free Ride is stronger than ever. Our community overcame all obstacles to fundraise, connect, and ride to support Smilow Cancer Hospital and Yale Cancer Center...no matter what. This year, we're not stopping. We



We will ride Closer to Free on September 11, 2021 to raise the crucial funds that fuel critical cancer research and unparalleled care at Smilow. We will ride to deliver hope. We will ride to celebrate and remember. We will ride because we must.

The 2021 Closer to Free Ride will be a virtual ride experience until safe to plan in person events. Whether we ride together or from afar, the power of the Closer to Free Ride remains. Watch this year's [Launch video](#) and we can assure you that whether this is your first Closer to Free Ride or your 11th, it likely won't be your last. [Register to join us today.](#)

Cancer, a Federally Appointed Task Force Says



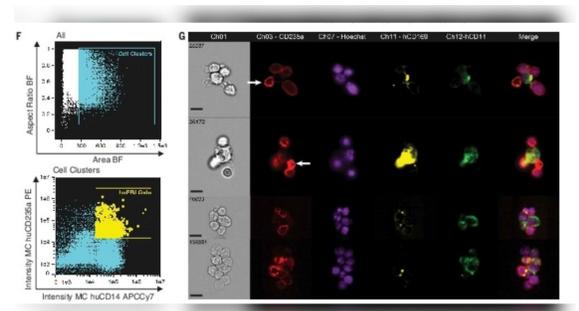
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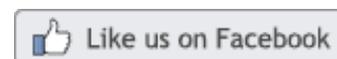
Yale Study Shows Combined Liver-Cytokine Humanization Rescues Circulating Red Blood Cells for Testing of Novel Therapeutics



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Notables

Tara Sanft, MD, Chief Patient Experience Officer, Director of the Smilow Cancer Hospital Survivorship Clinic, and Associate Professor of Medicine (Medical Oncology), has been named Chair of the **National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) Survivorship Committee**. Dr. Sanft has served on the panel since 2014 and has been Vice Chair since 2017. The NCCN survivorship guidelines are downloaded nearly 50,000 each year and were recently revised and published in December.

Roy Herbst, MD, PhD, Chief of Medical Oncology, Ensign Professor of Medicine (Medical Oncology), Professor of Pharmacology, and Associate Cancer Center Director for Translational Medicine, has been appointed to the **National Cancer Policy Forum** representing the **American Association for Cancer Research**.

Eight Yale Cancer Center members have been elected to the **Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering (CASE)** for 2021. Congratulations to **Gary Desir, MD**, Chair and Paul B. Beeson Professor of Medicine; **Rong Fan, PhD**, Professor of Biomedical Engineering; **Antonio Giraldez, PhD**, Chair and Fergus F. Wallace Professor of Genetics; **Mark W. Hochstrasser, PhD**, Eugene Higgins Professor of Molecular Biophysics and Biochemistry and Professor of Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology; **Melinda L. Irwin, PhD, MPH**, Susan Dwight Bliss Professor of Epidemiology (Chronic Diseases) and Associate Dean for Research, Yale School of Public Health; **Chen Liu, MD, PhD**, Chair and Anthony N. Brady Professor of Pathology; **Linda M. Niccolai, PhD**, Professor of Epidemiology (Microbial Diseases); **Hongyu Zhao, PhD**, Chair and Ira V. Hiscock Professor of Biostatistics.

Iris Isufi, MD, Assistant Professor of Medicine (Hematology), has been appointed **Vice Chief of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for the Section of Hematology** to help guide the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Internal Medicine.

The **Yale Palliative Care Program** was well represented at the **National American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (AAHPM)** meeting held in February. **Jennifer Kapo, MD, Leslie Blatt, APRN**, and **Melissa Weimer, DO**, presented: *Addiction Medicine Specialists in Your Back Pocket: Building an Essential Collaboration*. **Jennifer Kapo, MD**, presented: *Developing Collaborations with Development Professionals: An Essential Competency for Palliative Care Teams*. **Alex Choi, MD**, and **Elizabeth Prsic, MD**, presented the following poster: *Interdisciplinary Approach to Assist with Complex Medical Decision Making in an Illiterate Male with Stage 4A Tonsillar Cancer after Tracheostomy*. **Alex Choi, MD**, and **Laura Morrison, MD**, presented a poster: *Use of Multi-Modal Pain Regimen to Treat Antepartum and Postpartum Left Leg Pain in Female with Sacral Giant Cell Tumor*.

