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September 8, 2023

Dear Colleagues,

Like many of you, I am riding in our annual cycling event, Closer to Free, this weekend. I rode virtually last year, but this year I will be on the Connecticut roads with my fellow riders sporting identical CTF shirts. My son and two of his friends are joining me, though they are riding the full 100 miles, and I am hoping that I can manage 65.

Closer to Free is a great event. It unites our community by bringing together patients, family members, friends, nurses, doctors, and others from the healthcare team. We ride side by side, partnering in this cycling adventure in much the same way that we partner to provide the best possible care to individuals with cancer. Partnerships between clinicians and patients result in the best possible care, and partnerships on the road make Closer to Free such a meaningful experience.

Apart from the great feeling of riding (and working and sweating) as a group, raising money for cancer research and some of the special services we provide at Smilow is essential. Every dollar that is raised goes to support patients with cancer and research that continues to decrease the burden and suffering from the disease. My hope is that in the next 3 years we will double, or triple, the fundraising. The more we raise, the faster we can find new and better approaches to treat cancer. Truly, every dollar counts.

Closer to Free is about the community experience, partnerships, and fundraising, but it means even more. When I ride, I spend time talking, relaxing, and THINKING. The Ride is a time to think about the progress we have made and how much we still have to do. It is a time to think about the people who were so special to us and have lost their lives to cancer, and the people who are now living with cancer and getting treatment. For me, it is a time to think about how we can move the field forward, and how we can do it a little faster.

Riding a bike is not for everyone, but I hope you will be there in spirit on Saturday even if you are not on the road. Who knows, maybe you will choose to ride next year or the year after. For those of you riding, please, please be safe, and have a great day.

Eric

Announcements

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**Cheshire Woman Shares Why her
Husband was 'the Best' Ahead of the
Closer to Free Ride**



Welcome Dr. Justine Ryu

Yale Cancer Center is pleased to welcome Justine Ryu, MD, as Assistant Professor of Medicine (Hematology). Dr. Ryu recently completed her fellowship at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (BIDMC) where she also completed her residency and the T32 Blood Coagulation and Vascular Biology Program. She received her medical degree from Boston University School of Medicine.

Dr. Ryu cares for patients as part of the Smilow Classical Hematology Program in Orange, CT. She treats patients with thrombosis, anemia, bleeding and platelet disorders, and other hematological conditions and rare diseases. Her current area of research is focused on whole-genome sequencing in the All of Us Research Program and she has published numerous peer-reviewed manuscripts in journals including *Blood Advances*, *Cell Reports*, and *Spine*. During fellowship, she also completed the Program in Clinical Effectiveness through Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health to strengthen quantitative and analytic skills needed for clinical research.



ASCO Review

Registration is open for our Review of Advances in Oncology, Highlights from the ASCO® Annual Meeting 2023. For anyone who was unable to travel to Chicago to attend ASCO in person, and for those who are interested in hearing new advances from Yale Cancer Center, our ASCO Review will provide updates on treatment options; outcomes of clinical trials; and assess the emerging role of immunotherapy, targeted therapies, and antibodies in oncology.

Please join us on Friday, September 29, 2023, at Anthony's Ocean View in New Haven. **Register today.**

Notables

Congratulations to the recent Yale Cancer Center recipients of **SPORE Awards**:

2023 Yale Head and Neck Cancer Developmental Research Awardees

- **He Wang, MD, PhD**, Associate Professor of Pathology: Electronic cigarette-induced tongue carcinoma – Potential contribution of Fanconi Anemia DNA repair pathway
- **Curtis Pickering, PhD**, Associate Professor of Surgery: Targeting mechanisms of cell death for therapeutic benefit in HNSCC

2023 Yale Head and Neck Cancer Career Enhancement Awardees

- **Thuy Tran, MD, PhD**, Assistant Professor of Medicine (Medical Oncology): Targeting the MIF/DDT-CD74 signaling axis to enhance immunotherapy responses to SCCs (Mentors: Barbara Burtness, Richard Bucala)
- **Michael Chiorazzi, MD, PhD**, Assistant Professor of Medicine (Medical Oncology): Investigation of the HNSCC tumor microenvironment and response to therapy with autologous humanized



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Rozalyn Levine Rodwin, MD, Awarded \$100,000 Grant to Treat Survivors of Childhood Cancer



