

DirectConnect

Inside Yale Cancer Center

April 28, 2023

Dear Colleagues,

For many people, a diagnosis of cancer can be devastating. There is fear, anxiety, a new set of healthcare providers, worries about employment, and concerns about family and friends. If the diagnosis is for someone less than 50 years old, the entire experience can be that much more terrifying and intense. Younger individuals may have a unique set of psychosocial, behavioral/developmental challenges around a cancer diagnosis, and the cancers themselves may be biologically distinct from what are seen in older adults. The likelihood of identifying an inherited susceptibility gene is increased, and the treatment plan may be different from what may be recommended in those who are older. Finally, young age in and of itself is a source of cancer care disparities.

At Smilow and YCC, we are in the early phases of launching a system-wide program for adults with cancer between the ages of 18-49. The goals of the program are to ensure the highest quality clinical care with appropriate attention to psychosocial issues, genetics, fertility concerns, child-raising worries, and a host of other issues. The program, which will be called the Early Onset Cancer Program, will cross all tumor types and eventually will be available at all Smilow sites across our system. The program will begin with a series of pilots, but our future vision is quite grand. We will have both a clinical program that supports our clinicians and patients, and a research cohort. We will pay close attention to including individuals of all backgrounds, especially those at risk for cancer treatment and outcome disparities separate from young age.

I have asked Veda Giri, MD, Director of the Clinical Genetics Program, to lead this effort in conjunction with Nancy Borstelmann, MPH, PhD, LCSW, from the Yale Child Study Center. You will be hearing more from them and the program in the months ahead. I am enormously grateful to the two of them for their efforts, and they will soon be reaching out to others to form a steering committee.

I believe the Early Onset Cancer Program will help ensure the highest quality of care for younger individuals with cancer and will lead to important research insights. We have initial funding for the program and will look to grants, foundations, and philanthropy for additional support. Please join me in welcoming Drs. Giri and Borstelmann into these new roles.

Eric

Announcements

Eric P. Winer, MD

Director, Yale Cancer Center

Physician-in-Chief, Smilow Cancer Network

Yale
NewHaven
Health
Smilow Cancer
Hospital

Yale **CANCER**
CENTER
A Comprehensive Cancer Center Designated
by the National Cancer Institute

News Center



**Data Sharing That Safeguards Patient
Privacy Is Crucial for Future of Medicine,
Says Yale Researcher**



[Read More](#)

Announcements

ONS Congress

Our nursing team is presenting new clinical and research advances at the Oncology Nursing Society Congress this week in San Antonio. Special congratulations to **Christina Matousek**, whose abstract was recognized for **"Best of Oral Abstracts: Leadership/Management/Education."** Congratulations to the following nursing professionals on their abstract acceptances:

Order Verification Class for Inpatient RN: **Kelly Barans**

Monoclonal Antibody Education for Non-Oncology RNs: **Kylie Kuck**

Disease Specific Education for New Ambulatory Nurse: **Patricia Szabo**

Bridging the Gap: Implementing Standardized Oncology Education to Unlicensed Assistive Personnel (UAP): **Ashley Shelden**

Standardized Multispecialty Clinic Nurse Onboarding Education: **Christina Matousek**

Ambulatory Oncology Nurse Billing and Charge Capture: Opportunities Developed During Post-COVID Recovery: **Camille Servodidio**

Making the Connection: Implementation of a Weekly Huddle for Patients that are Receiving Concurrent Radiation and Chemotherapy: **Krista Bello**

Provider-Infusion RN Handoff Tool: **Sandy Morgan**

Frequent Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Education Creates Organic Culture

Changes in Nursing Practice to Promote Health Equity: **Aliënn Salleroli**

Utilizing Video-Based Patient Education to Impact Advance Directive

Completion in an Oncology Ambulatory Setting: **Arlene Mingione**

Investigational Study Drug Flushing: **Mario Lupone**

Designing a Novel Educational Program to Decrease Ambulatory Falls with Injury: **Desiree Sanchis**

Increasing Post-Treatment Phone Call Compliance in the Ambulatory Oncology Setting: **Kristen Foster**

Breast Center Virtual Chemotherapy Education: **Rachel Perry**

Implementation of Filgrastim Administration Guidelines for Stem Cell

Collections within the Epic Apheresis Flowsheet: **Alexandra Dormal**

Implementation of Performance Score Best Practice Advisory for Cellular

Therapy Patients to Improve Documentation Compliance: **D'Ana Brooks**

Oncology Advanced Practice Provider Productivity: Measuring and Justifying Our Worth: **Vanna Dest**

Competency Based Orientation Checklist for Onboarding New APPs – Breast: **Gineesha Abraham**

A Celebration of Life Honoring Roy Decker, MD, PhD

Please join us on Saturday, April 29, 2023, between 3:00-5:00pm for a celebration of life event honoring Dr. Roy Decker. The event will take place at Yale's Harkness Lounge located at 367 Cedar Street, New Haven. Dr. Decker was a member of the Yale Cancer Center and Smilow Cancer Hospital community for twenty years and a superb colleague who led by example throughout his career. He was widely recognized as a leader in the field of radiation oncology, a dedicated and compassionate clinician and clinical researcher, and an outstanding educator and mentor.

