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December 15, 2016

**UVM Cancer Center
Research Program
Meeting
Hosted by Host Factors
and Tumor Progression
(HFTP)**

**featuring
David Seward, PhD
Assistant Professor
Pathology and Laboratory
Medicine**

***"Leveraging public data:
Case studies in
hypothesis generation
and preliminary data
acquisition"***

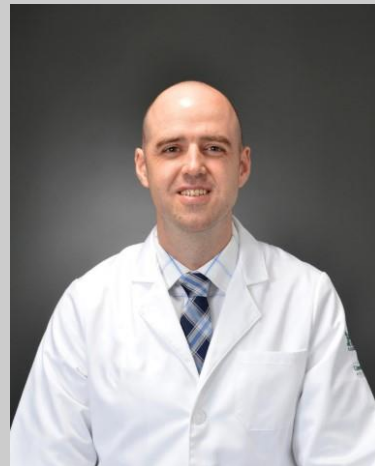
**HSRF 200
4:00 to 5:00 PM**

Refreshments served

Events Calendar

"Leveraging Public Data" at HFTP Research Program Meeting Dec. 15

The UVM Cancer Center Host Factors
and Tumor



David Seward, MD, PhD

Progression (HFTP) research program will host a joint meeting for all Cancer Center members on **Thursday, December 15, 2016 at 4 PM in HSRF 200**. The meeting is a chance for members of the HFTP program and others to gather for updates, share information, build collaborations and learn about member research. All Cancer Center members, and other interested researchers, are encouraged to attend.

The meeting will feature a talk by David Seward, MD, PhD, UVM Assistant Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine. Dr. Seward will share a presentation titled, **"Leveraging public data: Case studies in hypothesis generation**

December 2016

15 UVM Cancer Center Research Program Meeting: Host Factors and Tumor Progression (HFTP);

featuring David Seward, PhD:
"Leveraging public data: Case studies in hypothesis generation and preliminary data acquisition;"
HSRF 200, 4 PM.

January 2017

National Cervical Health Awareness Month

3 UVM Cancer Center Grand Rounds: ASH REVIEW; 8-9 AM, Reardon Classroom (Med Ed 300).

9 UVM Cancer Center Member Retreat; UVM Davis Center 12 PM to 5:30 PM. UVM Cancer Center members should RSVP through Outlook; contact [Jacqueline Lawler](#).

10 UVM Cancer Center Grand Rounds: Clinical Trial Training Part III, Claire Verschraegen, MD (mandatory for all clinical investigators); Med Ed 300, 8-9 AM.

February 2017

National Cancer Prevention Month

and preliminary data acquisition."

Refreshments will be provided and attendance will be taken!

Director of NCI to Present Juckett Lecture: Feb. 6, 2016



Douglas Lowy, MD

Acting director of the National Cancer Institute (NCI), Douglas R. Lowy, MD, will be presenting a J. Walter Juckett Distinguished Lecture on Monday, February 6, 2017 from 12 to 1 PM in Davis Auditorium. Lowy will be at UVM to speak about his decades-long research on the papillomavirus. To learn more about Dr. Lowy or his research, [click here](#).

Please be sure to save-the-date for this special visit!

Questions? Please email [Jacqueline Lawler](#).

4 UVM Athletics Rally Against Cancer: Women's Basketball, 2 PM vs. Hartford.

6 J. Walter Juckett Lecture featuring Douglas Lowy, MD, Acting Director of the National Cancer Institute; Davis Auditorium 12 to 1 PM.

6 UVM Athletics Rally Against Cancer: Men's Basketball, 7 PM vs. Binghamton.

11 UVM Rally Against Cancer: Men's Hockey, 7:05 PM vs. University of New Hampshire.

17 UVM Rally Against Cancer: Women's Hockey, 7 PM vs. Merrimack.

May 2017

*Cancer Research Month
National Skin Cancer Detection
and Prevention Month
Bladder Cancer Awareness Month*

15 SAVE THE DATE: 2017 Northeast Regional Genome Instability and Cancer Meeting; hosted by Dartmouth. Questions: Arminja.N.Kettenbach@dartmouth.edu

Updated Transdisciplinary Team (TDT) Meeting Schedules

Current Schedule and Contact Persons for Transdisciplinary Team Meetings:

Breast Oncology TDT: second Monday of the Month, 8- 9 AM, College of Medicine, Med Ed 205. Contact: [Seth Harlow, MD](mailto:Seth.Harlow@uvmhealth.org).