The **Cancer Signaling Networks Research Program** welcomes



Patrick's Day!

Check out some of our "green" #smilowheartsshared with the Smilow Integrative Medicine Program from our patients and caregivers.



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Join us for the official launch of the 2021 Closer to Free Ride. Registration is now open! Watch our Closer to Free Ride Kickoff presented by NBC Connecticut! #CTFRide



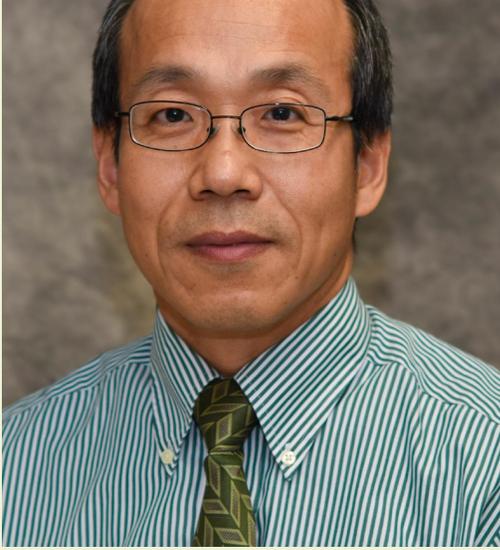
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Despite poor outcomes nationally and internationally, patients do better when they receive treatment at facilities like Smilow Cancer Hospital. Our unique ability to bring together clinicians and scientists focused on pancreatic cancer is propelling research advances and bringing renewed hope to patients.



Guoping Cai, MD,

Professor of Pathology. Dr. Cai evaluates the values of biochemical or molecular markers, specifically for the diagnosis of pancreatic adenocarcinoma and prognostic assessment of pancreatic neuroendocrine tumors. Through his research, Dr. Cai found that identification of KRAS mutation as well as SMAD4 immunostaining in the biopsy specimens help render a diagnosis of pancreatic adenocarcinoma in cases with indeterminate biopsy. In his lung cancer research, he has studied the validity of molecular testing using cytological specimens such as fine needle aspirates and pleural effusion specimens. Dr. Cai is also interested in identifying morphologic features and molecular alterations underlying the mechanisms of acquired resistance in targeted therapy or immunotherapy.



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This week's Yale Cancer Answers features an important discussion on the COVID-19 vaccine with stage III breast cancer survivor Christina Allen and Dr. Tara Sanft, Chief Patient Experience Officer at Smilow Cancer Hospital. Christina shares her experience getting the vaccine, side effects, and concerns in the interview.



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Employee Profile: Mary Strauss, LCSW

Helping a patient find their own strength and resilience when they have been through adversity is one of the challenges oncology social workers like Mary Strauss find so rewarding.

“When you see a patient begin to recognize their own inner strength and open up to the support and resources we have to offer, it is extremely fulfilling as a social worker,” says Mary. “They begin to exhale and accept that they are not alone in this challenge, and they learn it’s okay to focus on their health.”



Working with patients with hematological cancers, and patients with head and neck cancers, Mary talks with her patients when they are first diagnosed and throughout the treatment process. To determine the

needs of each patient, she performs a psychosocial assessment, which helps guide her recommendations of resources, including information on housing, food resources, and grants. She also provides individual and family counseling, and she collaborates with colleagues

Congratulations to Laura J. Morrison, MD, FAAHPM, Associate Professor of Medicine and Director of the Yale Hospice and Palliative Medicine Fellowship Program, recipient of the 2021 American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (AAHPM) Gerald H. Holman Distinguished Service Award. The award was presented in recognition of her important contributions to the national Entrustable Professional Activities (EPAs) and Curricular Milestones Workgroup that created and published EPAs and Curricular Milestones for hospice and palliative medicine fellowship programs. Dr. Morrison led the formation of the Workgroup and chaired the EPA development portion. Dr. Morrison and the other workgroup members were honored in a video presentation at the AAHPM/Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association Annual Assembly, held in February.



Congratulations to Dr. Laura Morrison

who can offer nutritional counseling, integrative medicine, and spiritual care.

Joining one of the many support groups offered at Smilow Cancer Hospital is another coping strategy Mary likes to share with her patients. She leads three support groups including one for each of the specialties she works with (hematological cancers and head and neck cancers), and a third designed for cancer caregivers. With the onset of COVID, all support groups shifted from in-person meetings to Zoom and teleconference, and that transition has been a great success, providing more access to patients who had barriers with transportation, travel, or who were too sick to attend in person. With the caregivers' group, there are even a few members who join in from a different state.