ASCO Reception

Please join Eric Winer, MD, Roy Herbst, MD, PhD, and our colleagues and

former fellows and trainees during ASCO for a Dessert Reception on Sunday, June 4 at 8:30pm CST at The Normandie Lounge, Hilton Chicago. All are welcome to attend!

'Young and the Restless' star Eric

Braeden Talks Bladder Cancer



Watch Now

Dr Herbst on the Implications of the

AEGEAN Trial in NSCLC

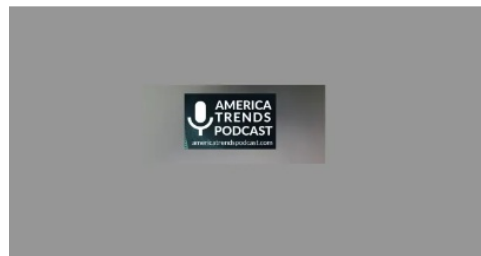


Watch Now

EP 650 Do Minority Cancer Patients

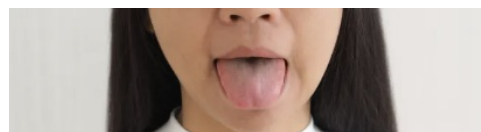
Receive Different Care Than White

Patients?



Read More

Warning Signs of Oral Cancer



[Learn more](#)

Meeting Posters

Congratulations to Yale Cancer Center members with posters accepted for presentation at ASCO and other upcoming meetings. For more information on poster templates and printing, please access Yale Cancer Center's layout and printing information.

[Learn more](#)

NCI Drug Development Virtual Workshop

The Division of Cancer Treatment and Diagnosis at the National Cancer Institute will host a virtual workshop on Preclinical Development of Small Molecule Cancer Drugs. The workshop is free and consists of six webinar sessions from June 22 to July 28.

[Learn more](#)

Yale Cancer Center Annual Trainee Colloquium

Yale Cancer Center will hold its Sixth Annual Trainee Colloquium on Friday, June 30, 2023. This will be a forum for Yale trainees to highlight their research, exchange ideas, and initiate collaborations. We invite predoctoral MD, PhD, MD-PhD students, postdoctoral associates, postdoctoral fellows, residents, and clinical fellows engaging in cancer research to submit abstracts describing their work.

Abstract Submission Deadline: May 30, 2023

[Learn more](#)

Notables

Jessica Stempel, MD, FACP, Clinical Fellow, has been selected by the **American Society of Hematology (ASH)** for the **Minority Hematology Fellow Award Program - MD/DO Fellow -2023** to support her proposal, "Use of metformin and outcomes in older patients with classical myeloproliferative neoplasms." Dr. Stempel will receive two years of funding support from ASH to further her research.

Eric Winer, MD, is the recipient of the **Peter I. Pressman Award** from the **New York Metropolitan Breast Cancer Group**. He will present the named lecture at the Cosmo Club in New York City on May 2 on, "*HER 2+ Breast Cancer: When Will We Eliminate All Mortality.*"

The Lung Cancer Research Foundation (LCRF) has selected **Katerina Politi, PhD**, as an honoree for their annual Evening of Innovation gala. Dr. Politi is chair of LCRF's Scientific Advisory Board, a volunteer role she has held since 2019, and a member of LCRF's Board of Directors and Executive Committee. Dr. Politi is an Associate Professor of Pathology and Medicine (Medical Oncology); Co-Leader of the Yale Cancer Center Cancer Signaling Networks Research Program; and Scientific Director of the Center for Thoracic Cancers at Smilow Cancer Hospital and Yale Cancer Center.

Jorge Galán, PhD, DVM, Lucille P. Markey Professor of Microbial Pathogenesis, Professor of Cell Biology, and member of Yale Cancer Center's Cancer Immunology Research Program, has been elected to the **American Academy of Arts and Sciences**. Dr. Galán's lab takes a



[Read More](#)

Yale Research Study will Examine Public Health Impacts of Cancer-Causing Chemical in L.I. Drinking Water



[Read More](#)

New High-Tech Mobile Lab-in-a-Van Will Enable Yale Pathology Labs, Yale School of Public Health to Bring Needed Testing to Underserved Communities



[Watch Now](#)

Stock drama, cancer vaccine success, and new science — highlights from AACR



multidisciplinary approach that involves bacterial genetics, biochemistry, cell biology, immunology, and structural biology to define the molecular details of the host-pathogen interactions.

Cece Calhoun, MD, Assistant Professor of Medicine (Hematology) and Director of the Sickle Cell Program at Smilow Cancer Hospital, has been invited to serve as faculty for this year's **American Society of Hematology Clinical Research Training Institute** in Latin America in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

DEI Update

Disability as Diversity in Medicine

Join **Dr. Peter Poulos**, Clinical Associate Professor of Radiology, Gastroenterology, and Hepatology at Stanford Medicine, for a presentation on *Disability as Diversity in Medicine* during Yale Cancer Center Grand Rounds on Tuesday, May 2, at 12:00PM in the Smilow Auditorium, 55 Park Street, New Haven. Dr. Poulos' presentation will also be available through Zoom.

