

June 10, 2022

From Eric's Desk

Pride month, Juneteenth...and ASCO

The topics this week are a bit disconnected, but sometimes you just can't make a tidy package.

To begin with, I want to recognize and celebrate Pride month. The LGBTQ+ struggle has been long and, in many ways, uneven. There is no question that much progress has been made over the last three decades in the acceptance of LGBTQ+ members of our community and ensuring equity and inclusion for all. That said, we still have work ahead of us, particularly in some parts of our country and in many nations across the globe. And there is still prejudice and inequity in our own community that simply cannot be tolerated.

I also want to celebrate Juneteenth. This holiday commemorates the day in 1865 when enslaved people in Galveston Bay, Texas finally learned of the end of slavery. Juneteenth, Freedom Day, or Black Independence Day has been celebrated with religious services, parades, and picnics since that time and finally became a federal holiday in 2021. June 19th is also a day to remember how far we need to go before everyone shares equally in the full promise of those freedom proclamations. Yale Cancer Center and the Smilow Network are fully committed to eliminating cancer care disparities across Connecticut—you will be hearing more about this commitment and the plans we are developing in the months ahead.

And finally, there was the American Society of Clinical Oncology annual meeting. As has been the case in recent years, the advances in cancer care are abundant. There were promising results presented that could affect the lives of countless patients with cancer. Among others, new results shared in breast cancer, lung cancer, and GI cancers are practice changing. On a local level, our own Yale investigators shone brightly. Our faculty delivered innumerable presentations/posters, education sessions, and discussions. We should all be proud to be part of ASCO. Now with almost 46,000 members, ASCO has continued to embrace education, research, and quality as its pillar missions. ASCO has also become one of the strongest voices in the oncology arena for access to care, DEI, and the need to view cancer care and cancer research from a global perspective.

That's all for today. I wish you a relaxing summer weekend. Be well.

Eric

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Boost, but Finding Patients is a Challenge

Announcements

Hematology Welcomes Two New Faculty



Yale Hematology is pleased to welcome Anish V. Sharda, MBBS, MPH, and Lourdes Maria Mendez, MD, PhD, as Assistant Professors of Medicine (Hematology). Both Dr. Sharda and Dr. Mendez will join Yale from Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (BIDMC) and will begin their tenure on August 1, 2022.

Dr. Sharda will care for patients as part of the Smilow Classic Hematology Program and has been named the 2022-23 Forget Fellow. He received his medical degree from B.P. Koiral Institute of Health Sciences and completed his residency at the University of Minnesota Medical Center and his fellowship at BIDMC. He received his MPH in General Epidemiology from the University of Michigan and currently holds a grant from the NIH to study, "Molecular Mechanisms Underlying Endothelial Weibel-Palade Body Biogenesis and Exocytosis." Dr. Sharda's clinical interests include the care of patients with bleeding and clotting disorders, platelet disorders, and anemia.

Dr. Mendez received her medical degree from Albert Einstein College of Medicine, as well as a PhD in Cell Biology. She completed her residency at Weill Cornell-New York Presbyterian and while a fellow in hematology/oncology at BIDMC, undertook a post-doctoral fellowship in cancer genetics. Most recently, Dr. Mendez was an Instructor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School and the Leukemia Program Leader at BIDMC. Dr. Mendez is dedicated to both the clinical care of patients with myeloid disorders, and translational research to identify novel therapeutics in high-risk myeloid neoplasms and improve clinical outcomes for patients.

American Society of Hematology Selects Yale Cancer Center for Innovative

Fellowship Training Program
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Lung Cancer Patients who Took Experimental Drug combo Lived Longer



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This Drug Could Transform Breast Cancer Treatment



Society of Hematology (ASH) for the ASH Hematology-Focused Fellowship Training Program (HFFTP), an initiative to address the need to expand the hematology workforce. The program supports the launch of 10 new hematology-focused fellowship tracks at nine academic institutions across the country to provide education, mentorship, and research opportunities for fellows interested in pursuing careers in hematology.



Led by Alfred Lee, MD, PhD, and Robert Bona, MD, the Yale HFFTP draws upon the diverse clinical and scholarly strengths of Yale and its numerous interdisciplinary programs to provide an entirely novel curriculum with robust clinical training and unparalleled research opportunities in all aspects of classical hematology. The fellowship provides broad exposure to a wealth of collaborative research programs, interdisciplinary pathways, and opportunities for advanced degree training.

