

August 31, 2012

## Announcements

### Closer to Free

I am looking forward to seeing many of you next Saturday at the Closer to Free bike ride on September 8th at the Yale Bowl. As many of you are aware, the 2nd Annual Closer to Free Bike Ride supports outstanding patient care and cutting-edge research at Smilow Cancer Hospital and Yale Cancer Center. I would like to express my gratitude to those of you who have already committed to riding, volunteering, and supporting the hospital's signature fundraising event.

I would also like to personally **invite all staff members and their families to join us at the Yale Bowl**. There will be food, drinks, entertainment, and family activities taking place throughout the day as we celebrate the Closer to Free Bike Ride. A brief schedule of events is as follows:

**6:45 AM:** Opening Ceremonies

**7:00 AM:** Official start of the Ride, join us to send-off the riders!

**9:30 AM & 3:00 PM:** Kids' Fun Rides around the Yale Bowl

**10:00AM - 5:00 PM:** Celebrations at the Finish Line as riders return to the Yale Bowl

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### Public Affairs Resource for YCC and SCH

Helen Dodson, a Communications Generalist for the Yale University Office of Public Affairs and Communications (OPAC), will begin a pilot program with Yale Cancer Center on Tuesday. Helen will be embedded within the cancer center organization and will meet with many of you over the coming months. Her emphasis will be on pitching and placing research and clinical stories to national media. She will attend various forums and meetings within YCC. Please join me in welcoming Helen to Yale Cancer Center.

### Preston C. Sprenkle, MD Joins Urology

Peter Schulam and I are pleased to announce that Dr. Preston

*from the desk of*

**Thomas J. Lynch, Jr., MD**

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## Countdown to the CCSG Submission

# 25 days

until our CCSG  
grant is due on  
September 25, 2012.

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Sprenkle has accepted a position in the Department of Urology as an Assistant Professor. Preston recently completed a fellowship in urologic oncology at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. His research efforts are focused on exploring the role of b7x as a marker for prostate cancer and he will spend time both in the lab and in our clinics. Preston is a graduate of Stanford University and received his MD from Columbia University. Please join us in welcoming him to Yale Cancer Center.

### **Yale Cancer Center Grand Rounds Begin September 11**

Our Grand Rounds series will begin for the fall semester on Tuesday, September 11th at noon in the auditorium at 55 Park Street. Professor Michael Seckl from Imperial College in London will discuss Gestational Trophoblastic Neoplasia. The full schedule for September is available on our calendar. [View Calendar >>](#)

### **Yale Cancer Center Oncology CME Series: Gastrointestinal Cancers**

Please join us for our fourth session in the Yale Cancer Center Oncology CME Series, focused on Gastrointestinal Malignancies, on Thursday, September 20 at 5:00 PM in Smilow Cancer Hospital. [Review Agenda >>](#)  
[Register to Attend >>](#)

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## **Notables**

**Daniel DiMaio, MD, PhD**, Scientific Director and Deputy Director of Yale Cancer Center has been appointed to a five year term on the Board of Scientific Advisors of the National Cancer Institute (NCI) by Dr. Harold Varmus, Director of the NCI. The Board assists and advises the Director of the Institute with a primary focus on oversight of the full portfolio of extramural programs of the NCI. The Board also provides advice on scientific policies and reviews concepts for research and research activities supported by the NCI.

**Clarence T. Sasaki, MD**, has been named president of the American Laryngological Association (ALA). The ALA is one of the premier organizations in otolaryngology and is a major supporter of research, education, and academic issues related to laryngology, both benign and malignant.

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## **Closer to Free**

**Closer to Free Bike Ride**  
Join us on **September 8, 2012**

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## **Links of Interest**

### **CV Library**

The CV library is a new resource available to our members, with CVs of post-docs and others looking for positions at Yale. Please browse the listings if you have openings, and send the CVs you receive to share. [Learn More >>](#)

### **Research in Progress**

Video presentations from Yale Cancer Center faculty on current research projects are now available online. [Learn More >>](#)

### **In the News**

Read recent articles featuring experts from Yale Cancer Center. [Read More >>](#)

### **Subscribe to Yale Cancer Center Answers on iTunes**

Yale Cancer Center's weekly radio program on CT Public Radio is ranked number 2 in the world for cancer programs on iTunes. Subscribe to the show. [Learn More >>](#)

### **Yale Cancer Center Grand Rounds**

Video presentations from Yale Cancer Center members are now available online. [Learn More >>](#)

### **DirectConnect Archives**

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## **Events**

**September 2; 6:00 PM**  
**Yale Cancer Center Answers**  
WNPR



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## Employee Profile: Diane Viveiros

*The Employee Profile recognizes the diverse contributions made by Yale Cancer Center and Smilow Cancer Hospital staff have to meet our patient care, research, education, and outreach goals. The staff profiled are examples of the great work being done here, and the dedication and values we possess. To suggest someone to be profiled, please contact [Emily Fenton](#).*



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*Meet Our New Host*  
Anees Chagpar, MD  
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**September 8; 6:00 AM**  
**Closer to Free Bike Ride**  
The Yale Bowl  
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**September 9; 6:00 PM**  
**Yale Cancer Center Answers**  
WNPR  
*Sickle Cell Disease*  
John Roberts, MD  
[Learn More >>](#)

**September 11; 12:00 PM**  
**Yale Cancer Center**  
**Grand Rounds**  
55 Park Street Auditorium  
*Gestational Trophoblastic Neoplasia*  
Michael Seckl, MD  
[Learn More >> \(PDF\)](#)

## Employment Opportunities

Yale Cancer Center has several positions open.

