

September 02, 2016

Announcements

LoRusso Chair of Women in Cancer Research

I am proud to announce that Dr. Patricia LoRusso, Professor of Medicine (Medical Oncology) and Associate Director of Innovative Medicine at Yale Cancer Center, has been named Chair of the Women in Cancer Research Council of the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR). Pat is the perfect choice to chair this group. She is an accomplished leader and a true role model for female physicians and scientists building their careers in cancer research. Congratulations!

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Magnet Site Visit

Throughout this week, four Magnet appraisers from the American Nurses Credentialing Center met with nurses throughout Yale New Haven Hospital, including Smilow nurses in various locations (inpatient, outpatient, and Care Centers). The Magnet re-designation focuses on the quality of nursing care, the professional development of our staff, and teamwork and collaboration with their interdisciplinary colleagues. Only 7% of all US hospitals achieve this prestigious designation.

Catherine Lyons, RN, Executive Director of Patient Services said, "I am thrilled that these distinguished surveyors were able to interact with our outstanding nursing staff in so many of our care settings. Everyone was prepared and excited

from the desk of

Peter G. Schulam, MD, PhD

Director, Yale Cancer Center

and Physician-in-Chief,

Smilow Cancer Hospital (Interim)

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to showcase the outstanding work they do to care for our patients every day. I am so proud of them!"

State of the Science Summit: Breast Cancer

On Thursday, September 15 at 4pm, join the faculty of the Breast Center at Smilow Cancer Hospital for presentations on the latest research and treatment for breast cancer. All supportive care services from Smilow will be available to provide additional information to attendees for patient care and available referral options for your patients.

Hosted by OncLive, Smilow Cancer Hospital, and Yale Cancer Center, registration is free!

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NCCN Annual Conference

NCCN is now accepting abstracts for consideration to be presented during the NCCN 22nd Annual Conference: Improving the Quality, Effectiveness, and Efficiency of Cancer Care General Poster Session. NCCN welcomes original abstracts from investigators in the general oncology community. Abstract submission deadline: November 6, 2016

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Notables

Qin Yan, PhD, a member of Yale Cancer Center's Genomics, Genetics and Epigenetics Research Program has been awarded a **Department of Defense Peer Reviewed Cancer Research Program Idea Award** (\$665,999 total). The title of this project is "Dissecting the Roles of ARID2 Tumor Suppressor in Metastatic Melanoma." The goal of this 2-year project is to dissect the cellular and molecular mechanisms of tumor suppression by ARID2 in melanoma. His research will be done in collaboration with Drs. Marcus Bosenberg and Ruth Halaban.



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LoRusso named Chair of AACR's Women in Cancer Research

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Survivor Gives Back to Smilow Cancer Hospital By Volunteering at Closer to Free

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Shang-Min Zhang, PhD, a post-doc in the laboratory of Qin Yan, has been awarded a **Department of Defense Peer Reviewed Cancer Research Program Horizon Award** (\$124,874 total). The title of her project is "Epigenetic Regulation of Histone Demethylase JARID1B in Melanoma." She will be co-mentored by Drs. Marcus Bosenberg and Qin Yan to determine the roles of JARID1B in regulation PGC-1 signaling in melanoma.

Scott Huntington, MD, MPH, a member of Yale Cancer Center's Cancer Prevention and Control Program and Assistant Professor of Hematology, has received a **Mentored Career Development Award (KL2)** from the NIH to support his research abstract, "Curbing unnecessary diagnostic imaging: Barriers to adopting non-imaging based routine surveillance for patients with lymphoma."

John Roberts, MD, Professor of Medicine and a member of Yale Cancer Center's Developmental Therapeutics Research Program, has been named **executive chair of Yale University's Institutional Review Board (IRB)**, effective January 1.

Roberta Sterling, RN MSN MPH has been appointed to the role of **Clinical Program Manager, Smilow Network**. Roberta's responsibilities will include oversight of Smilow Care Centers in Torrington, Waterbury, and Derby. Roberta has been with Smilow since the integration of the former COH practice and has proven to be a strong and effective leader.