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YCC and Smilow Climate Survey

Yale Cancer Center and Smilow Cancer Hospital are committed to building a diverse and welcoming community, one in which we all thrive together. We recognize that an inclusive and representative workforce is a key to our mission of preventing and treating cancer for everyone. We also recognize that historic inequities at our institution and in science and medicine more broadly may hinder us in reaching these goals.

For this reason, we will conduct a climate survey to hear from all of you across Yale Cancer Center and Smilow Cancer Hospital, about your experiences and your view of diversity, equity, and inclusion. The data will be analyzed by an independent consultant (The Barthwell Group), and your answers will remain completely anonymous. We urge you to be candid – only by truly understanding barriers faced by some in our community will we be able to dismantle those barriers. We also urge you to participate! The results will be most meaningful with high participation.

The survey for Yale Cancer Center members, trainees, and employees will launch on June 15th and will come as an email from Dr. Winer's office. The survey for Smilow Cancer Hospital employees will follow later in June, coming through health system email.

Access to the survey will be with a link embedded in the survey. It should take no more than 15 minutes to complete, even if you have a lot to say. You can complete it on your phone, and you don't need to complete it in one sitting. Please take these few minutes to make sure we hear your voice!

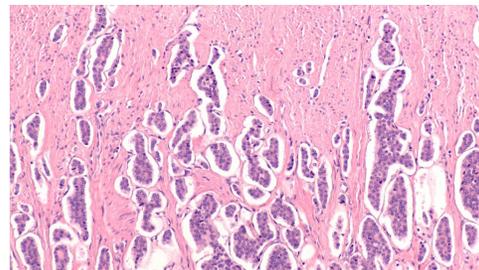
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Mehra Golshan, MD, MBA, Deputy Chief Medical Officer for Surgical



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Drug Combination Shows Promise for Treating Pancreatic Neuroendocrine Tumors



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The Missing Part of America's Pandemic Response



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FIT TO FIGHT How pottering in the garden could boost cancer survival chances



Mehra Golshan, MD, MBA, Deputy Chief Medical Officer for Surgical Services and Professor of Surgery (Oncology), has been awarded a Service Excellence Award by Healthnetwork Foundation in recognition of outstanding clinical care. The award includes a \$10,000 donation to Yale Cancer Center in Dr. Golshan's honor to support his research efforts.

Benjamin L. Judson, MD, MBA, a member of Yale Cancer Center's Cancer Prevention Program, whose research interests include investigating outcomes and quality in head and neck cancer therapy, has been appointed the **Charles W. Ohse Professor of Surgery (Otolaryngology)** at Yale School of Medicine.

Nikhil Joshi, PhD, Assistant Professor of Immunobiology and a member of Yale Cancer Center's Cancer Immunology Research Program, is a recipient of the 2022 Pershing Square Sohn Prize for Young Investigators in Cancer Research. The prize provides early career, New York area scientists the freedom to take risks and pursue their boldest research at a stage when traditional funding is lacking.

Chen Liu, MD, PhD, Chair and Anthony N. Brady Professor of Pathology and a member of Yale Cancer Center's Genetics, Genomics, and Epigenetics Research Program, has been elected to his second term as chair of the **Practice & Management Committee** of the **Association of Pathology Chairs** (APC). APC is a nonprofit that serves as the voice of academic pathology departments in the United States and Canada by providing leadership and advocacy for the discipline of pathology and allowing academic departments to meet the demands of their missions of medical education, research, and practice.

Giulia Biancon, PhD, a postdoctoral associate in the laboratory of Stephanie Halene, MD, PhD, was recognized with a **Best Poster Award** at the 27th Annual Meeting of the **RNA Society** in Boulder, CO.

Tamar Taddei, MD, Associate Professor of Medicine (Digestive Diseases), has assumed the role of **Chief of Gastroenterology at the Veterans Affairs (VA) Connecticut Healthcare System**.