Please share these opportunities with colleagues who may be interested in joining our team.

**Clinical Secretary**  
Req# 17600

**Data Manager**  
Req# 16340

**CRN 2: Clinical Research Nurse**  
Req# 17202

**Assistant Administrator**  
Req# 17846

**Financial Analyst**  
Req# 17140

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## Submissions

Please submit your recent publication and grant

outreach goals. The staff profiled are examples of the great work being done here, and the dedication and values we possess. To suggest someone to be profiled, please

Diane Viveiros, LCSW on the 14<sup>th</sup> floor of Smilow, and in the Gynecologic Oncology Outpatient Clinic, has the knowledge and expertise to help patients and their families through the most difficult time of their lives, whether it is a new diagnosis of cancer, a recurrence, or the grief of knowing that end-of-life care may be necessary. Diane provides continuity of care and offers both supportive counseling and information about and referral to community resources that are available during the various stages of treatment.

Diane commented that at some point during the treatment process, a patient may find that meeting with a social worker helps them deal with life issues that have arisen due to their cancer. Some women are referred by their physician, a PA, or a nurse, but Diane also identifies women who may have a high level of distress or challenges. While Diane believes everyone can use the help of a social worker at one time or another, there are some life circumstances that strongly indicate the need. For example, frail and isolated elders, women who are in the midst of childrearing or women struggling with substance abuse or mental illness are all situations that Diane assists with.

"I work with the whole team to provide the best care possible to patients. Patients may bring something up with me that they have not yet discussed with their doctor, and find that talking with me helps them," Diane said. "I love my job and feel that I am using the gifts that I was given in the best way I can."

Diane also co-chairs the Social Work Department's Service Excellence Committee. She is devoted to making sure the teams are working together the best way they can to support each other in caring for patients. Bonnie Indeck, LCSW, Manager of Oncology Social Work at Smilow Cancer Hospital, and Diane's manager commented, "We were very fortunate when Diane joined us in oncology. She provides whatever may be necessary to ensure that a patient and her family have what they need - she goes the extra mile, whatever it may take. Diane's service excellence style is a role model for all as witnessed by the positive feedback consistently received. It is a pleasure to work with Diane."

## Funding Opportunities

### Women's Health Research at Yale Pilot Grants

Women's Health Research at Yale is pleased to offer pilot project funds for research that represents a new direction in

announcements to:

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Marketing

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 Forward to a Friend

women's health, or explores gender differences in health and disease. We are particularly soliciting clinical or prevention research projects, and basic science projects that have a clear translational goal.

**Letter of Intent Due:** October 22, 2012

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### **Susan G. Komen Challenge Grants: Breast Cancer and the Environment**

The Challenge grants seek to address key research needs in the field of environmental contributions to breast cancer risk. Several opportunities and funding levels are being offered.

*Scientific Focus:*

- Studies of Occupational Cohorts and Other Highly Exposed Populations
- New Exposure Assessment Tools
- Minimizing Exposure to Ionizing Radiation

**Letter of Intent Due:** September 10, 2012

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### **Alliance for Cancer Gene Therapy Grants**

The Fund for Advancement awards up to \$1 million to Principal Investigators conducting translational research that will move cell and gene therapies from the laboratory towards clinical trials.

The Fund for Discovery awards up to \$500,000 to Young Investigators [tenure track assistant professors] conducting innovative exploratory research.

**Grant Abstract Deadline:** September 4, 2012

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### **The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network - AACR Grants**

The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network - AACR research grants program is designed to help incubate innovative research projects, grow the number of researchers dedicated to studying pancreatic cancer, nurture collaborations across disciplines and institutions, and expedite scientific progress for patient benefit.

**Research Acceleration Network Grant:** Supports a project currently underway within the pancreatic cancer research community that is ready to be accelerated, includes a clinical component, and will help double the survival rate for pancreatic cancer by the year 2020.

**Term:** 1,000,000

**Grant Term Begins:** July 1, 2013

**Letter of Intent Deadline:** October 8, 2012, noon ET

**Innovative Grant:** Supports creative and cutting edge ideas and approaches, including those successful in other areas of cancer that have justifiable promise for

pancreatic cancer.

**Terms:** Two-year grant totaling \$200,000

**Grant Term Begins:** July 1, 2013

**Letter of Intent Deadline:** October 8, 2012, noon ET

**Career Development Award:** Supports newly independent investigators develop or strengthen their research program in pancreatic cancer.