Development Update

The Frederick A. DeLuca Foundation recently directed over \$1 million to the Hematology Program at Smilow Cancer Hospital for hematologic malignancy research carried out by Dr. Nikolai Podoltsev and Dr. Stuart Seropian. The gift will allow expansion of collaborative efforts in developing and conducting clinical trials with investigators from other institutions as well as further development of the stem cell transplant research program. The Foundation gift also includes generous support for professional development for NP-11, NP-7, and Day Hospital staff, as well as seeding the new Oncology Patient



Joann Sweasy designated the Ensign Professor of Therapeutic Radiology

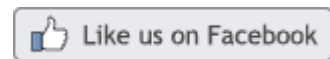
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Smilow Cancer Hospital Nurse Riding in Memory of her Mother at Closer to Free

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We're happy to announce that Maggie Zampano RN, a nurse on our 14th floor inpatient unit, has received a Daisy Award! The Daisy Foundation recognizes the amazing work that truly exceptional nurses do in the lives of patients and their families.

and Family Education initiative directed by Cathy Lyons and Lisa Barbarotta.

Employee Profile: Earl Page

Chances are if you have been in Smilow Cancer Hospital recently, you have encountered the work of Earl Page and his team and may not have realized it. Earl is Environmental Services (EVS) Supervisor at Smilow Cancer Hospital and plays a vital role in making sure the hospital is clean and operating efficiently. He has been in this role for under a year, but has over 15 years of experience in EVS for healthcare. He oversees many services, including ensuring that restrooms, patient areas, and equipment is sanitary, and hazardous materials are dealt with appropriately. His team is also responsible for disposing of recycling and confidential waste.



Earl is in a unique position, in that he was a patient at Smilow, diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer two years ago. When he was told at another hospital that he only had two years to live, he knew immediately that he wanted to seek a second opinion from doctors at Smilow. He met Dr. Scott Gettinger who started him on a clinical trial. Initially he experienced several side effects, but after the dose he was receiving was lowered, he began to tolerate it much better and today is doing wonderfully.

Earl stresses the importance of compassion to his staff, and they work hard to meet the high standards that he sets. This contributes to the continuously high Press Ganey scores his team receives, as they are required to interact with patients while cleaning the rooms.

"I always tell my team to keep in mind who we are doing this for, the patient," said Earl. "When I was told I would be meeting cancer patients as part of

Maggie is definitely amazing, and there are so many examples of how she is truly dedicated to her work, like purchasing a new set of clothes for one of her patients, or bringing their favorite breakfast item to them in the morning, just to name a few. Maggie is a fantastic member of an amazing team, and we're proud of our hospital full of healthcare professionals like her, who always go the extra mile for their patients. Thank you, Maggie, and congratulations!

Detecting cancer
earlier means
saving lives



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Cigna has become the first national insurer to cover 3D mammograms for routine screenings. This is a great step in the right direction. Early, thorough screening is one of the most effective ways we can fight breast cancer, and we appreciate Cigna recognizing the importance of covering new, advanced methods of detecting breast cancer.

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this job, I knew that I was the right person for it. My passion is making things pristine for patients, families, visitors, and staff, and I am happy to be a part of such an amazing hospital."

Earl will be riding 10 miles in next Saturday's Closer to Free bike ride, which he noted is a big deal for him to be able to do. Carolyn Truini, Operations Coordinator for Smilow Cancer Hospital, commented, "Since Earl joined Smilow he has been an inspiration to many. He shares his story with staff and managers alike, reinforcing why we do the work we do - for the patient. He is always positive and has been successful at motivating his staff in EVS."

Funding and Award Opportunities

All current funding opportunities are archived on the Yale Cancer Center website, and searchable by topic, funding agency, and due date. Please check the site often for new opportunities.

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2016 YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD

Alliance for Cancer Gene Therapy, Inc. (ACGT) funds research aimed at furthering the development of cell and gene therapy approaches to the treatment of cancer. To this end, ACGT offers its Young Investigator Award to qualified scientists at the Tenure Track Assistant Professor level.