[Learn more](#)

Employee Profile: Donna LaPolt

When Donna LaPolt first joined Smilow Cancer Hospital, she began as a temporary medical assistant. Within a year, she was brought on full time as an ambulatory care associate and continued to advance upward, her skill set and technical acumen naturally shifting her away from patient care and into more administrative roles.



As Implementation and Optimization Specialist, Donna optimizes workflows. What does this mean? She helps improve the roles of clinical secretaries, nurses, and physicians by helping make their day more efficient. Donna works with EPIC, the electronic medical record system that is used for patient charts and medical records, and it also helps doctors with billing. It's where patients and physicians conduct Telehealth visits, and it helps organize patient appointments.

Donna decided to transition away from patient care because in her clinical role, she could see ways to improve processes, but wasn't able to fix them.

Now, she says, "I can have a bigger impact on patient care because what I do helps everyone else provide better care to their patients."

Kim Slusser, RN, MSN, Vice President of Patient Services at Smilow Cancer Hospital, says, "When the role Donna has was created, our goal was to have a role that could work to support the care of our patients while always looking for ways to improve the experience for our clinical teams interfacing with the



[Read More](#)



Recently on Yale Cancer Answers, hematologist Dr. Layla Van Doren discussed Sickle Cell Disease and the care of bleeding and clotting disorders with a special emphasis on women's health. Listen on Connecticut Public Radio or download our podcast from iTunes.



[Read More](#)

We are proud to announce that our 2023 annual report Breakthroughs, A Commitment to Community, was honored by Hermes Creative Awards with a Platinum Award. The award recognizes the publication's writing and creative design showcasing the mission of Smilow Cancer Hospital and Yale Cancer Center to diminish cancer disparities and dedicate resources to address the challenges that communities across the state of Connecticut, and the nation, face accessing cancer care.



for ways to improve the experience for our clinical teams interfacing with the electronic health record. We are so fortunate that Donna was the individual that took on this newly created role. Her creativity and thoughtful approach has brought innovations into our practice. Donna has developed this role beyond any of our original aspirations and we are so fortunate to have her on our team.”

Currently Donna is working on the Smilow Access Project, helping to resolve issues impacting outside providers from making referrals to Smilow physicians. She is also involved in the ASCO implementation project, working to certify two Smilow locations by developing new workflows.

Donna works with Chloe Shevlin, Quality and Safety Coordinator, on the ASCO project, and she shares, “Everyone needs a Donna in their life! She is a great partner for any project because she knows the ins and outs of clinical and technical workflows. She has all the connections and always knows who to reach out to for a deeper dive. I am grateful that I get to work with her and am looking forward to seeing what she teaches me next!”

Donna loves looking at data to see where the problem is in a workflow, she says the knowledge and experience she has gained from her previous roles has been beneficial, “Holding both clinical and administrative roles has allowed me to see both sides of EPIC, which has been a tremendous advantage.”

Recent Publications

Burtness B.

First-Line Nivolumab Plus Ipilimumab in Recurrent/Metastatic Head and Neck Cancer-What Happened?

Journal of Clinical Oncology. 2023 Apr 20.

[Read More](#)

Bellizzi KM, Ligus K, Fritzson E, Salafia C, Sanft T, Park CL.

Disruption in Cancer Care During Early Survivorship due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and Patient Satisfaction with Telemedicine.

Support Care in Cancer. 2023 Apr 21.

[Read More](#)

Salahuddin S, Cohen O, Wu M, Perez Irizarry J, Vega T, Gan G, Deng Y, Isaeva N, Prasad M, Schalper KA, Mehra S, Yarbrough WG, Emu B.

Human Immunodeficiency Virus Is Associated With Poor Overall Survival Among Patients With Head and Neck Cancer.

Clinical Infectious Diseases. 2023 Apr 17.

[Read More](#)

Zeidan AM, Giagounidis A, Sekeres MA, Xiao Z, Sanz GF, Hoef MV, Ma F, Hertle S, Santini V.

STIMULUS-MDS2 design and rationale: a phase III trial with the anti-TIM-3 sabatolimab (MBG453) + azacitidine in higher risk MDS and

CMML-2.

Future Oncology. 2023 Apr 21.

[Read More](#)

Antonarakis ES, Subudhi SK, Pieczonka CM, Karsh LI, Quinn DI, Hafron JM, Wilfehrt HM, Harmon M, Sheikh NA, Shore ND, Petrylak DP.

Combination Treatment with Sipuleucel-T and Abiraterone Acetate or Enzalutamide for Metastatic Castration-Resistant Prostate Cancer: STAMP and STRIDE Trials.