"It's interesting to see how members help each other. They understand each other and bond with each other, and their feelings are normalized and validated. And as part of the emotional aspect of their cancer journey, they begin to feel strong again," Mary explains.

Recent Publications

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Annals of surgical oncology, 10.1245/s10434-021-09689-2. Advance online publication.

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Publication Bias in Gastrointestinal Oncology Trials Performed over the Past Decade

The Oncologist, Online ahead of print.

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Data-independent Acquisition-based Proteome and Phosphoproteome Profiling across Six Melanoma Cell Lines Reveals Determinants of Proteotypes

Molecular Omics, Online ahead of print.

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Surgical and Oncologic Outcomes Following Repeat Hepatic Resection of Colorectal Liver Metastasis: Who Benefits?

The American Journal of Surgery, Online ahead of print.

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Lee J, Robinson ME, Ma N, Artadji D, Ahmed MA, Xiao G, Sadras T, Deb G, Winchester J, Cosgun KN, Geng H, Chan LN, Kume K, Miettinen TP, Zhang Y, Nix MA, Klemm L, Chen CW, Chen J, Khairnar



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So much has changed since the pandemic began here a year ago. What has not changed is the dedication and commitment of the two Intake Specialists in our Breast Center. Antonette Graziano has been an intake specialist in the Breast Center for nearly 6 years, and Griserl Sterling joined the intake team over a year ago. They are the first voice reaching out to patients who are referred for care at The Breast Center at Smilow Cancer Hospital. Antonette and Griserl work closely with their nurse coordinator colleagues, and make entry to care for so many patients streamlined and navigable. They both embody the values of Yale New Haven Hospital, always patient-centered, respectful, and compassionate.

Shagunna "Renee" Muse, Antonette's manager stated, "Antonette positively impacts our patient's initial visit to the Breast Center, and I have received several compliments from patients and team members confirming her great customer service and kind nature. She diligently works late hours to guarantee that new patients are not anxiously awaiting a call back for an appointment during an already stressful time. She is an asset to our Women's Services department."

Griserl recently had three very ill, hospitalized metastatic patients who were referred for outpatient visits after discharge. Obtaining all the critical documentation needed for these visits, setting the visit up, ensuring the patient and family have all the necessary information, can be quite complex. Together with the nurse coordinators, Griserl was able to provide timely, safe visits for these women. The family members verbalized their gratitude for the assistance.



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Nature, Online ahead of print.

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Genetic Determinants of EGFR-Driven Lung Cancer Growth and Therapeutic Response In Vivo

Cancer Discovery, Online ahead of print.

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Racial/Ethnic, Socioeconomic, and Geographic Survival Disparities in Adolescents and Young Adults with Primary Central Nervous System Tumors

Pediatric Blood & Cancer, Online ahead of print.

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Targeted Therapies for Resectable Lung Adenocarcinoma: ADAURA Opens for Thoracic Oncologic Surgeons

The Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery, Online ahead of print.

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Increased Numbers of Nucleoli in a Genome-Wide RNAi Screen Reveal Proteins that Link the Cell Cycle to RNA Polymerase I Transcription

Molecular Biology of the Cell, Online ahead of print.

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Chagpar, AB (2021)

Guide to Enhanced Recovery for Cancer Patients Undergoing Breast Surgery and Reconstruction

Annals of Surgical Oncology, Online ahead of print.

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Adjuvant Chemotherapy for T4 Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer with Additional Ipsilateral Lung Nodules

The Annals of Thoracic Surgery, Online ahead of print.

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Association of Negative Follow-Up Biopsy and Reclassification during Active Surveillance of Prostate Cancer: A Systematic



Thank you,
**Antonette Graziano
and Griseri Sterling,**
Intake Specialists at
the Breast Center
at Smilow Cancer
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"Colorectal Cancer is in fact preventable. That's exactly why screening is so critical." — watch Pamela Kunz, MD, Director of Smilow Cancer Hospital's Center for Gastrointestinal Cancers discuss causes and prevention of the disease for #ColorectalCancerAwarenessMonth.



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New research led by Dr. Donald Lannin in @AnnSurgOncol analyzes characteristics and long-term risks of #breastangiosarcoma.