Application Deadline: September 13, 2016

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Department of Defense Breast Cancer Research Program Funding Opportunities for Fiscal Year 2016 (FY16)

The Fiscal Year 2016 (FY16) Defense Appropriations Act provides \$120 million (M) to the Department of Defense Breast Cancer Research Program (BCRP) to support innovative, high-impact breast cancer research to accelerate progress toward ending breast cancer.

The cancer research world is placing more and more emphasis on using an individual's own biology in the fight against cancer. The immune system is becoming the subject of many research trials and treatment programs, and we're proud to have a robust Immunobiology program at Yale. Check out this video of Dr. Dhodapkar discussing the importance of the rising field of immuno-oncology.



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Yale Cancer Center is pleased to announce that the 2016-2017 Lung SPORE Developmental Program awards have been distributed to a group of very determined, very qualified young professionals at Yale Cancer Center to research the very latest in lung cancer prevention, detection, and treatment. Our Specialized Programs of Research Excellence (SPORE) in Lung Cancer is funded by a grant from the National Cancer Institute, and is one of five lung cancer-specific SPORE centers in the nation. A big thank you to the National Cancer Institute and the Beatrice Kleinberg Neuwirth Fund for Pancreatic and Lung Cancer Research, without whom these grants, and our research, would not be possible.



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Check out some of these photos from the cooking class hosted for Smilow patients and families at CitySeed with Chef Anne

Breakthrough Award

Funding Levels 3 and 4:

- Independent investigators at all academic levels (or equivalent)
- Supports promising research that has the potential to lead to or make breakthroughs in breast cancer.
- Potential impact of the research may be near-term or long-term, but it must be significant and go beyond an incremental advancement.

Application Deadline: September 14, 2016
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2017 BLAVATNIK NATIONAL AWARDS FOR YOUNG SCIENTISTS

The national faculty competition celebrates the past accomplishments and future potential of the most promising young faculty-rank scientists and engineers in the United States - faculty under 42 years of age working in the life sciences, physical sciences and engineering, and chemistry. Awards provide critical support to seed high-impact, innovative work in science and technology that will address society's most pressing global problems.

Deadline: Submit all documents to melanie.smith@yale.edu by Thursday, September 15, 2016
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Department of Defense Prostate Cancer Research Program Funding Opportunities for Fiscal Year 2016

The FY16 Defense Appropriations Act provides \$80 million (M) to the Department of Defense Prostate Cancer Research Program (PCRP) to support innovative, high-impact prostate cancer research.

Clinical Consortium Research Site Award

Independent investigators at or above the level of Assistant Professor (or equivalent). Supports the addition of a Clinical Research Site to the Prostate Cancer Clinical Trials Consortium. Trials that incorporate investigations of biomarkers for risk assessment, early detection, prediction of aggressiveness, and/or progression of prostate cancer are encouraged.

Gallagher. The event was hosted by our Cancer Genetics and Prevention Program, and everyone had a blast while learning more about how to whip up healthy, delicious meals. Many thanks to Chef Gallagher, CitySeed, and our guests! We're proud to offer programs that help out our patients in all areas of their lives.



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Thanks for stopping by and supporting Closer to Free John McEnroe and James Blake Tennis!




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 Immunotherapy hype or hope? It's huge..we are seeing a paradigm shift in the way cancer is treated
[@DrRoyHerbstYale](https://twitter.com/DrRoyHerbstYale) bit.ly/2ct3v25

Pre-Applications Due: September 15, 2016

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2016 Class of 61 YCC Research Award

In order to recognize significant accomplishment and outstanding promise in cancer research, Yale Cancer Center is pleased to announce the opening of the competition for the 2016 Class of '61 Yale Cancer Center Research Award. This annual Award recognizes significant accomplishment in cancer research at Yale University by a young member of the faculty, coupled with the expectation for future outstanding contributions to our understanding of the causes and cures for cancer.

Deadline: Nominations must be received at YCC by September 30, 2016.

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Susan G. Komen 2016/2017 GRADUATE TRAINING IN DISPARITIES RESEARCH (GTDR) Grants

GTDR Grants are intended to establish and/or to sustain a training program for graduate students who are seeking careers dedicated to understanding and eliminating disparities in breast cancer outcomes across population groups.