Lung Oncology TDT: Last Tuesday of the month, 12:30-1:30 PM, ACC third floor Dermatology conference room. Contact: [Garth Garrison](mailto:Garth.Garrison@uvmhealth.org)

Gastrointestinal Oncology TDT: third Monday of the month, 7:30-8:30 am, Trainer Conference room. Contact: Nicole.Messier@uvmhealth.org

Hematologic Oncology TDT: first Friday of the month, 12-1 PM, ACC third floor Dermatology conference room. Contact: [Sue- Ellen.Booher@uvmhealth.org](mailto:Sue-ellen.Booher@uvmhealth.org)

Gynecologic oncology TDT: 1st Friday of each month from 9:30-10:30 AM; Med Ed Ctr 204 Contact: Kimberly.Spina@uvmhealth.org

OTHER TDT Meetings TBD.



Interdisciplinary Planning for TDTs in 2016

Annual Member Retreat: RSVP Required via Outlook

UVM Cancer Center members, please respond to the Outlook invitation for the annual member retreat on **Monday, January 9th, 2017 from 12 PM to 5:30 PM at the UVM Davis Center**. The meeting will include lunch and a reception at the conclusion. An RSVP (by responding to the Outlook invite) is required.

More information, including an agenda, will be provided in advance of the meeting!

Please send questions about the retreat to

[Jacqueline Lawler](#)

AGTC's Scott Tighe in Antarctica

Scott Tighe, a senior research technician in the Advanced Genome Technology Core (AGTC), is currently

in Antarctica participating in research and putting his DNA sequencing expertise to use outside the area of cancer research. The research is a personal interest for Tighe who shared the below photo of him near Lake Vida where he was sampling the microbial lake.



Scott Tighe near Lake Vida, Antarctica

New Web Migration Complete for UVM Cancer Center

The UVM Cancer Center website has completed a web migration of its content at the College of Medicine. In the next day or two the site will have a different look. The entire site will be edited for both content and design over the next few months. Key content holders will be contacted for updates, but, if members see information that requires updating, or knows of content that should be added, please email [Jacqueline Lawler](#).

Winter 2017 Rally Against Cancer Games Announced

UVM Athletics has announced the slate of Rally Against Cancer games for winter 2017, including Men's and Women's basketball and hockey. The games, also known as "pink games," are meant to raise funds and awareness for cancer research happening at the UVM Cancer Center.

Save the date to join the UVM Cancer Center and our community to Rally Against Cancer! Tickets will be available to UVM Cancer Center members and staff--stay tuned for an announcement in January.

- **Women's Basketball:** Saturday February 4th @ 2:00 p.m. vs. Hartford
- **Men's Basketball:** Monday February 6th @ 7:00 p.m. vs. Binghamton
- **Men's Hockey:** Saturday February 11th @ 7:05 p.m. vs. University of New Hampshire
- **Women's Hockey:** Friday February 17th @ 7:00 p.m. vs. Merrimack



UVM Women's Hockey Rallying Against Cancer

In the NEWS

-**Claire Verschraegen, MD** was interviewed by *OncoLive* regarding [First-Line Avelumab in NSCLC](#) (link to article) and live interviewed about the JAVELIN Solid Tumor Trial in Advanced NSCLC. To view this interview [click here](#).

-*Vermont Public Radio* aired a morning news story, on December 6, about the work of **Jason Stumpff, PhD and Alan Howe, PhD** looking at novel approaches to treating triple-negative breast cancer. Link to the story's audio [here](#).