Yale Cancer Center's **Genetics, Genomics, and Epigenetics Research Program** welcomes **Arnaud Augert, PhD**, Assistant Professor of Pathology. Dr. Augert has built a multidisciplinary research program that combines cell biology, mouse genetics, and cutting-edge molecular biology to elucidate the transcriptional and epigenetic mechanisms underlying small cell lung cancer (SCLC) initiation, progression, and response to therapies. His research laboratory will attempt to make significant conceptual advances in their understanding of tumor development with the goal of unlocking more effective therapeutic strategies for patients.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

The Doctor's Art: Fighting for Empowerment and Equity

In this podcast, Dr. Pamela Kunz, Associate Professor of Medicine (Medical Oncology)



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Mutations Differ Across Younger and Older Breast Cancer Patients



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New Drug Combination Lengthens

Survival for Some With Lung Cancer



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Yale Cancer Center hosts Dessert

Reception at ASCO 2022



and Director of the Center for Gastrointestinal Cancers at Smilow Cancer Hospital and Yale Cancer Center, shares how she overcame years of gender discrimination and how she now advocates for equity in academic medicine.

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WITH PAMELA KUNZ, MD

Cancer Disparities Progress Report

Earlier this week, the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) presented the AACR Cancer Disparities Progress Report 2022. The goal of the report is to increase public awareness and understanding of cancer health disparities, highlight areas of recent progress in reducing cancer health disparities and provide specific recommendations for achieving health equity. Patricia LoRusso, DO, Professor of Medicine (Medical Oncology) and Associate Cancer Center Director for Experimental Therapeutics, is a member of the AACR Cancer Disparities Committee.

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Celebrating Juneteenth

The city of New Haven will honor Juneteenth with a four-day celebration featuring a variety of events, hosted by the Official Juneteenth Coalition of Greater New Haven, the International Festival of Arts & Ideas, and the New Haven Museum, held June 17-20.

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Employee Profile: Kwasi Boateng

Kwasi Boateng, MS, is the Clinical Trials Team Manager for Therapeutic Radiology and Head & Neck Oncology within the Yale Cancer Center Clinical Trials Office. Kwasi has been with Yale for 3 ½ years but prior to joining the CTO, he worked as a CRA at Columbia University and was a study coordinator for the Montefiore Health System in NYC for a combined 4 years. He received his master's degree in Human Nutrition from Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons.



In his current role, Kwasi helps ensure that his team has all they need to successfully conduct clinical trials here at Yale. Kwasi believes his role is inherent of the three basic ethical principles outlined in the Belmont Report which are respect for persons, beneficence, and justice. According to Kwasi there are three separate groups who he equally serves – the organization, the staff, and the patient. He also serves as a conduit between the investigators and the sponsor(s) of a new study or clinical trial. In preparation for a new study, Kwasi ensures that it is feasible to hold the study at Yale and

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Dr. Marcella Nunez-Smith, Associate Dean for Health Equity Research at Yale School of Medicine and Director, Center for Community Engagement and Health Equity at Yale Cancer Center, commented on the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) Cancer Disparities Report released today, "We must work in partnership with diverse stakeholders to address the gaps in our health system that produce cancer disparities and empower communities to maintain their health."



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that everything is in place to conduct the trial safely.

Kwasi manages a team of five personnel between the Therapeutic Radiology and Head & Neck teams, with some overlap. With each new study that comes in, he emphasizes that every team member plays a critical role to get a study set up and ready for patients.

Working in clinical trials came naturally for Kwasi. As a graduate student at Columbia, his mentor worked in clinical research, and invited Kwasi to join his research thus igniting a new career pursuit for Kwasi. Further confirmation came at Montefiore, when one of the first clinical trials Kwasi worked on benefited the father of a very close friend.

“I’ve done benchwork for a long time, but to see its impact – from bench to person, we are making sure clinical practice continues to improve.”

He adds, “Our role (in the Clinical Trials Office) is to keep patients safe, and ensure data collected for each study is of the utmost quality. Receiving feedback from patients, knowing that we helped provide different options for them is gratifying. This what motivates me and brings me fulfillment.”