Application Due: September 2016

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Pancreatic Cancer Action Network/AACR 2017 Research Grants Program

The American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) and the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network are pleased to announce the opening of the 2017 Research Grants Program to support early-career investigators focused on pancreatic cancer.

Two grant mechanisms, the Pathway to Leadership Grant and the Career Development Award, are being offered for postdoctoral and clinical research fellows or junior faculty, respectively.

Career Development Awards

Career Development Awards are two-year grants totaling \$200,000 to support junior faculty to develop or strengthen their research programs in pancreatic cancer.

🐦 We're working with the leadership @BPTHOSP to bring #Smilow#cancer care to our patients in #Fairfield County, CT.

🐦 It's not too late to join #breastcancer experts for @OncoLive State of the Science Summit. Register now bit.ly/2aKaTzK @YaleCancer

🐦 Tips for exercising while sick from @YaleSPH researcher. <http://on.wsj.com/2clZnRI> via @WSJ@YaleCancer

🐦 Stop by to learn about cancer #screening and #prevention at @HealthyStart's Family Fun & Fitness Day #NHV

🐦 @cigna - first national insurer to cover #3D#Mammograms for routine screening. #thankyou <http://cour.at/2bu9e3c> #bcsm #earlydetection

🐦 #Smilow nurse rides in memory of her mother. @CTFRide@NBCConnecticut <http://bit.ly/2bjfQ5D>

🐦 In just 2 months, Luke recovered from major chest surgery at #Smilow & is back on the field! <http://bit.ly/2bEN5kR>

🐦 Thank you @ElinaSvitolina - great to have you!

🐦 Thanks @CitySeedNH & Anne Gallagher for the fun, healthy cooking lesson w/ our cancer genetics & #prevention program

Closer to Free

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The fund to advance cancer research and enhance patient care

September 2; 10AM

2016 Dean's Workshop Series

Letter of intent deadline: October 4, 2016

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Women's Health Research at Yale 2016-2017 Pilot Project Program

Pilot Project Awards: Up to \$35,000 over one or two years for research designed to meet a pressing need in women's health with a clearly described path to direct clinical or public health utility

Wendy U. and Thomas C. Naratil Pioneer Award: Up to \$50,000 in funding over one or two years to initiate new investigations that are highly inventive or close to a major breakthrough in advancing women's health

Application Deadline: October 27, 2016

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Pathway to Leadership Grant

The Pathway to Leadership Grant is a grant of up to five years totaling up to \$600,000 that is designed to build future leadership in the pancreatic cancer research community by supporting a highly promising postdoctoral or clinical research fellow during his or her mentored research and career development, continuing through his or her early phase of independence.

Application Deadline: November 15, 2016

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Yale Pepper Center Letters of Intent

The Yale Pepper Center is soliciting letters of intent from full-time faculty members at Yale with interests and expertise relevant to aging research who would be interested in submitting a career development proposal (if currently within 4 years of first faculty appointment), a pilot project proposal, or a research development project.

Letter of Intent Deadline: October 17, 2016

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Melanoma Research Alliance Grants

The Melanoma Research Alliance (MRA) is pleased to announce a Request for Proposals for high-impact translational research that has the potential to lead to near-term clinical application in melanoma prevention, detection, diagnosis, staging, and treatment. This cycle, proposals will be accepted for Young Investigator Awards,

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Mass Spectrometry and Proteomics Resource: Supporting Biomedical Research at Yale

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September 6; 12PM

Yale Cancer Center Grand Rounds

Park Street Auditorium

Integrative Medicine at Smilow Cancer Hospital

Ather Ali, ND, MPH, MHS

Cancer Survivorship: Unifying the Unique

Tara Sanft, MD

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September 8; 9AM

YCC / Smilow Cancer Hospital Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

55 Park Street, 1st floor

Phase I Clinical Trials Infusion Center

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Therapeutic Radiology Grand Rounds

Smilow LL505

Medical Student Presentations

Austin Sim, Fan Zhu and William Breen

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September 8; 2:30PM

Smilow Cancer Genetics and Prevention Program Seminar

Cancer Genetics and Prevention Program, Suites 107-109

Genetic Counselors Meeting

Karina Brierley, MS, LCGC

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September 8; 4:30PM

YCC New Members Happy Hour

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Welcome New YCC Members

Amy Justice, MD, PhD and Gottfried von Keudell, MD, PhD

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September 9; 11AM

Established Investigator Awards, Pilot Awards,
and Academic-Industry Partnership Awards.
Application Deadline: October 21, 2016
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Recent Publications

Classification of Advanced Human Cancers Based on Tumor Immunity in the MicroEnvironment (TIME) for Cancer Immunotherapy.