Clinical Cancer Research. 2023 Apr 14. Epub ahead of print



YaleNewHavenHealth
Smilow Cancer Hospital

Yale CANCER CENTER
A Comprehensive Cancer Center Hospital
by the National Cancer Institute

[Read More](#)

Dr. Eric Winer, Director of Yale Cancer Center and Physician-in-Chief of Smilow Cancer Hospital, recently visited with Sisters' Journey, a local faith-based breast cancer organization. The group was founded to ensure that no women should have to endure or experience the challenge of facing the obstacles that accompany the reality of being diagnosed with breast cancer alone.

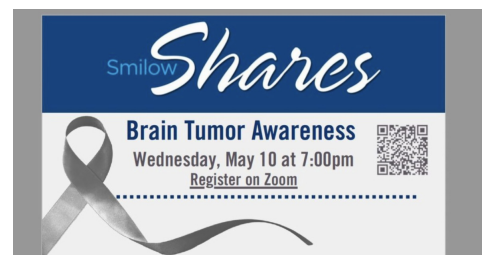


[Read More](#)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2023 AT 7 PM

Smilow Shares: Brain Tumor Awareness

Online event



[Read More](#)

Liana Braga, RN, has been working on NP12 for 8 years. She began as a PCA and has been an inpatient nurse on the unit for the last 5 years. She also serves as co-chair of the Smilow Nursing Rewards and

Recognition Committee. Her commitment toward continued education and thoughtful patient focus is making a difference for patients at Smilow.

In 2022, Liana launched a patient mobility initiative on NP12 for her master's degree capstone project. Liana recognized the need

Clinical Cancer Research. 2023 Apr 14. Epub ahead of print.
Read More

Li M, Yang L, Chan AKN, Pokharel SP, Liu Q, Mattson N, Xu X, Chang WH, Miyashita K, Singh P, Zhang L, Li M, Wu J, Wang J, Chen B, Chan LN, Lee J, Zhang XH, Rosen ST, Mutschen M, Qi J, Chen J, Hiom K, Bishop AJR, Chen CW.

Epigenetic Control of Translation Checkpoint and Tumor Progression via RUVBL1-EEF1A1 Axis.

Advanced Science (Weinh). 2023 Apr 19.

Read More

Bennett AM.

Teaching an old dog new tricks: A new tool for protein tyrosine phosphatase substrate discovery.

Journal of Biological Chemistry. 2023 Apr 18.

Read More

André F, Hee Park Y, Kim SB, Takano T, Im SA, Borges G, Lima JP, Aksoy S, Gavila Gregori J, De Laurentiis M, Bianchini G, Roylance R, Miyoshi Y, Armstrong A, Sinha R, Ruiz Borrego M, Lim E, Ettl J, Yerushalmi R, Zagouri F, Duhoux FP, Fehm T, Gambhire D, Cathcart J, Wu C, Chu C, Egorov A, Krop I.

Trastuzumab deruxtecan versus treatment of physician's choice in patients with HER2-positive metastatic breast cancer (DESTINY-Breast02): a randomised, open-label, multicentre, phase 3 trial.

The Lancet. 2023 Apr 19.

Read More

Negrao MV, Araujo HA, Lamberti G, Cooper AJ, Akhave NS, Zhou T, Delasos L, Hicks JK, Aldea M, Minuti G, Hines J, Aredo JV, Dennis MJ, Chakrabarti T, Scott SC, Bironzo P, Scheffler M, Christopoulos P, Stenzinger A, Riess JW, Kim SY, Goldberg SB, Li M, Wang Q, Qing Y, Ni Y, Do MT, Lee R, Ricciuti B, Alessi JV, Wang J, Resuli B, Landi L, Tseng SC, Nishino M, Digumarthy SR, Rinsurongkawong W, Rinsurongkawong V, Vaporciyan AA, Blumenschein GR, Zhang J, Owen DH, Blakely CM, Mountzios G, Shu CA, Bestvina CM, Garassino MC, Marrone KA, Gray JE, Patel SP, Cummings AL, Wakelee HA, Wolf J, Scagliotti GV, Cappuzzo F, Barlesi F, Patil PD, Drusbosky L, Gibbons DL, Meric-Bernstam F, Lee JJ, Heymach JV, Hong DS, Heist RS, Awad MM, Skoulidis F.

Co-mutations and KRAS G12C inhibitor efficacy in advanced NSCLC.

Cancer Discovery. 2023 Apr 17. Epub ahead of print.

Read More

Kann BH, Likitlersuang J, Bontempi D, Ye Z, Aneja S, Bakst R, Kelly HR, Juliano AF, Payabvash S, Guenette JP, Uppaluri R, Margalit DN, Schoenfeld JD, Tishler RB, Haddad R, Aerts HJWL, Garcia JJ, Flamand Y, Subramaniam RM, Burtness BA, Ferris RL.