-*Reuters Health* published a story about a *British Journal of Sports Medicine* study on aerobic fitness and cancer death, which features comments by **Kim Dittus, MD, PhD**. Read the [article](#).

-**Sally Herschorn, MD** was interviewed by WCAX about new breast density notification laws going into effect January 15 for the state of Vermont. Watch the interview [here](#).

Publications and Announcements

Please send announcements and publication notices to [Sarah Keblin](#) for inclusion in the eALERT and other promotional material

Publications:

[Efficacy, feasibility, and acceptability of a novel technology-based intervention to support physical activity in cancer survivors](#). Gell NM, Grover KW, Humble M, Sexton M,

Dittus K. Support Care Cancer. 2016 Dec 13. [Epub ahead of print] PMID: 27957621.

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[National Performance Benchmarks for Modern Screening Digital Mammography: Update from the Breast Cancer Surveillance Consortium.](#) Lehman CD, Arao RF, **Sprague BL**, Lee JM, Buist DS, Kerlikowske K, Henderson LM, Onega T, Tosteson AN, Rauscher GH, Miglioretti DL. Radiology. 2016 Dec 5:161174. [Epub ahead of print] PMID: 27918707.

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[Extracellular vesicles derived from mesenchymal stromal cells: a therapeutic option in respiratory diseases?](#) Abreu SC, **Weiss DJ**, Rocco PR. Stem Cell Res Ther. 2016 Apr 14;7(1):53. doi: 10.1186/s13287-

016-0317-0. Review. PMID:
27075363.

Funding Opportunities

A complete list of extramural funding
Opportunities is available for review
[HERE](#).

UVM FUNDING:

[Larner College of Medicine Internal
Grant and Bridge Support funding
opportunities announced](#); multiple
deadlines.

[SPARK-VT announces 2017 Awards;](#)
[awards](#) range from \$20,000 to
\$50,000 and recognize innovative
projects and ideas that have a high
commercialization
potential. Completed PDF applications
must be emailed
to sparkvt@uvm.edu **no later than
midnight, February 24, 2017**

EXTRAMURAL FUNDING HIGHLIGHTS:

The [Damon Runyon Cancer Research
Foundation](#) offers the [Clinical
Investigator Award](#), a \$450,000
three-year award developed in
partnership with the National
Institutes of Health (NIH) and the
National Cancer Institute (NCI) to
support early career physician-
scientists whose focus is on the
translation of basic science discoveries
into practical therapies. Requirements
include mentor or co-mentor from NCI
or another NIH Institute and an 80%

time commitment for patient-oriented research (including epidemiologic, outcomes & health services. **This is a limited opportunity with an internal deadline of January 3, 2017.** Please contact edward.north@uvm.edu if interested in applying.

The **National Cancer Institute** (NCI) announces the [Predoctoral to Postdoctoral Fellow Transition Award \(F99/K00\)](#) for 3rd or 4th year Ph.D. students. The F99/K00 funding opportunity provides up to 6 years of research support. The initial (F99) phase will provide support for 1-2 years of dissertation research (final experiments, dissertation preparation, and selection of a postdoctoral mentor). The transition (K00) phase will provide up to 4 years of mentored postdoctoral research career development support, contingent upon successful completion of the dissertation degree requirements and securing a postdoctoral position (preferably in a different institution) for further research and career development training leading to research independence. There is no citizenship requirement for this award and F31 applicants and current awardees are eligible. This is a limited opportunity with an internal deadline of January 3, 2017. Please contact edward.north@uvm.edu if interested in applying. A single application from UVM will be due to NCI in mid-February 2017.

Ongoing Events

Cancer Biology and Technology Seminar Series (an integrated part of the Biochemistry Seminar Series)

Second Friday of each month at Noon,
Given C443.

UVM Cancer Center Grand Rounds

1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th

Tuesday 8-9am, MedEd 300

UVM Cancer Center Leadership:

Gary S. Stein, PhD, Director

Claire F. Verschraegen, MD, Deputy Director

Kate Webster, CRA, Research Center Administrator

Sarah Koblin, Communications Manager