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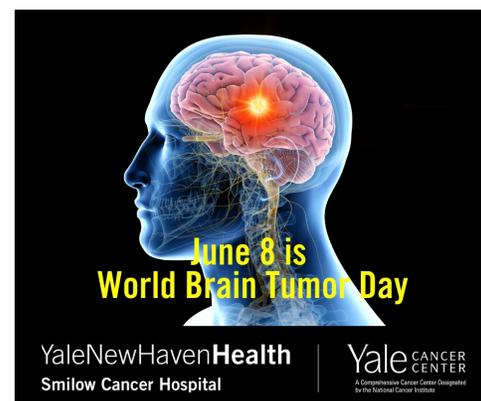
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Today we honor our team of specialists at The Chênevert Family Brain Tumor Center at Smilow Cancer Hospital and Yale Cancer Center, who are dedicated exclusively to the care of patients with all types of brain tumors. An internationally recognized lead center for comprehensive and multidisciplinary brain tumor care, our clinicians have extensive experience with primary brain tumors; metastases and leptomeningeal metastases, which originate from other cancers in the body; other primary tumors, such as meningiomas and schwannomas; rare brain tumors; and all types of neurological complications of cancer and their treatments.



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Congratulations to Lynn T. Tanoue, MD, MBA, Professor of Medicine (Pulmonary Medicine), recipient of the American Thoracic Society (ATS) Thoracic Oncology Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of her mentorship, devoted career in thoracic oncology and lung cancer screening and diagnosis, and dedication to the ATS.



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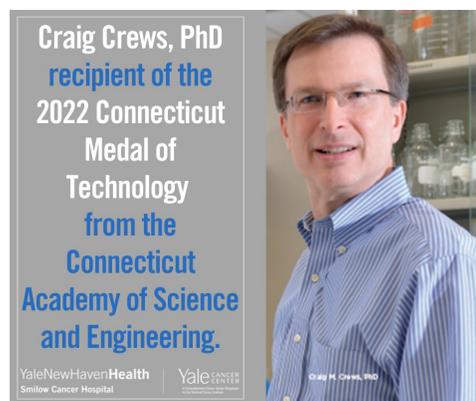
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Craig M. Crews, PhD, John C. Malone Professor of Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology and Professor of Chemistry, Pharmacology, and Management, has received the 2022 Connecticut Medal of Technology from the Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering.

Congratulations, Dr. Crews!



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Tune in to Yale Cancer Answers to hear Dr. Sidi Chen discuss the role of Supercharged Cancer-Fighting T Cells in increasing an immune cell's ability to target and kill cancer cells. Listen on Connecticut Public Radio or download our podcast from iTunes.



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Our Smilow Cancer Hospital Care Center in Trumbull recognized three of our nursing stars earlier today for their recent graduations! Congratulations to Janelle D'Ellia, MSN, Michelle Laspino, DNP-FNP, and Jennifer Fernandes, BSN.



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Researchers at Yale Cancer Center have provided hope to cancer patients worldwide. Recent advances have included new therapies for the care of breast, lung, and head and neck cancers, and tackling disparities. We continue to unlock discoveries in many other cancers, and develop new and better approaches to preventing, diagnosing, and treating cancer. We understand that Cancer Research Saves Lives!



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Meet Iris Isufi, MD, hematologist at Smilow Cancer Hospital and Director of Cellular Therapies and our CAR T-Cell Therapy Program. Recently, a patient of Dr. Isufi's shared:

"Dr. Isufi is an excellent listener. She is receptive to my questions and concerns.

Moreover, she explains my medical condition in terms that I can understand."



Iris Isufi, MD
Hematologist

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Join us in-person on Monday, June 13, 5:30-9pm, for @OncLiveSOSS

Breast Cancer, hosted by @DrEricWiner, Director @YaleCancer, Physician-in-Chief @SmilowCancer Network.



.@DrNunezSmith on the @AACR #cancerdisparitiesreport "We must

work in partnership with diverse stakeholders to address the gaps in our health system that produce cancer disparities and empower communities to maintain their health."



.@valentatormenta @politikaterina @GiraldezLab and colleagues share

"A group approach to growing as a principal investigator" in @CurrentBiology



"This is about more than just this drug or even breast cancer. Its real

advantage is that it enables us to take potent therapies directly to cancer cells."

@DrEricWiner commenting on the impact of #Enhertu



That's a wrap on #ASCO22! A few more of our favorite pics from a

weekend full of exciting science, reconnecting with colleagues, and meeting new friends.



Dr. Lajos Pusztai will present an analysis of #KEYNOTE522

highlighting "Event-free survival by residual cancer burden after neoadjuvant

pembrolizumab + chemotherapy versus placebo + chemotherapy for early #TNBC" at #ASCO22 today at 10:33amCDT in Hall1D1.