Screening for extranodal extension in HPV-associated oropharyngeal carcinoma: evaluation of a CT-based deep learning algorithm in patient data from a multicentre, randomised de-escalation trial. *Lancet Digit Health.*

2023 Apr 20:S2589-7500(23)00046-8.

Read More

Moore JL, Bhaskar D, Gao F, Matte-Martone C, Du S, Lathrop E, Ganesan S, Shao L, Norris R, Campamà Sanz N, Annusver K, Kasper M, Cox A, Hendry C, Rieck B, Krishnaswamy S, Greco V.

Cell cycle controls long-range calcium signaling in the regenerating epidermis.

J Cell Biol. 2023 Jul 3;222(7):e202302095.

Read More

Leapman MS, Loeb S, Cooperberg MR, Catalona WJ, Gaylis FD.

A vision for closing the evidence-practice gap in the management of low-grade prostate cancer.

INCL Cancer Spectr. 2023 Mar 1;7(2):pkd028

to better encourage mobilization of patients to achieve both improved outcomes and decreased length of stay. Using the Activity Measure for Post Acute Care, or AM-PAC score, to drive mobility goals, Liana encouraged focused education for both staff and patients on the unit and charting to create goals for each patient in their room. Her efforts have made a considerable impact!

The overall length of stay has stopped increasing and the number of patients at or above goal for mobilization has increased from 42% at the start of the program in October of 2022 to 63% in March of 2023. Liana credits the diligence of her colleagues and the education and reminders in making the largest impact and hopes the program can be implemented in other inpatient units.

Thank you for your dedication, Liana! You are a #SmilowStar!



Read More

The American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) announced its newly elected class of Fellows of the AACR Academy, and we are pleased to share that Dr. Patricia LoRusso has been named to the Class of 2023.

Fellows of the AACR Academy serve as a global brain trust of top contributors to cancer science and medicine who help advance the mission of the AACR to prevent and cure all cancers through research, education, communication, collaboration, science policy and advocacy, and funding for cancer research.

Dr. LoRusso, while also being recently elected to serve as AACR President-Elect.

Funding and Award Opportunities

Translational Cancer Research for Basic Scientists Workshop

An intensive week-long introduction to translational cancer research – including cancer medicine, the clinical cancer research environment, and collaborative team science – for basic scientists who are predoctoral students and postdoctoral fellows, early-career scientists, and senior scientists in transition to translational research.

Application Deadline: May 2, 2023

[Read More](#)

Biomedical Knowledgebase (U24)

This FOA is designed to support biomedical knowledge bases. Biomedical knowledge bases under this announcement should have the primary function to extract, accumulate, organize, annotate, and link growing bodies of information related to core datasets.

Application Deadline: May 8, 2023

[Read More](#)

Biomedical Data Repository (U24)

This FOA is designed to support biomedical data repositories. Biomedical data repositories under this announcement should have the primary function to ingest, archive, preserve, manage, distribute, and make accessible the data related to a particular system or systems.

Application Deadline: May 8, 2023

[Read More](#)

NCCN Pfizer Investigator-Sponsored Research Project to Evaluate the Effectiveness of Elranatamab in the Treatment of Multiple Myeloma

NCCN® is pleased to announce a collaboration with Pfizer Global Medical Grants to offer a new grant opportunity. They are seeking LOI for investigator-initiated research to support clinical research studies to further evaluate the effectiveness of elranatamab in the treatment of Multiple Myeloma.

Letters of Intent Due: May 10, 2023

[Read More](#)

R Accelerated Grant: this grant provides funding to scientists who are within their first 10 years of faculty appointment and focused on research in pediatric oncology that support ALSF's mission to find cures and better treatments for childhood cancers.

Application Deadline: May 11, 2023

'A' Award Grant: the 'A' Award is designed for the early career scientist who wants to establish a career in pediatric oncology research and does not have independent NIH funding.

Application Deadline: May 12, 2023

[Read More](#)

Robert A. Winn Diversity in Clinical Trials Award Program

The goal of the Robert A. Winn Career Development Award (Winn CDA) is to increase the diversity of patients enrolled in clinical trials, and ultimately to enhance the development of therapeutics for all populations.

Application Deadline: May 12, 2023

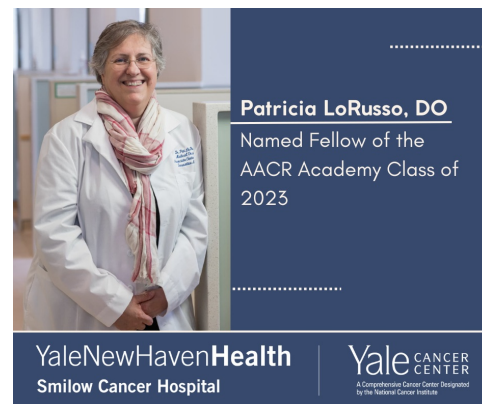
[Read More](#)

Yale Center for Gastrointestinal Cancers: 2023-2024 Seed Grant Program

This intramural seed grant program of the Center for Gastrointestinal Cancers (CGIC) is designed to spur team-based basic, translational, clinical, or population health research in GI cancers by providing pilot funding to support

will become one of 23 Fellows, and she was recognized “for unrivaled clinical cancer research contributions including expertly and extensively designing and executing innovative early-phase clinical trials; and for improving therapeutic outcomes to not only reduce mortality rates, but also enhance the quality of life for patients with cancer.”