Review and meta-Analysis

The Journal of Urology, Online ahead of print.

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Tandem High-Dose Influenza Vaccination is Associated with More Durable Serologic Immunity in Patients with Plasma Cell Dyscrasias

Blood Advances.

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Monitoring HPV Vaccine Impact on Cervical Disease: Status and Future Directions for the Era Of Cervical Cancer Elimination

Preventive Medicine.

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Giuliano AR, Niccolai LM (2021)

A World without Cervical Cancer is within Our Reach

Preventive Medicine.

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Nguyen T, Irwin ML, Dewan AT, Cartmel B, Harrigan M, Ferrucci LM, Sanft T, Li F, Lu L, Salinas YD (2021)

Examining the Effect of Obesity-associated Gene Variants on Breast Cancer Survivors in a Randomized Weight Loss Intervention

Breast Cancer Research and Treatment, Online ahead of print.

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Combined Liver-Cytokine Humanization Comes to the Rescue of Circulating Human Red Blood Cells

Science.

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Computational Studies of Anaplastic Lymphoma Kinase Mutations Reveal Common Mechanisms of Oncogenic Activation

Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

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Bayesian Network-driven Clustering Analysis with Feature Selection for High-dimensional Multi-modal Molecular Data

Scientific Reports.

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Gibson JA, Einberg KE, Nalbantoglu I, Cecchini M, Ganzak A, Walther



Register to join [@MarioStrazzabos](#) & Dr. Stacey Stein Thursday, March 18th at 6pm

for a virtual #CME series [@SmilowCancer](#) #LiverCancer program to discuss "Combination Therapy for #HepatocellularCarcinoma: A New Standard."



Join us for a [@YaleCancer](#) virtual Grand Rounds today at Noon. Dr. Michael Shen will be presenting "Investigating Lineage Plasticity in Organoid Models of Prostate and #BladderCancer."



Read how [@YaleCancer](#) [@SmilowCancer](#) scientists and physicians are responding to the pressing need for new ideas for pancreatic cancer by collaborating between our labs and clinics.



Watch [@AACR](#) [@FDAOncology](#)'s Project Livin' Label to learn the backstory on osimertinib with [@DrRoyHerbstYale](#)



Thank you to our [@SmilowCancer](#) Registered Dietitians and board-certified specialists in #oncologynutrition on this #RDNDay for helping develop safe eating plans for our patients!



Thank you [@DrRoyHerbstYale](#) & our entire Center for Thoracic Cancers for the fantastic overview of #lungcancer research, treatment & care [@SmilowCancer](#) during today's Grand Rounds, including a timely update of the new screening guidelines.



"This expansion of recommendations will double the number of people eligible for lung cancer screening, w/benefit particularly for women & African Americans." —Dr. Lynn Tanoue commenting on new screening guidelines from [#USPSTF](#).



Join us today at Noon for a virtual YaleCancer Grand Rounds. [@DrRoyHerbstYale](#) will discuss "Lung Cancer Clinical Care & Research at Yale: The Thoracic Disease Center" with a panel from [@SmilowCancer](#)



Congratulations to [@tarasanftmd](#) on being named Chair of the @NCCN Survivorship committee. Dr. Sanft has served on the committee to help set clinical practice guidelines for #cancersurvivors and providers since 2014, and as Vice Chair since 2017.

Gibson BA, Finberg RE, Nambrotgidi T, Cecchini M, Ganzak A, Walthers Z, Sklar JL, Eder JP, Goldberg SB (2021)

Yale Cancer Center Precision Medicine Tumor Board: Molecular Findings Alter a Diagnosis and Treatment Plan

The Lancet Oncology.

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Journal for Immunotherapy of Cancer.

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Funding and Award Opportunities

Alex's Lemonade Stand 2021 Reach Grant

The purpose of the Reach Grant is to advance ALSF's mission to find cures and better treatments for childhood cancers by providing support to move hypothesis-driven research into the clinic.

Application Deadline: March 22, 2021

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Small Business Transition Grant for Early Career Scientists

This FOA aims to support early career academic scientists interested in transitioning to entrepreneurship while also supporting the transfer of technology from academic laboratories into small businesses.

Application Deadline: March 24, 2021

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DoD Lung Cancer Research Program Funding Opportunities

The FY21 Defense Appropriations Act is anticipated to provide funding to the Department of Defense LCRP to support innovative, high-impact lung cancer research.