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Dr Santin on the Investigation of Sacituzumab Govitecan in Endometrial Cancer



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2023 Yale SPORE in Lung Cancer Developmental Research Awardees

- **Mandar Muzumdar, MD, PhD**, Associate Professor of Medicine (Medical Oncology), and **Siyuan Wang, PhD**, Associate Professor of Genetics and Cell Biology: Three-dimensional genome reorganization drives adaptive resistance to EGFR inhibition in lung cancer
- **Andrew Xiao, PhD**, Associate Professor of Genetics: A novel epigenetic mechanism in lung cancer resistance
- **Ya Ha, PhD**, Associate Professor of Pharmacology: The application of first-in-class PIP4K2A/2B inhibitors in the treatment of lung adenocarcinoma
- **Lisa Fucito, PhD**, Associate Professor of Psychiatry, Exploring changes in cancer-related biomarkers among adults receiving combined treatment for dual use of cigarettes and e-cigarettes
- **Luisa Escobar-Hoyos, PhD**, Assistant Professor of Therapeutic Radiology: Understanding and targeting altered RNA splicing in treatment-resistant lung tumors

2023 Yale SPORE in Lung Cancer Career Enhancement Awardees

- **Jiyeon Kim, PhD**, Assistant Professor of Urology and Cellular & Molecular Physiology: Uncovering Oncogenotype-specific Vulnerabilities in Lung cancer (Mentors: Katerina Politi, Nikhil Joshi)
- **Mark Lee, MD, PhD**, Assistant Professor of Lab Medicine and Pathology: Illuminating the “dark space” of T cell epitopes in non-small cell lung cancer (Mentors: Kurt Schalper)
- **Arnaud Augert, PhD**, Assistant Professor of Pathology: Understanding and targeting PBRM1 mutant small cell lung cancers (Mentors: Katerina Politi, Anne Chiang)
- **Bluma Lesch, MD, PhD**, Associate Professor of Genetics: Heritable epigenetic sensitization to KRAS-induced lung cancer (Mentors: Katerina Politi, Andrew Xiao)

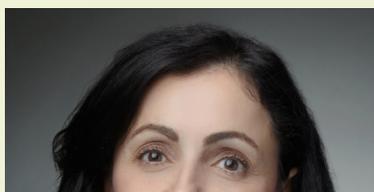
The Yale Cancer Center Cancer Prevention and Control Research Program welcomes **Louise Wang, MD, MSCE**, Assistant Professor of Medicine (Digestive Diseases). Dr. Wang is a physician-scientist with an overarching goal to improve on traditional cancer risk prediction by integrating classic epidemiological approaches with human genetics and genomics. Her research interest is in personalizing individual predisposition for both pancreatic cancer and diseases of pancreatic injury.



Employee Profile: Alfonsina "Allie" Fraschilla

As Division Administrator for the Department of Surgery, with responsibilities to the Division of Surgical Oncology, Division of Thoracic Surgery, and the Division of Plastic Surgery, Alfonsina “Allie” Fraschilla works directly with the chiefs from each division, respectively: Kiran Turaga,

MD, MPH, Daniel Boffa, MD, and Bohdan Pomahac, MD, cultivating relationships to create successful and productive environments for the faculty.



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Allie's responsibilities encompass budget planning, financial and data analysis, workflow management, growth strategies, financial research coordination, and more across the three divisions. Her primary objective is to alleviate administrative burdens, enabling more than 65 surgeons to dedicate their full attention to patient care. While each division possesses distinct strengths, goals, challenges, and needs, Allie is dedicated to propelling every team forward. Her efforts are directed at facilitating progress, ultimately ensuring that patients reap the rewards of these collective endeavors.



"My passion for this role stems from the desire to facilitate an environment to allow our surgeons and staff to be the best versions of themselves every day," said Allie, who joined the department of surgery six years ago as a business clinical liaison. "Efficiency lays the foundation for greatness, and it's my solemn responsibility and honor to build that foundation for our surgeons and staff so we can learn and lead as the premier academic surgical department."

Dr. Turaga says, "Allie is a fierce advocate for our patients and has gone above and beyond to ensure that their surgical cancer care is seamless. She devotes her entire time focusing on making the process for them smooth and for ensuring the well-being of the surgeons that care for them. She is truly the heart of our cancer program."