Zhang Y, Chen L.

JAMA Oncol. 2016 Aug 4.

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MARCH1 regulates insulin sensitivity by controlling cell surface insulin receptor levels.

Nagarajan A, Petersen MC, Nasiri AR, Butrico G, Fung A, Ruan HB, Kursawe R, Caprio S, Thibodeau J, Bourgeois-Daigneault MC, Sun L, Gao G, Bhanot S, Jurczak MJ, Green MR, Shulman GI, Wajapeyee N.

Nat Commun. 2016 Aug 31;7:12639.

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Racial differences in six major subtypes of melanoma: descriptive epidemiology.

Wang Y, Zhao Y, Ma S.

BMC Cancer. 2016 Aug 30;16:691.

[Read More >>](#)

Neuronal Calcium Sensor 1 Has Two Variants with Distinct Calcium Binding Characteristics.

Wang B, Boeckel GR, Huynh L, Nguyen L, Cao W, De La Cruz EM, Kaftan EJ, Ehrlich BE.

PLoS One. 2016 Aug 30;11(8):e0161414.

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Surveillance Practice Patterns after Curative Intent Therapy for Stage I Non-Small-Cell LungCancer in the Medicare Population.

Erb CT, Su KW, Soulos PR, Tanoue LT, Gross CP.

Lung Cancer. 2016 Sep;99:200-7.

Smilow Cancer Screening & Prevention Program Informational Table

Yale New Haven Hospital Atrium

Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

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September 10; 7AM

Smilow Cancer Hospital Sixth Annual Closer to Free Bike Ride

Yale Bowl

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September 12; 10AM

Robert A. Welke Cancer Research Foundation Benefit to Support YCC

The Country Club of Darien

Links to a Cure Golf Event

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September 12; 4PM

Pathology Special Seminar

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Evidence and Mechanism for the Transition from Lung Adenocarcinoma to Squamous Cell Carcinoma

Hongbin Ji, PhD

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Yale Cancer Center / Schwartz Center Rounds

Park Street Auditorium

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September 14; 4PM

Division of Reproductive Sciences: Ellen Read Leeds Sturges Memorial Lecture

BML-131

Gynecological Cancers in the 21st Century

Elise C. Kohn, MD

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Association between Time since Cancer Diagnosis and Health-Related Quality of Life: A Population-Level Analysis.

Wang SY, Hsu SH, Gross CP, Sanft T, Davidoff AJ, Ma X, Yu JB.

Value Health. 2016 Jul-Aug;19(5):631-8.

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Length of Stay From the Hospital Perspective: Practice of Early Discharge Is Not Associated With Increased Readmission Risk After Lung Cancer Surgery.

Rosen JE, Salazar MC, Dharmarajan K, Kim AW, Detterbeck FC, Boffa DJ.

Ann Surg. 2016 Aug 25.

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Colorectal cancer in the very young: a comparative study of tumor markers, pathology and survival in early onset and adult onset patients.

Khan SA, Morris M, Idrees K, Gimbel MI, Rosenberg S, Zeng Z, Li F, Gan G, Shia J, LaQuaglia MP, Paty PB.

J Pediatr Surg. 2016 Aug 5.

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September 15; 2:30PM

Smilow Cancer Genetics and Prevention Program Seminar

Cancer Genetics and Prevention Program, Suites 107-109

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September 15; 4PM

OncoLive 2016: State of the Science Summit

Omni Hotel

Breast Cancer

Anees Chagpar, MD

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September 15; 5PM

SCH/YCC Free Prostate Cancer Screening

SRC, Urology Department, Suite 16

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