- **Concept Award – Letter of Intent Due:** March 31, 2021
- **Career Development Award – Letter of Intent Due:** March 31, 2021
- **Investigator-Initiated Translational Research Award – Preproposal Due:** May 5, 2021
- **Clinical Translational Research Partnership Award – Letter of Intent Due:** July 14, 2021

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Robert L. Fine Cancer Research Foundation

A new funding opportunity for a post-doctoral fellowship award in pancreatic cancer research. The grant funds \$60,000 in salary support including fringe benefits and a \$5000 discretionary fund.

Sponsor Deadline: March 31, 2021

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American Cancer Society Research Scholar Grants

The RSG supports investigator-initiated projects across the cancer research continuum. Independent investigators in the first 8 years of an independent research career or faculty appointment are eligible to apply.



Join us at 6pm for a virtual Smilow Shares program from our @SmilowCancer

Care Centers in Waterford & Westerly to discuss #BreastCancer Survivorship w/@TaraSanftmd Dr. Anca Bulgaru & panel of care experts.



"She is the face of President Biden's COVID-19 equity plan". — @SmilowCancer

Chief Health Equity Officer @DrNunezSmith @ERIC_Yale featured by @CNN as one of six black women on the frontlines of the fight against the virus.



New research led by @HaleneLab

@Flavelllab & @Dr_YuanbinSong in

@ScienceMagazine could help in the development of treatments for life-threatening #blooddisorders.

Calendar

Yale Cancer Answers

March 21; 7:30 PM

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Genetic and Environmental Influences in Colon Cancer

Caroline Johnson, PhD

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YCC Genetic, Genomics and Epigenetics

Research Seminar

March 22; 1:00 PM

Dissecting the Cell Death Pathway of Pro-Apoptotic BOK

Samuel Katz, MD, PhD

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Yale Cancer Center Grand Rounds

March 23; 12:00 PM

The Cell Therapy DART Solid Tumor Program and Cellular Therapies for Hematologic Malignancies at Yale- Clinical and Research Challenges

Michael Hurwitz, PhD, MD and Iris Isufi, MD

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Smilow Shares

March 23; 7:00 PM

Understanding Colorectal Cancer

Pamela Kunz, MD | Xavier Llor, MD, PhD | Peter McWhorter, MD | D. Barry Boyd, MD | M. Sung Lee, MD

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2021 SITC Fellowships

SITC is offering four Fellowships, totaling \$450,000 in funding. These fellowships are open to all early career investigators, domestic and international from academia and government. Please help us spread the word about these incredible opportunities.

- SITC–Bristol Myers Squibb Postdoctoral Cancer Immunotherapy Translational Fellowship (two years, \$200,000)
- SITC–Amgen Cancer Immunotherapy in Hematologic Malignancies Fellowship (one year, \$100,000)
- SITC–AstraZeneca Immunotherapy in Lung Cancer Clinical Fellowship (one year, \$100,000)
- SITC–Nektar Therapeutics Equity and Inclusion in Cancer Immunotherapy Fellowship (one year, \$50,000)

Application Deadlines: April 2, 2021

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NIH RFI: Inviting Comments and Suggestions to Advance and Strengthen Racial Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in Biomedical Research and Advance Health Disparities and Health Equity Research

This RFI invites feedback on the approaches the NIH can take to advance racial equity, diversity, and inclusion within all facets of the biomedical research workforce and expand research to eliminate or lessen health disparities and inequities.

Responses Due: April 9, 2021

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NCCN Request for Proposals (RFP): Phase I/II Clinical and/or Correlative Studies of the panHER Inhibitor Neratinib in the Treatment of Breast, Gastrointestinal, Lung, and Neurological Cancers

This RFP is to support NCCN Member Institution faculty for the performance of clinical and correlative studies to further evaluate the effectiveness of neratinib in the treatment of breast, gastrointestinal (GI), lung and neurological cancers.

Application Deadline: April 19, 2021

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Cancer Grand Challenges Program

The NCI and Cancer Research UK (CRUK) are partnering to fund the Cancer Grand Challenges program. Cancer Grand Challenges will fund novel ideas by multidisciplinary research teams from around the world that offer the potential to advance bold cancer research and improve outcomes for people affected by cancer. These nine

challenges are aimed at solving complex problems in cancer research, which, if solved, could have a transformative impact towards progress.