In a universe demanding diligence, Allie continues to skillfully embrace the art of cultivating joy, infusing her work with an infectious spirit and a touch of humor. "Allie is a great Administrator and wonderful human being," says Dr. Pomahac. "Allie manages to bring energy, desire for results and improvement to all her work, while also keeping a good sense of humor, which is important."

"From the shadows, Allie plays a critical role in the care we provide, yet no patient will ever know her name," says Dr. Boffa. "Allie is the tenacious keeper of our mission, helping us secure and manage the resources needed to care for patients like family. As a person, she is as clever and resourceful as a Tom Cruise action hero, as formidable as a mother bear tending her cubs, and as selfless as Shel Silverstein's giving tree."

NCNN Call for Abstracts

The Call for Abstracts for the General Poster Session of the NCCN 2024 Annual Conference, April 5-6, 2024, is now open. **The abstract submission deadline is Wednesday, November 1, 2023, 11:59pmEST.**

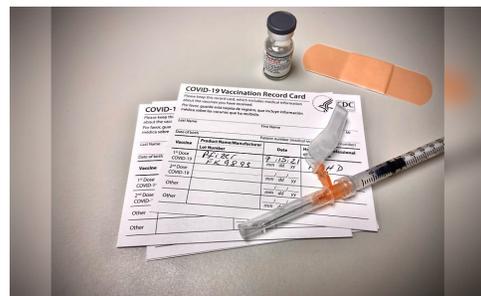
To submit your abstract, visit [NCCN.org/call-for-abstracts](https://www.nccn.org/call-for-abstracts). Corresponding authors will receive notification via email in mid-December 2023.

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NCCN welcomes original abstracts from investigators in the general oncology community. All accepted original, previously unpublished abstracts will be published on JNCCN.org. Select abstracts will also be published in print in *JNCCN — Journal of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network*.



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Jazzin' for Sickle Cell Disease

Tickets are now available for “Jazzin' for Sickle Cell Disease,” a jazz concert featuring Camille Thurman with the Darrell Green Quartet, Saturday, September 23 at 7pm in Woolsey Hall in New Haven.

All ticket proceeds will benefit Michelle's House, home of the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Connecticut. Michelle's House is open to patients with Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) cared for by Smilow Cancer Hospital and helps to enhance the quality of life and well-being of the community affected by SCD and provides individuals and families with education and access to support services.

Learn more and purchase tickets [here](#). You may also choose to sponsor local students to attend the concert. Please contact nspyremusicgroup@gmail.com for more information.

Recent Publications

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Recently on Yale Cancer Answers, Drs. Jensa Morris and Sarah Schellhorn discussed the important role hospitalists play in inpatient cancer care and the benefits for patients and families. Listen on Connecticut Public Radio or download our podcast from iTunes.

YALE CANCER ANSWERS
The Role of a Hospitalist in Oncology Care

Jensa Morris, MD
Director, Smilow Cancer Hospital Hospitalist Service

Sarah Schellhorn, MD
Chief Ambulatory Officer, Smilow Cancer Hospital

Sunday, September 3 at 7:30pm
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Roz Meyer and Jerry Meyer will never forget the torment they felt when Roz was diagnosed with stage IV melanoma in 2005. Eighteen years later, Roz remains healthy and she and her husband continue to give back to support patient care and research at Yale Cancer Center and Smilow Cancer Hospital.



Unflagging Support
of Yale Cancer Center

Fatigue in melanoma.

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On Tuesday, September 12 at 7pm, our next Smilow Shares webinar takes place on the topic of AL Amyloidosis. Register now to hear presentations from our panel of experts on organ-specific diagnosis and management, and have the opportunity to ask questions throughout.

Smilow Shares
AL Amyloidosis

September 12 at 7:00pm | [Register by Zoom](#)

Amyloidosis Background Soft tissue and GI/Liver AL Amyloid
Sabrina Browning, MD

Cardiac AL Amyloid
Edward J. Miller, MD, PhD

Renal AL Amyloid
Randy Luciano, MD, PhD

Nervous System AL Amyloid
Sasha Zivkovic, MD, PhD

AL Amyloidosis Treatment
Terri Parker, MD

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Our Early Onset Cancer Program focuses on patients with cancer diagnosed between the ages of 18-49. The program has far-reaching goals to address their psychosocial needs, develop novel clinical care models, enhance clinical trials, expand research, and raise community awareness about early onset cancers.