.@maryam_lustberg discusses the impact of #DESTINY clinical trial for

#breastcancer "The evidence adds to a growing body of research suggesting that antibody-drug conjugates will one day replace conventional chemo for most patients."



Stay tuned for a .@medpagetoday discussion with @DrRoyHerbstYale

@nievamd and Dr. Sarah Goldberg sharing

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Single-Cell Antigen-Specific Landscape Of CAR T Infusion Product Identifies Determinants Of CD19-Positive Relapse In Patients With ALL

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Funding and Award Opportunities

Accelerating Cancer Screening (AxCS) (HRSA-22-154)

This funding will support health centers to increase equitable access to cancer screening and referral for care and treatment by enhancing education, case management, outreach, and other enabling services, in partnership or coordination with NCI-designated Cancer Centers that will deploy outreach specialists and patient navigators for populations served by health centers. This funding supports President Joe Biden's call to action on cancer screening and early detection as part of the Administration's Cancer Moonshot initiative to reduce the cancer death rate by at least 50% over the next 25 years and support families living with and surviving cancer.

Application Deadline: June 15, 2022

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Epidemiologic Research on Emerging Risk Factors and Liver Cancer Susceptibility (R01 and R21)

The purpose of these FOAs is to promote epidemiologic research investigating novel and innovative hypotheses on emerging risk factors (biological, environmental, and social) and their interplay with established risk factors (e.g., viral hepatitis) associated with the development of liver cancer (hepatocellular carcinoma and other histological subtypes) in the United States.

Application Deadline: June 16, 2022

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Cancer Prevention, Detection, Diagnosis, and Treatment Technologies for Global Health (U01)

This FOA supports the development of cancer-relevant technologies suitable for use in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). Specifically, the FOA solicits applications for projects to adapt, apply, and validate existing or emerging technologies into a new generation of user-friendly, low-cost technologies for preventing, detecting, diagnosing, and/or treating cancers in people living in LMICs.

Application Deadline: June 17, 2022

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DoD Ovarian Cancer Research Program

Clinical Trial Award - LOI Due: June 22, 2022

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@nievandu and Dr. Sarah Goldberg sharing the latest updates in #NSCLC from #ASCO22.



Sarah Goldberg, MD, will present on "Including the Excluded: Advancing

Care for All Patients With Lung Cancer" during a Clinical Science Symposium #ASCO22 today at 5:42pmCDT.



Join @KellyOlinMD for a presentation on "What's Next?

Treatment Choices After Anti-PD-1 Antibody" during the #Melanoma session today at 4:30pmCDT #ASCO22 in S100a.



Niki Gavrielatou @yalepathology shares data on digital spatial

profiling to uncover biomarkers of immunotherapy outcomes in head and neck squamous cell carcinoma at #ASCO22.



.@AartiBhatiaMD presenting the data from @eaonc 3201 at

#ASCO22 #headandneckcancer



.@tarasanftmd shares the results of the LEANer study evaluating the

impact of diet and exercise on #breastcancer treatment adherence at #ASCO22



Ian Krop, MD, PhD, shares promising results in Metastatic

Breast Cancers #MBC at #ASCO22

Calendar

Endocrinology Clinical Dilemma

June 10; 12:00 PM

Robert Weingold

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Yale Liver Center Retreat 2022

June 11, 8:30 AM

Michael Mak | Matthew McConnell, MD |

Silvia Vilarinho, MD, PhD | Michael

Nathanson, MD, PhD | Mario Strazzabosco,

MD, PhD | Guadalupe Garcia-Tsao, MD,

FRCP | Yasuko Iwakiri, PhD | Wajahat

Mehal, PhD, MD, BA | Raiza Rossi | Saad

Saffo, MD | Rachel Perry, PhD, BS | Romina

Fioritto, PhD | Gregory Tietjen, PhD |

Michael Schilsky, MD | Lloyd G. Cantley, MD

| Chen Liu, MD, PhD | Wade Schulz, MD,

DoD Rare Cancers Research Program (RCRP) Awards

- **Concept Award** - LOI Due: July 18, 2022
- **Idea Development Award** - Preproposal Due: June 22, 2022
- **Resource and Community Development Award** - Preproposal Due: June 22, 2022

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Lasker Clinical Research Scholars Program (Si2/R00)

This program offers the opportunity for a unique bridge between the NIH intramural and extramural research communities and contains two phases. In the first phase, Lasker Scholars will receive appointments for up to 5-7 years as tenure-track investigators within the NIH Intramural Research Program with independent research budgets. In the second phase, successful scholars will receive up to 3 years of NIH support for their research at an extramural research facility; or, the Scholar can be considered to remain as an investigator within the intramural program.