Congratulations to Dr. LoRusso.



[Read More](#)

Erin Gombos, MD, joined the Smilow Hospitalist Service at its inception and serves as a team leader for the program, which cares for patients on the inpatient units at Smilow Cancer Hospital. Dr. Gombos developed a reputation for compassionate patient care, relentless patient advocacy, and skilled communication with patients and families.

Thank you, Dr. Gombos!



population health research in GI cancers by providing pilot funding to support new or existing projects in early stages. Funds are intended to be used to formalize collaborations and acquire preliminary data that allow for competitive submissions for extramural funding, including multi-PI R01 and program project grants. Two (2) projects will be funded for academic year 2023-2024.

Internal Submission Deadline: May 15, 2023

[Read More](#)

Impacts of climate change across the cancer control continuum (RO1/R21)

This NOFO aims to support innovative research relevant to advancing the understanding of the effects of climate change across the cancer control continuum, from cancer etiology and cancer risks through survivorship, and ways to prevent or mitigate negative health effects. This includes, but is not limited to, studies to improve knowledge of the impact of climate change related environmental effects on cancer risks, control and behaviors.

Applications Open: RO1 on May 5, 2023 and R21 on May 16, 2023

[Read More](#)

NCCN, Pfizer and Myovant RFP: Combination Therapy with Relugolix in the Treatment of Advanced Prostate Cancer

NCCN[®] is pleased to announce a collaboration with Pfizer Global Medical Grants and Myovant Sciences to offer a new grant opportunity. They are seeking proposals for investigator-initiated research to support clinical research studies to further evaluate the effectiveness of relugolix in combination with other therapies for the treatment of advanced prostate cancer.

Application Deadline: May 22, 2023

[Read More](#)

Yale Head and Neck SPORE (YHN-SPORE) Career Enhancement Program (CEP)

The CEP of the Yale Head and Neck SPORE has been established to educate the next generation of investigators committed to translational research in head and neck cancer. The CEP will provide support to promising junior investigators and/or establish investigators who have not previously conducted head and neck cancer focused research.

Full applications Due: Friday, May 26, 2023

[Submit here](#)

Yale Head and Neck SPORE (YHN-SPORE) Developmental Research Program (DRP)

The Yale Head and Neck SPORE's DRP provides seed money to investigators to support studies with a strong translational component that have the potential to evolve into, or be incorporated as, a full YHN-SPORE project or to generate preliminary data or evidence of collaboration for other new NIH grant applications.

Full applications Due: Friday, May 26, 2023

[Submit here](#)

DoD Ovarian Cancer Research Program

The Ovarian Cancer Research Program (OCRP) is currently accepting applications for five award mechanisms.

- **Clinical Trial Award:** supports rapid implementation of clinical trials with the potential to have a significant impact on ovarian cancer. **Pre-proposal due:** May 26, 2023
- **Clinical Translational Research Award:** supports correlative studies that address translational research in high-impact or unmet needs in ovarian cancer and have a clinical emphasis. **Pre-proposal due:** May 26, 2023

[Read More](#)

Liver Cancer Collaborative Projects with the Liver Cirrhosis Network (U01)

Through this NOFO, the NCI intends to establish collaborations between liver cancer investigators and the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) to support research in the area of liver cancer and

[Read More](#)

Recently on Yale Cancer Answers, pediatric hematologist/oncologist Dr. Asher Marks, discussed the use of extended reality (XR) in adolescent and young adult oncology supportive care and how it can help young adult cancer survivors connect. Listen on Connecticut Public Radio or download our podcast from iTunes.



[Read More](#)



Ian Krop, MD, PhD, presented the keynote address at the Global Breast Cancer Conference in Seoul, Korea this week. He was joined by other members of @YaleBreast including @tristensparks and @MehraGolshan.



Dr. Sajid Khan @sajkhanmd was a guest on America Trends @trendspodcast, and discussed #racial #disparities in gastrointestinal #cancer care in the US. Listen below or on any major podcast platform.



Today at 3pm the #ONSCongress in San Antonio, Kylie Kuck, MSN, AGCNS-BC @SmilowCancer, will present an oral abstract: Standardization of Monoclonal Antibody Education for Non-Oncology Nurses Treating COVID-19 Patients.



A study led by Dr. Scott Gettinger found that "there is currently no role for combination #immunotherapy with NI (nivolumab plus ipilimumab) in patients with pretreated advanced #NSCLC."



Congrats to Christina Matousek, MSN, RN, OCN, @SmilowCancer recognized at #ONSCongress for 'Best of Oral Abstracts Leadership/Management/Education track' for 'Standardizing the Clinic

Kidney Diseases (NIDDK)-funded Liver Cirrhosis Network (LCN) members to advance our understanding of hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) as the result of liver cirrhosis and its etiologic risks, development, progression, early diagnosis, and treatment.