"This population deserves dedicated efforts from multiple perspectives, including clinical research, psychosocial services, and the best possible oncology care," said Veda Giri, MD, Director of the Early Onset Cancer Program.



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A First-in-human, Dose-escalation Study of the Methionine Aminopeptidase 2 Inhibitor M8891 in Patients with Advanced Solid Tumors.

Cancer Res Commun. 2023 Aug 24;3(8):1638-1647.

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Surgical and oncologic outcomes in surgically treated women 80 years and older with endometrioid endometrial cancer as a function of their comorbidities.

Gynecol Oncol Rep. 2023 Jul 10;49:101240.

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Funding and Award Opportunities

Gabrielle's Angel Foundation for Cancer Research 2023 Medical Research Awards

Identify two outstanding junior faculty members – one who is conducting mainstream or conventional research and one who is conducting complementary or integrative research – who would be willing to complete and submit a grant application for review. Gabrielle's Angel Foundation remains committed to funding innovative, translational proposals and to supporting promising independent early-career investigators, rather than well-established, senior scientists.

Application Deadline: September 15, 2023

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The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Equity in Access Research Program

Through this program, LLS aims to generate new evidence that can guide policy reform and changes in healthcare practice, in order to mitigate the impact of social, economic and environmental disadvantages and reduce barriers to care.

Letter of Intent Due: September 15, 2023

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DoD Kidney Cancer Research Program

KCRP supports research of exceptional scientific merit in kidney cancer.

- Academy of Kidney Cancer Investigators Early-Career Scholar Award - Preproposal Due: September 15, 2023
- Clinical Trial Award - Preproposal Due: September 15, 2023
- Idea Development Award - Preproposal Due: September 15, 2023
- Nurse-Initiated Research Award Preproposal Due: September 15, 2023
- Translational Research Partnership Award - Preproposal Due: September 15, 2023

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Smilow Cancer Hospital has a new clinical trial available for patients with multiple myeloma that has relapsed or is refractory to at least 3 lines of prior therapy. This study is evaluating two drugs approved for multiple myeloma and the safety and efficacy when used together.

Medical Research Changes Lives

You can change the course of cancer research. Scientists and doctors at Yale Cancer Center are working hard to bring you new cancer treatments. We need patients for clinical research to help bring discoveries from the laboratory to more people who need them. We hope you'll be one of them.

Clinical Trial for:
Patients with multiple myeloma that has relapsed or is refractory to at least 3 lines of prior therapy

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Last week, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater New Haven hosted a Back to School Supply Drive, offering free backpacks filled with school supplies to the first 100 students. Community Engagement Coordinator, Jose DeJesus, and a team from Smilow Cancer Hospital set-up a table and tent, and distributed informational materials and tote bags to all community members that stopped by.



NIH Institutional Excellence in Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility in Biomedical and Behavioral Research Prize Competition

The prize competition goals are as follows:

1. To recognize and reward institutions whose biomedical, social, and behavioral science schools, departments, centers, or divisions have identified gaps with respect to diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA) and have designed, implemented, and evaluated interventions to address these gaps to achieve sustained improvement in DEIA within their faculty, postdoctoral scholars, and student bodies.
2. To identify effective practices for enhancing DEIA within faculty, postdoctoral scholars, and student bodies that are feasible and can be disseminated for adoption by other institutions.

Application Deadline: September 26, 2023

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AACR Anna D. Barker Basic Cancer Research Fellowship

This FO encourages and supports postdoctoral or clinical research fellows to establish a successful career path in cancer research. This fellowship provides \$110,000 over two-years to support the salary and benefits of the fellow while working on a mentored basic cancer research project.

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The Blood and Marrow Transplant Clinical Trials Network - Core Clinical Centers (UG1 Clinical Trial Optional)

This NOFO invites applications to participate as Core Clinical Centers and Consortia in the BMT CTN. Core Clinical Centers and Consortia are expected to support and conduct multi-site trials to compare novel treatment approaches and management strategies for children and adults undergoing hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HCT) for non-malignant and malignant blood diseases, either alone or in combination with novel adoptive cell-based therapies.