Application Deadline: June 24, 2022

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Paul Calabresi Career Development Award for Clinical Oncology (K12)

The purpose of this award is to increase the number of clinician-scientists trained in clinical and translational cancer research, and to promote their career development as cancer researchers. This FOA allows appointment of Scholars proposing to serve as the lead investigator of an independent clinical trial; or proposing a separate ancillary study to an existing trial; or proposing to gain research experience in a clinical trial led by another investigator, as part of their research and career development.

Application Deadline: June 25, 2022

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NCCN and AstraZeneca Quality Improvement Initiative: Improving the Quality of Care and Application of Best Practices in the Treatment of Patients with Small Cell Lung Cancer (SCLC) Research Grant Opportunity

The intent of this RFP is to encourage NCCN Member Institutions to submit LOIs describing concepts and ideas for evaluating barriers to guideline concordant care in LS-SCLC and/or ES-SCLC and developing healthcare

quality improvement initiatives to enhance patient care and outcomes.

Letter of Intent Due: June 27, 2022

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2022 Yale Cancer Center Internal Pilot Grants Competition

These grants will support all potential areas of innovative cancer research including basic, clinical, computational, population and epidemiology, prevention/control, implementation science and translational cancer research. Relevance of proposed research to our catchment area priorities is also an important consideration.

The YCC Center for Community Engagement and Health Equity is available for consultation on community engagement, health disparities, and catchment relevance (Jessica.Lewis@yale.edu).

Application Deadline: July 1, 2022

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Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation: Runyon-Rachleff

PhD | James Knight, PhD | Anton Bennett, PhD

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Yale Cancer Answers

June 12; 7:30 PM

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Fear of Cancer Recurrence

Angela Khairallah, LCSW

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MB&B Informal Seminar

June 13; 2:00 PM

The Dynamic Translational Landscape of Cellular Response to Hypertonic Stress

Raul Jobava, PhD

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Yale Cancer Center Seminar

June 13; 4:00 PM

Autologous Humanized Mouse Models to Investigate the Tumor Microenvironment

Michael Chiorazzi, MD, PhD

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OncLive State of the Science Summit

June 13; 5:30 PM

Breast Cancer

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Yale RNA Club

June 14; 8:45 AM

NaP-TRAP Captures 5'UTR Dependent Translational Regulation In The Developing Zebrafish Embryo and Helical Stability Drives Ligand Specificity Changes In The Ykkc Variant Riboswitch Family

Ethan Strayer and Kathryn Barth

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Yale Cancer Center Grand Rounds

June 14; 12:00 PM

Targeted DNA Modification: A New Paradigm To Exploit DDR Defects In Glioma And Beyond

Ranjit S. Bindra, MD, PhD and Seth Herzon, PhD

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Bereavement Seminar

June 15; 9:30 AM

Understanding and Managing Grief: How Long Am I Going to Feel Like This?

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Yale Cancer Center Chalk Talk

Innovation Award 2022

This award is designed to provide support for the next generation of exceptionally creative thinkers with “high-risk/high-reward” ideas that have the potential to significantly impact our understanding of and/or approaches to the prevention, diagnosis or treatment of cancer.

Internal Deadline: July 1, 2022

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Cancer Tissue Engineering Collaborative: Enabling Biomimetic Tissue-Engineered Technologies for Cancer Research (R01)

This FOA will support the development and characterization of state-of-the-art biomimetic tissue-engineered technologies for cancer research.

Application Deadline: July 5, 2022

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Microbial-based Cancer Imaging and Therapy - Bugs as Drugs (R01/R21)

This FOA solicits grant applications proposing to utilize bacteria, archaeobacteria, bacteriophages, or other non-oncolytic viruses and their natural products to study the underlying mechanisms of the complex interactions between microorganisms, tumors, and the immune system, and to explore their clinical potential for cancer imaging, therapeutics or diagnostics.