Application Deadline: April 22, 2021

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Yale SPOR in Lung Cancer

- Career Enhancement Award: The goal of the CEP of the YSILC is to educate the next generation of investigators committed to translational research in lung cancer. The CEP will provide

Center for Methods in Implementation and Prevention Science (CMIPS) and Biostatistics Series

March 24; 12:00 PM

New Opportunities for Designing Implementation and Hybrid Implementation/Effectiveness Trials and Other Evaluations

C. Hendricks Brown, PhD

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Palliative Care and Symptom Science (PASS) Seminar

March 25; 4:00 PM

Ula Hwang, MD, MPH

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Pathology Grand Rounds

March 25; 12:30 PM

Plasticity of the Mucosal Barrier: Insight into Regulation of Epithelial Homeostasis and Repair

Asma Nusrat, MD

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Cancer Genetics and Prevention Seminar

March 25; 2:30 PM

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Center for GI Cancers Weekly Seminar

March 25; 4:15 PM

Pre-habilitation in Cancer Patients

Anne Mongiu, MD and Scott Capozza, PT

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Yale Cancer Answers

March 28; 7:30 PM

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Lung Cancer

Roy S. Herbst, MD, PhD

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Radiobiology and Radiotherapy Research Program

March 29, 11:00 AM

Delineating Components of N-linked Glycosylation Biosynthetic Machinery Using a Whole-genome CRISPR-Cas9 Screen

Chatchai Phoomak

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Yale Cancer Center Grand Rounds

March 30; 12:00 PM

Jorge Galán, PhD, DVM and Nicole Deziel, PhD, MHS

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Updates in Gynecologic Cancers

support of up to \$50,000 to promising junior investigators and/or established investigators who have not previously conducted lung cancer focused research.

- **Developmental Research Program:** To provide seed money to investigators to support studies with a strong translational component that have the potential to evolve into, or be incorporated into, a full YSILC project.

Letters of Intent Due: April 23, 2021

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Alex's Lemonade Stand - Crazy 8 Initiative

This initiative aims to tackle specific challenges in pediatric cancer research that require substantial support for collaborative teams. The Crazy 8 Initiative will fund research into innovative and rigorous approaches that directly address the most intractable issues in pediatric cancer research today.

Letter of Intent Due: April 26, 2021

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NCCN/AstraZeneca Initiative Request for Proposals (RFP) in Patients with Early-Stage Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC)

The intent of this RFP is to encourage NCCN Member Institutions to submit LOIs describing concepts and ideas for developing, implementing, and evaluating healthcare provider performance and/or healthcare quality improvement initiatives to improve patient care and outcomes in early-stage NSCLC.

Letter of Intent Deadline: May 3, 2021

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Pfizer Global Medical Grants - NSCLC Therapy Management for Optimal Outcomes

Projects that will be considered for Pfizer support will focus on development of an algorithm or tool to guide the optimal treatment and support of patients with ALK or ROS1 re-arranged NSCLC.

Application Deadline: May 5, 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)

Updates in Gynecologic Cancers

March 31, 6:00 PM

A CME Seminar Presented by the Smilow Cancer Hospital Care Center in Waterford

Elena Ratner, MD and Mitchell Clark, MD

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Yale General Internal Medicine Clinical Conference Meeting

April 1; 7:30 AM

Advanced Illness: Where Primary Care Meets Palliative Care

Dmitry Kozhevnikov, DO

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StemCONN 2021

April 1; 9:00 AM

Regenerative Medicine in the 21st Century

Angela Cacace, PhD | Allen Eaves, PhD | Connie

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PhD | Karolina Paluka, MD, PhD | In-Hyun Park, PhD

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Center for Methods in Implementation and Prevention Science (CMIPS) and Biostatistics Series

April 1; 12:00 PM

Reimagining Mental Health Care in the US: Lessons from the Global South

Vikram Patel, PhD, MBBS

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Pathology Grand Rounds

April 1; 12:30 PM

Richard Ittanoos, MD, PhD

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Cancer Genetics and Prevention Seminar

April 1; 2:30 PM

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OBGYN Grand Rounds

April 1; 4:00 PM

Hyperthermic Intraperitoneal Chemotherapy in the Treatment of Ovarian Cancer

Vaagn Andikyan, MD

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Center for GI Cancers Weekly Seminar

April 1; 4:15 PM

Kim Reiss Binder, MD

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Technologies for Global Health (001)

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

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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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