Application Deadline: October 2, 2023

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The Blood and Marrow Transplant Clinical Trials Network - Data Coordinating Center (U24)

This NOFO invites applications to participate as the Data Coordinating Center (DCC) for the BMT CTN. The overall goals are to identify and address gaps in HCT and adoptive cell therapy outcomes for blood diseases; rapidly disseminate study results to improve the scientific basis of the therapies being studied; provide a platform to train emerging clinical trial investigators; build a biorepository for future research that includes specimens linked to clinical data and outcomes from patients with non-malignant blood diseases who receive these therapies; and ultimately improve the life and quality of life for patients with blood diseases who receive HCT or adoptive cell therapies.

Application Deadline: October 2, 2023

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Charles H. Hood Foundation Child Health Research Awards Program

The intent of the Child Health Research Awards Program is to support newly independent faculty, provide the opportunity to demonstrate creativity, and assist in the transition to other sources of research funding.

Application Deadline: October 4, 2023

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

This NOFO supports the development of cancer-relevant technologies suitable for use in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). Specifically, the NOFO 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: October 12, 2023

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On Yale Cancer Answers, Smilow Cancer Hospital radiation oncologist and co-founder of theMednet, Dr. Nadine Housri, discussed the use of stereotactic radiosurgery for the treatment of lung cancer. Listen on Connecticut Public Radio or download our podcast from iTunes.



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Congratulations to the laboratory of David A. Braun, MD, PhD, Assistant Professor of Medicine (Medical Oncology), Louis Goodman and Alfred Gilman Yale Scholar, and a member of Yale Cancer Center's Cancer Immunology Research Program, which has received approximately \$5.75M in federal awards to fund mechanisms of response and resistance to immune therapy in kidney cancer at Yale Cancer Center.

New Funding Supports Kidney Cancer Research in Braun Lab



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Single Source: Pediatric Early Phase Clinical Trials Network (PEP-CTN; UM1)

Through this non-competitive single source cooperative agreement NOFO, the NCI solicits an application from the Public Health Institute with the intent of funding a single award to continue to support and enhance the Pediatric Early Phase Clinical Trials Network (PEP-CTN) for conducting early phase clinical trials in children with cancer.

Letter of Intent Due: October 15, 2023

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Leveraging Social Networks to Promote Widespread Individual Behavior Change (R01)

The purpose of this NOFO is to invite basic observational or experimental behavioral and/or social science R01 applications that test how intrapersonal and interpersonal mechanisms of behavior change interact with, influence, or are influenced by characteristics of social networks, with implications for health. Research supported through this NOFO will examine at least two levels of analysis: interpersonal processes and social network characteristics.

Application Deadline: November 3, 2023

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Investigator-Initiated Research in Genomics and Health Equity (R01)

The purpose of this initiative is to support investigator-initiated research in genomics and health equity, with the ultimate goal of developing approaches, generating and disseminating data, and implementing metrics or interventions that will advance the equitable use of genomics to improve health in U.S. populations.

Application Deadline: November 8, 2023

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ACRA FOR DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IN BREAST CANCER RESEARCH

This award is designed with the primary goal of increasing diversity in the oncology workforce and cancer research. Awards will be given to mid-career investigators who are members of racial and/or ethnic groups traditionally excluded in academic medicine and biomedical research, and who wish to conduct original breast cancer research not currently funded.

Application Deadline: November 16, 2023

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Development of Innovative Informatics Methods and Algorithms for Cancer Research and Management (R21)

The purpose of this FOA is to invite exploratory/developmental research grant applications (R21) for innovative informatics methods and algorithms to improve the acquisition, analysis, visualization, or interpretation of data

across the cancer research continuum including cancer biology, cancer treatment and diagnosis, early cancer detection, risk assessment and prevention, cancer control and epidemiology, and/or cancer health disparities.

Application Deadline: November 17, 2023

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Early-Stage Development of Informatics Technologies for Cancer Research and Management (U01)

The purpose of this FOA is to invite Cooperative Agreement (U01) applications for the development of enabling informatics technologies to improve the acquisition, management, analysis, and dissemination of data and knowledge across the cancer research continuum including cancer biology, cancer treatment and diagnosis, early cancer detection, risk assessment and prevention, cancer control and epidemiology, and/or cancer health disparities.

Application Deadline: November 17, 2023

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Courtney Gibson, MD, MS, FACS, is an Associate Professor of Surgery specializing in surgery of the thyroid, parathyroid and adrenal gland. Dr. Gibson recently gave a talk on parathyroid disease and tumors in recognition of Parathyroid Disease Awareness Month in July.