Application Deadline: July 5, 2022

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Cancer Control Research in Persistent Poverty Areas (U54)

Through this FOA, the NCI invites applications for Cancer Control Research in Persistent Poverty Areas (Persistent Poverty Initiative). The goal is to provide resources to support the time and effort of transdisciplinary teams, in collaboration with institutions, clinics, and communities/tribes, to develop a cancer prevention and control research program and provide support to early-career investigators that focuses on and serves populations living in persistent poverty areas.

Application Deadline: July 6, 2022

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Pancreatic Cancer Research Program

The FY22 Defense Appropriations Act provides funding for the Pancreatic Cancer Research Program (PCARP) to support research of exceptional scientific merit and innovation with high impact that focuses on pancreatic cancer. The managing agent for the anticipated program announcements/funding opportunities is the CDMRP at the U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command (USAMRDC).

- Idea Development Award
- Translational Research Partnership Award

Preproposals Due: July 8, 2022

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DoD Melanoma Research Program Awards

These awards invest in research focusing on the prevention, detection, diagnosis, and treatment of melanoma for the benefit of Service members, Veterans, their families, and the American public.

- **Focused Program Award – Rare Melanomas – Letter of Intent Due:** September 14, 2022
- **Melanoma Academy Scholar Award – Letter of Intent Due:** September 14, 2022
- **Mid-Career Accelerator Award – Letter of Intent Due:** September

June 15; 11:00 AM

Translating the Language of the Tumor Immune Microenvironment to Improved Patient Outcomes

Michael Chiorazzi, MD, PhD

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Neuroendocrine Conference

June 15; 4:00 PM

Pituitary/Adrenal Journal Club

Brian Wojeck, MD, MPH

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Smilow Shares

June 15; 6:30 PM

Patient & Family Cancer Survivor Series: Fear of Recurrence

Tara Sanft, MD | Maura Harrigan, MS, RDN, CSO | Angela Khairallah, LCSW | Javin Brita, PA | Scott Capozza, PT, MSPT

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Therapeutic Radiology Grand Rounds

June 16; 9:00 AM

Addressing the Invisible: Understanding the Disparities Faced by Sexual and Gender Minoritized People with Cancer

Don S. Dizon, MD, FACP, FASCO

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Life Support

June 16; 9:30 AM

Clinical Trials for MBC

Maryam Lustberg, MD, MPH | Neal Fischbach, MD | Dr. Stephanie Graff | Dr. Alvaro Menendez | Sheila Marie Johnson

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MB&B Informal Seminar

June 16; 11:00 AM

The SMN Complex Drives Structural Changes in snRNAs to Enable snRNP Assembly

David Stanek, PhD

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Cancer Genetics and Prevention Seminar

June 16; 2:30 PM

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Health Equity Fireside Chat with Yale Women

June 16; 3:00 PM

Barbara Burtness, MD | Andrea Silber, MD | Kim Blenman, PhD, MS | Akosua Barthwell Evans, PhD, ID

- **Mid-Career Accelerator Award – Letter of Intent Due:** September 14, 2022
- **Team Science Award – Letter of Intent Due:** September 14, 2022
- **Idea Award – Preproposal Due:** July 8, 2022

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The Mark Foundation for Cancer Research: 2023 Mark Foundation Endeavor Award

These awards support teams of scientists with diverse areas of expertise to address urgent problems in cancer research. The Endeavor Award program enables teams of three or more investigators to tackle challenges in cancer research that are too large for any single lab to address alone. Endeavor Awards are \$3 million grants disbursed over a three-year term.

Internal Deadline: July 13, 2022

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Tobacco Centers of Regulatory Science (TCORS) for Research Relevant to the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act (U54)

The purpose of this FOA is to invite applications for TCORS to support biomedical and behavioral research that will provide scientific data to inform regulation of tobacco products to protect public health. Research Projects must address the Research Objectives related to the regulatory authority of the FDA Center for Tobacco Products.