Application Deadline: June 2, 2023

Read More

Victoria's Secret Global Fund for Women's Cancers Career Development Award, in partnership with Pelotonia & AACR

This funding opportunity is for female investigators researching breast and gynecologic cancers that focus on prevention, detection, diagnostic, and treatment innovations for breast and gynecologic cancers and advancing outcomes for cancer health disparities. Proposals focused on cancer health disparities and applicants belonging to racial or ethnic groups shown to be underrepresented in the cancer-related sciences workforce are especially encouraged.

Application Deadline: June 7, 2023

Read More

Revision Applications to Support Research on Prevention and Cessation of Menthol Cigarette Use in Populations that Experience Health Disparities (R01)

As part of the ADVANCE: Advancing Prevention Research for Health Equity program, the NIH Office of Disease Prevention (ODP) within the Office of the Director Division of Program Coordination, Planning, and Strategic Initiatives (DPCPSI) is soliciting revision applications (formerly called "competitive revisions") to active R01 grants to support studies that develop and evaluate menthol cigarette smoking cessation and prevention interventions for populations that experience health disparities.

Application Deadline: June 19, 2023

Read More

MMRF 2023 Research Fellows Award Program

Supporting early career researchers at the post-doctorate, medical fellow, or junior faculty levels currently active or interested in research in multiple myeloma. The goal of this initiative is to engage and support early career investigators interested in basic and clinical research focused on myeloma and its precursor conditions, with the goal of advancing our understanding of myeloma disease biology, disease risk, and treatment response and relapse.

Application Deadline: June 23, 2023

Read More

Addressing the Primary Care Needs of Cancer Survivors (U01)

The purpose of this FOA is to support the development and testing of primary care practice (PCP)- and health system-level interventions and strategies to promote high quality care for adult cancer survivors during and/or after cancer treatment. The overall goal of this opportunity is to support high quality care for cancer survivors that integrates primary care from the point of diagnosis forward.

Application Deadline: July 24, 2023

Read More

Understanding Persistent Oral Human Papillomavirus and Human Immunodeficiency Virus Co-infection and Its Role with Oropharyngeal Cancer Induction (R01)

The purpose of this NOFO is to solicit research to better understand the mechanisms of persistent oral human papillomavirus (HPV) and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) co-infection as well as its role in the induction and pathogenesis of HPV-associated oropharyngeal cancers (HPV-OPC).

Application Deadline: July 24, 2023

Read More

DoD Prostate Cancer Research Program Funding Opportunities for FY23

- **Early Investigator Research Award (EIRA)** - supports research opportunities focused on prostate cancer for individuals in the early

Nurse Orientation to Improve the Onboarding Experience.'



Dr. Katerina Politi @politikaterina contributed to a commentary in

@Cancer_Cell which explores aging and cancer biology in research, and the present challenges and opportunities.



Thank you to Dr. James Yao @MDAndersonNews for sharing

how far we have come in the last century and challenges that remain in the next century of caring for patients with #neuroendocrinotumors.



Dr. @ElizabethPrsic and colleagues emphasize the need for

#supportivecare for patients with #lungcancer, given the significant mortality, morbidity, and treatment-related adverse events.



Dr. James Yao from @MDAndersonNews will present

#GrandRounds today at 12pm: "The Second Century in the Land of Small Tumors." Please join in person or online via Zoom



Join LIVE on Friday, May 12 at 10am for a @CancerNetwrk

Satellite Session on #MultipleMyeloma, with Dr. Natalia Neparidze @NataliaNeparid1 as moderator and a panel of SmilowCancer colleagues.



Please join us to celebrate the life of Thomas P. Duffy, MD, Wednesday,

May 24 at 2pm at the Yale Medical Historical Library. Reception to follow.RSVP:

Richard.Carr@yale.edu



"It is important to acknowledge the U.S. obesity epidemic as a health

equity concern of highest priority," urges a study from Dr. Jacquelyne Gaddy @JacquelyneGMD.



Tonight at 7:30pm on Yale Cancer Answers, #hematologist Dr. Layla

Van Doren @LaylaDoren1 discusses #SickleCell and the care of bleeding and clotting disorders with a special emphasis on women's health. Listen live @wnpr or download @iTunes



Dr. Lourdes Mendez will present

"NGS for Clonal Hematopoiesis

evaluation: future implications" in a workshop session #EBMT23, Monday, April 24 at 10:30am EDT.