The presentation is available on our YouTube page for everyone interested in learning more, and can be viewed by clicking here:



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X Hepatocellular adenoma cases in men are more likely to transform into hepatocellular carcinoma. A multicenter study led by @yalepathology reviewed a total of 27 #HCA cases.

X New research led by @mirwin_yale @tarasantmd in @JCO_ASCO shows diet & exercise intervention was associated with a higher pCR in pts with HR+,HER2- or triple-negative #breastcancer undergoing neoadjuvant chemo.

X .@SmilowCancer is answering the demand for more subspecialty #cancercare by providing access to specialized care in all 16 Smilow locations so that patients do not have to travel or wait for appointments. How?

X Dr. Kiran Turaga @kturaga specializes in treating GI cancers, peritoneal #mesothelioma, metastatic soft tissue cancers (#melanoma/#sarcoma) & is an expert in regional perfusion including #HIPEC.

X A diagnosis of #esophagealcancer nearly ended Dr. Derek Yach's @swimdaily passion of swimming.

Thanks to his care team, he was able to

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Advanced Development of Informatics Technologies for Cancer Research and Management (U24)

The purpose of this FOA is to invite Cooperative Agreement (U24) applications for advanced development and enhancement of emerging informatics technologies to improve the acquisition, analysis, visualization, and interpretation of data across the cancer research continuum including cancer biology, cancer treatment and diagnosis, early cancer detection, risk assessment and prevention, cancer control and epidemiology, and cancer health disparities.

Application Deadline: November 17, 2023

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Sustained Support for Informatics Technologies for Cancer Research and Management (U24)

The purpose of this FOA is to invite Cooperative Agreement (U24) applications for the continued development and sustainment of high value informatics research resources to improve the acquisition, management, analysis, and dissemination of data and knowledge across the cancer research continuum including cancer biology, cancer treatment and diagnosis, early cancer detection, risk assessment and prevention, cancer control and epidemiology, and/or cancer health disparities.

Application Deadline: November 17, 2023

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Implementation Science for Cancer Control in People Living with HIV in Low- and Middle-Income Countries (U01)

The purpose of this NOFO is to support Implementation Science for Cancer Control in People Living with HIV (PLWH) in Low- and Middle-Income Countries (LMICs) to accelerate the integration of evidence-based cancer control interventions for PLWH by leveraging existing HIV treatment and prevention infrastructure.

Application Deadline: December 15, 2023

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Thanks to his care team, he was able to resume, and reap the mental/physical benefits of exercise.

 Tonight at 7:30pm on Yale Cancer Answers, @JensaMorrisMD and @SESchellhorn discuss the important role a #hospitalist plays in inpatient #cancercare and the benefits for patients. Listen live on @wnpr or on @iTunes.

 18 years after a stage IV #melanoma diagnosis, Roz Meyer remains healthy and she and her husband Jerry continue to give back to support #patientcare and #research at @YaleCancer and @SmilowCancer.

 A new study from Dr. Mandar Muzumdar @MuzumdarLab et al. takes a look at the link between #obesity and #cancer using #pancreaticacancer as an example.

 In the largest study to date on surgical management of stage IV gastroenteropancreatic neuroendocrine carcinoma, the extent of surgical intervention closely correlated with overall survival.

 A machine learning #breastdensity tool was able to predict density correctly 85% of the time to radiologists, with the potential to reduce variability in assessments in clinical practice.

 Kurt Schalper, MD, PhD, was recipient of the Best #Mentor Award at the 2023 @ASCO / @AACR Methods in Clinical Cancer Research Workshop last month. Congratulations, Dr. Schalper!

 Our Early Onset Cancer Program focuses on patients with #cancer btw ages 18-49 + will address psychosocial needs, novel clinical care models, enhance #clinicaltrials, expand research, and community awareness.