Application Deadline: July 14, 2022

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Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation: Damon Runyon-Dale F. Frey Award for Breakthrough Scientists 2022

The Damon Runyon Fellowship identifies the nation's top postdoctoral fellows and provides funding that enables them to complete their training under the mentorship of a leading senior scientist and encourages them to follow their own bold ideas. To catapult their research careers—and their impact on cancer—the Foundation will make an additional investment in these exceptional individuals by selecting them as recipients of the Damon Runyon-Dale F. Frey Award for Breakthrough Scientists.

Internal Deadline: July 15, 2022

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Innovations for Veterans QuickFire Challenge: Lung Cancer & Physical Trauma

Innovators are invited to submit potentially ground-breaking ideas that aim to directly address the unique healthcare needs of the military community including lung cancer and physical trauma.

Application Deadline: July 15, 2022

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DoD Breast Cancer Research Program Transformative Breast Cancer Consortium Award

This award is designed to support collaborations and ideas that will transform the lives of individuals with, and/or at risk for, breast cancer and will significantly accelerate progress toward ending breast cancer.

Pre-application Due: August 3, 2022

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SBIR Phase IIB Bridge Awards to Accelerate the Development of Cancer-Relevant Technologies Toward Commercialization (R44)

Evans PhD, JD
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Cultivating a Peak Mind: Optimizing Attention with Mindfulness Training

June 16; 4:00 PM

Amishi Jha, PhD

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Center for GI Cancers Weekly Seminar

June 16; 4:15 PM

Endoscopic Submucosal Dissection (ESD)

Anil Nagar, MD

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Yale Head and Neck SPORE CEP and DRP Symposium

June 17; 12:00 PM

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Yale Cancer Answers

June 19; 7:30 PM

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Wound Healing and Cancer

Henry C. Hsia, MD, FACS

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Yale Pancreatic Cancer Collaborative Seminar Series

June 20; 2:00 PM

Novel Immunotherapies for Pancreatic Cancer

Vinod Balachandran, MD

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Yale Cancer Center Grand Rounds

June 21; 12:00 PM

Hidden Costs: Unconscious Bias in the Healthcare Workforce

Aba Black, MD, MHS

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Center for Gastrointestinal Cancers CME Series

June 21; 6:30 PM

Gastric Cancer

Jill Lacy, MD | Marie Robert, MD | Daniel Boffa, MD

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Neuroendocrine Conference

June 22; 4:00 PM

My Best Pituitary & Adrenal Cases!

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Smilow Shares: Patient & Family Cancer

This FOA solicits SBIR applications from small business concerns that seek additional funding to support the next stage of development for cancer-relevant projects that were previously funded under SBIR or STTR Phase II awards from any Federal agency.

Application Deadline: August 6, 2022

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Gabrielle's Angel Foundation

The Foundation funds cutting-edge research in the fields of leukemia, lymphoma, and related cancers of the blood. Funds support promising scientists who are applying novel and state-of-the-art techniques to address fundamental problems in their genesis and treatment. Of interest are innovative clinical and basic science research that will lead to novel therapeutic approaches that could replace, or be used in combination with existing effective therapies. Focus is on projects for cancer prevention, detection and treatment that are most likely to be translated into clinical trials within a 3-5 year period.

Internal Submission Deadline: August 8, 2022

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AACR-Lung Cancer Initiative at Johnson & Johnson - Stimulating Therapeutic Advances through Research Training (START)

These grants, which will provide support to postdoctoral or clinical research fellows from underrepresented groups combine research experiences in both academic and industry settings, following a research timeline that will be of greatest benefit to the proposed work.

Application Deadline: August 18, 2022

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Small Business Transition Grant For Early Career Scientists (R42)

Through this FOA, the NCI, National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (NIBIB), and National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) intend 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: August 22, 2022

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Survivor Series

June 22; 6:30 PM

The Cost of Cancer

Rachel Greenup, MD, MPH | Gary Soffer, MD, FAAP | Emily Rock | Lauren Coletta

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General Internal Medicine Grand Rounds

June 23; 7:30 AM

Lung Cancer Screening in 2022

Lynn Tanoue, MD, MBA

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Therapeutic Radiology Grand Rounds

June 23; 9:00 AM

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Kevin Du, MD, PhD, MSCI

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Cancer Genetics and Prevention Seminar

June 23; 2:30 PM

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Center for GI Cancers Weekly Seminar

June 23; 4:15 PM

Nitya Raj, MD

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