**Terms:** Two-year grant totaling \$200,000

**Grant Term Begins:** July 1, 2013

**Application Deadline:** October 31, 2012, noon ET

**Pathway to Leadership Grant:** Supports highly promising early career scientists in their postdoctoral positions and through the transition to independence to build future leadership in pancreatic cancer research.

**Terms:** Up to five years of support, totaling \$600,000

**Grant Term Begins:** July 1, 2013

**Application Deadline:** October 31, 2012, noon ET

**Fellowship Award:** Supports early career scientists during their mentored research phase.

**Terms:** One-year grant totaling \$45,000

**Grant Term Begins:** July 1, 2013

**Application Deadline:** October 31, 2012, noon ET

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#### **Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation Epidemiology Grants**

These grants are designed to support the research of investigators who have a specific focus on the epidemiology, early detection or the prevention of childhood cancer. ALSF will award support to established investigators who have a track record of peer-reviewed publications in relevant areas. These awards are expected to provide additional funds that will allow investigators to pursue novel and promising epidemiological approaches to understanding the cause of childhood cancers and how such insight can be used for early detection or prevention of childhood cancer.

**Application Deadline:** December 17, 2012

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#### **Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation "A" Awards in Pediatric Research**

The foundation's "A" Award is a three-year grant designed for young scientists who want to jump-start their careers in pediatric oncology research. The program seeks to encourage the best and brightest young researchers to build lifelong careers and become leaders in the pediatric cancer field, and to further research that will lead to cures for children with cancer.

**Application Deadline:** September 17, 2012



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## Recent Publications

**Chapter 4: development of the counterfactual smoking histories used to assess the effects of tobacco control.**

Holford TR, Clark L.

Risk Anal. 2012 Jul;32 Suppl 1:S39-50.

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**Chapter 12: yale lung cancer model.**

Holford TR, Ebisu K, McKay L, Oh C, Zheng T.

Risk Anal. 2012 Jul;32 Suppl 1:S151-65.

[Read More >>](#)

**The impact of hypomethylating agents on the cost of care and survival of elderly patients with myelodysplastic syndromes.**

Wang R, Gross CP, Frick K, Xu X, Long J, Raza A, Galili N, Zikria J, Guan Y, Ma X.

Leuk Res. 2012 Aug 20.

[Read More >>](#)

**Omega-3 and omega-6 fatty acid intakes and endometrial cancer risk in a population-based case-control study.**

Arem H, Neuhouser ML, Irwin ML, Cartmel B, Lu L, Risch H, Mayne ST, Yu H.

Eur J Nutr. 2012 Aug 23.

[Read More >>](#)

**Membrane physical properties influence transmembrane helix formation.**

Barrera FN, Fendos J, Engelman DM.

Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A. 2012 Aug 20.

[Read More >>](#)

**In situ measurement of miR-205 in malignant melanoma tissue supports its role as a tumor suppressor microRNA.**

Hanna JA, Hahn L, Agarwal S, Rimm DL.

Lab Invest. 2012 Aug 13.

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**A Phase I Study of Erlotinib and Hydroxychloroquine in Advanced Non-Small-Cell Lung Cancer.**

Goldberg SB, Supko JG, Neal JW, Muzikansky A, Digumarthy S, Fidias P, Temel JS, Heist RS, Shaw AT, McCarthy PO, Lynch TJ, Sharma S, Settleman JE, Sequist LV.

J Thorac Oncol. 2012 Aug 8.

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**Measurement of Aldehyde Dehydrogenase 1 Expression Defines a Group with Better Prognosis in Patients with**

**Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer.**

Dimou A, Neumeister V, Agarwal S, Anagnostou V, Syrigos K, Rimm DL.

Am J Pathol. 2012 Aug 6.

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**Hypofractionated radiation therapy for prostate cancer: risks and potential benefits in a fiscally conservative health care system.**

Aneja S, Pratiwadi RR, Yu JB.

Oncology (Williston Park). 2012 Jun;26(6):512-8.

[Read More >>](#)

**Integrative Analysis of Cancer Prognosis Data With Multiple Subtypes Using Regularized Gradient Descent.**

Ma S, Zhang Y, Huang J, Huang Y, Lan Q, Rothman N, Zheng T.

Genet Epidemiol. 2012 Jul 31.

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**Adverse events in cancer genetic testing: medical, ethical, legal, and financial implications.**

Brierley KL, Blouch E, Cogswell W, Homer JP, Pencarinha D, Stanislaw CL, Matloff ET.

Cancer J. 2012 Jul;18(4):303-9.

[Read More >>](#)

**Stereotactic body radiotherapy for central lung tumors.**

Rowe BP, Boffa DJ, Wilson LD, Kim AW, Detterbeck FC, Decker RH.

J Thorac Oncol. 2012 Sep;7(9):1394-9.

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**Perceptions of roles, practice patterns, and professional growth opportunities.**

McCorkle R, Engelking C, Lazenby M, Davies MJ, Ercolano E, Lyons CA.

Clin J Oncol Nurs. 2012 Aug 1;16(4):382-7.

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