 Welcome @AdrianaKahnMD, Assistant Professor of Medicine (Medical Oncology), to the Center for Breast Cancer at @SmilowCancer and



Join us Tuesday, Sept. 12 at 7pm for a #SmilowShares webinar on AL Amyloidosis. Our experts will cover organ-specific diagnosis & management & Q&A

Calendar

Yale Cancer Answers

September 10, 7:30 PM

WNPR 90.5

Blood Cancer Awareness Month

Lourdes Mendez, MD, PhD

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Medical Education Webinar

September 11, 11:00 AM

Zoom

Pulling the Molecular Thread Through

Pediatric Thrombocytopenia MDS and AML

Tim Olson | Michelle Lambert | Tanja Gruber

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Epigenetics Interest Group Seminar Series

September 11, 11:45 AM

Boyer Center for Molecular Medicine 295

Congress Ave. Rm 206/208

Mouse models elucidate the roles of long noncoding RNAs in Cancer pathway

Nadya Dimitrova, PhD

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MB&B Seminar

September 11, 4:00 PM

Bass Center - 225 Prospect St. New Haven

A Tour of the Pore: Structural and Functional

Mapping of the Nuclear Pore Complex

Michael Rout

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Yale Cell Biology Special Seminar

September 12, 1:00 PM

Sterling Hall of Medicine, C-Wing

Exosomes: Biogenesis and Roles in Tumor

Immune Suppression

Wei Guo, PhD

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Smilow Shares

September 12, 7:00 PM

AL Amyloidosis

Sabrina Browning, MD | Edward Miller, MD,
PhD | Randy Luciano, MD, PhD | Terry
Parker, MD
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**Best Practices in Developing and
Preparing Successful
Consortium/Center/Program Project Grant
(Panel Discussion)**

September 13, 9:30 AM

Brady Memorial Laboratory / Zoom
Michael Crair, PhD | Kathryn M. Ferguson,
PhD | Yong-Hui Jiang, MD, PhD | Brian
Richard Smith, MD

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Genetics Research-In-Progress (RIP)

September 13, 12:00 PM

Sterling Hall of Medicine I-Wing/333 Cedar
St.

Rachel Heuer | Ernie Chen

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Endocrine Workshop

September 13, 4:00 PM

Fitkin Memorial Pavilion
Priyadarshini Balasubramanian, MBBS, MD
*My Approach to the Pregnant Woman with
Endocrine Conditions*

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Therapeutic Radiology Grand Rounds

September 14, 9:00 AM

Smilow Cancer Hospital LL505 Lower Level
*Accelerating Innovation and Reimagining
Health: Lessons Learned from the Pandemic*

Stephen M. Hahn, MD

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Pharmacology Seminar Series

September 14, 12:30 PM

Brady Memorial Library/310 Cedar St. New
Haven

*Communication between the EPHB4
receptor tyrosine kinase and the RASA1 Ras
GTPase-Activating protein in the
development and function of the blood and
lymphatic vasculatures*

Phil King

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Urology Grand Rounds

September 15, 7:00 AM

Zoom
Sterling Hall of Medicine

Jason Lee, MD

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Yale Cancer Answers

September 17, 7:30 PM

WNPR 90.5

Breakthrough Therapeutics to Tame Cancer Cells

Sidi Chen, PhD

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Inaugural Virtual Reality and Pediatrics Healthcare

September 19-20, 9:00 AM

West Campus

Where are we? And where are we going?

Hunter Hoffman, PhD | Susan Persky, PhD |

Juan Pablo Hourcade, PhD | Nicolas Meade

| Travis Eriksen

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Smilow Shares Perspectives on the

USPSTF Breast Screening

Recommendations

September 19, 6:00 PM

CME Webinar

Kim Blenman, PhD, MS | Mehra Golshan,

MD, MBA | John Lewin, MD | Rachel

Greenup, MD, MPH

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Clinical Trials for Sarcoma and Head & Neck Cancers at Yale

September 20, 6:30 PM

CME Webinar

Aarti Bhatia | Hari Deshpande | Kwasi

Boateng

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GIM Grand Rounds

September 21, 7:30 AM

Zoom

Update on Diagnosis & Management of Amyloidosis

Terri Parker, MD

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Smilow Wellness Workshop

September 21, 4:00 PM

Zoom

Why We Expect the Worst and How to Change That

Aviva Romm, MD

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New England Hematologic Malignancies

Symposium

September 22-23, 12:00 PM

Connecticut Convention Center

Noffar Bar, MD | John C. Byrd, MD, FACP |

Adam D. Cohen, MD | Irene Ghobrial, MD |

Elias Jabbour MD | Eric D. Jacobsen, MD |

Shaji K. Kumar, MD | Ann S. LaCasce,

MD, MMSc | Alfred Lee, MD, PhD |

Sudhanshu Mulay, MD | Gail J. Roboz, MD |

Gilles Salles, MD, PhD | Abdulraheem

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