Calendar

Endocrinology Clinical Dilemma

April 28, 12:00 PM

Boyer Center for Molecular Medicine

Rucha Anant Patki, Clinical Fellow

[Learn More](#)

Infinite Strength Annual Gala

April 29, 6:00 PM

Club Parkway 2, Branford, CT

Eric Winer, MD

[Learn More](#)

Yale Cancer Answers: Head and Neck

Cancer Awareness Month

April 30, 7:30 PM

Ansley Roche, MD, BA

[Learn More](#)

Workshop: Healthcare Data Science

May 1, 8:00 AM

17 Hillhouse Avenue, New Haven, CT

Rohan Khera, MD, MS | Lucila Ohno-Machado, MD, MBA, PhD | Marc Suchard MD, PhD

Smita Krishnaswamy, PhD | Harlan

Krumholz, MD, SM | Puneet Batra, PhD

[Learn More](#)

Investigating the Role of PARG in PARPi Resistance

May 1 – 2, 11 AM

Sterling Hall of Medicine, I-Wing, SHM I-304

Sateja Paradkar, ExPath Graduate Student, Experimental Pathology Graduate Program

[Learn More](#)

Genome-wide Chromatin Tracing Reveals Three-dimensional Genome Reorganization During Lung Cancer Progression

May 1, 12:00 PM

Boyer Center for Molecular Medicine, BCMM 206/208

opportunities focused on prostate cancer for individuals in the early stages of their careers. **LOI Due:** August 3, 2023

- **Exploration – Hypothesis Development Award (EHDA)** - supports the exploration of highly innovative, untested, potentially groundbreaking concepts in prostate cancer. **LOI Due:** June 22, 2023
- **Idea Development Award (IDA)** - supports new ideas that represent innovative, high-risk/high-gain approaches to prostate cancer research and have the potential to make an important contribution to one or more of the FY23 PCRP Overarching Challenges. **LOI Due:** June 29, 2023
- **Physician Research Award (PRA)** - supports a mentored research experience to prepare physicians with clinical duties for careers in prostate cancer research. **LOI Due:** August 3, 2023

[Read More](#)

Miao Liu

[Learn More](#)

**Yale Stem Cell Center and The DeLuca
Center for Innovation in Hematology
Research Talks Special Seminar**

May 1, 1:00 PM

Hope Memorial Building, H216

*Understanding and targeting chromatin
dependencies in hematological malignancies*

Greg Wang, PhD

[Learn More](#)

Yale Cancer Center Grand Rounds

May 2, 12:00 PM

Auditorium, 55 Park Street

Disability As Diversity in Medicine

Peter Poulos, MD

[Learn More](#)

Yale Cell Biology Seminar Series

May 1, 1:00 PM

Hope Memorial Building, 216

*Biological phase separation between reality
and fiction*

Andrea Musacchio, PhD

[Learn More](#)

Cell Biology Seminar Series

May 2-3, 2:15 PM

Hope Memorial Building, 216

*Post Seminar Discussion: Biological phase
separation between reality and fiction*

Andrea Musacchio, PhD

[Learn More](#)

Madri Lecture 2023

May 2, 3:00 PM

The Anlyan Center, N107

Theresa Lu, MD, PhD

[Learn More](#)

**Yale Center for Immuno-Oncology
Seminar**

May 2, 4:00 PM

**Brady Memorial Laboratory, Auditorium
131**

*Opportunities and Challenges in Targeting
Merkel Cell Carcinoma*

Jeffrey Ishizuka, MD, DPhil

[Learn More](#)

**Smilow Shares with Primary Care:
Melanoma**

May 2, 5:00 PM

Harriet Kluger, MD | Kelly Olino, MD, FACS |

Thuy Tran, MD, PhD | Flora Zarcu-Power,
MD

[Learn More](#)

**Biomedical Informatics and Data Science
Seminar**

May 3, 4:00 PM

The Anlyan Center, N203

*High-temporal resolution omics profiling
applied to measuring mRNA vaccine
responses*

Damien Chaussabel, PhD

[Learn More](#)

**Cancer Genetics and Prevention Program
Seminar**

May 4, 2:30 PM

Tumor Profiling (part 1)

Zenta Walther, MD, PhD | Karin Finberg, MD,
PhD

[Learn More](#)

**Development of Digital Tools to Engage
Patients in Lung Cancer Screening**

May 5, 12:00 PM

Ilana Richman, MD, MHS

[Learn More](#)

**Discovery To Cure's Beverly Levy Walk &
Festival**

May 7, 10:00 AM

Orange Center Road 525

[Learn More](#)

Yale Cancer Answers

May 7; 7:30 PM

*The Use of Robotics/Minimally Invasive
Surgery for Urologic Cancers*

Joseph Brito, III, MD

[Learn More](#)

Bereavement Seminar

May 9, 10:00 AM

*Understanding and Managing Grief - How
Long Am I Going to Feel Like This*

[Learn More](#)

**Smilow Cares: Spring Cancer Survivors
Education Series**

May 11, 6:00 PM

Trumbull Care Center

Financial Toxicity & Support Services

Gina Douvas, CPFA | Lisa Cerbone-Montalto,
CFP, CIMA, CPWA | Rachel Abraham,
LCSW

Pam Fitzgerald, LCSW



Share your news!

Please submit your recent publications, awards, and grant announcements to:

[Renee Gaudette](#)

Director, Public Affairs and Communications

Yale Cancer Center | 333 Cedar Street, New Haven, CT 06520

[Unsubscribe renee.gaudette@yale.edu](#)

[Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)

Sent by renee.gaudette@yale.edu powered by



Try email marketing for free today!