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## Weekly Event Spotlight

**Happy Holidays and Best  
Wishes for a Peaceful  
New Year!!**

## Nunnink Named to Board of ASCO

On December 8, 2014 the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) announced newly elected members to its board of directors. Among those named is University of Vermont Cancer Center member J. Chris Nunnink, MD. Nunnink has been elected to a

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## Save the Date

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### January 2015

*National Cervical Cancer  
Screening Month*

#### 6 UVM Cancer Center Grand

**Rounds:** Samir Ambrale, MD,  
MPH, Reardon Classroom (Med  
Ed 300), 8-9 AM.

24-25 [Neuroscience, Behavior,  
and Health Research Forum](#);  
Dudley Davis Center at UVM.

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### February 2015

*National Cancer  
Prevention Month*

19-20 [Clinical Cancer  
Immunotherapy Symposium:  
Translating Cancer Therapy from  
Promise to Reality](#); part of the  
Molecular Med Tri-Con; San  
Francisco, CA.

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### March 2015

*National Cancer  
Prevention Month*

17 **J. Walter Juckett  
Distinguished Lecture**,  
featuring Michelle Le Beau, PhD,  
Professor at the University of  
Chicago Comprehensive Cancer  
Center.

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### May 2015

*Brain Tumor Awareness/*



Community Oncologist seat on  
the board.

Nunnink has participated as a  
member of ASCO since 1986  
and currently serves on the  
Clinical Practice Committee.  
Since 2010 he has been an  
ASCO delegate to the American  
Medical Association.

The University of Vermont  
Cancer Center is proud to have  
member representation on the  
leadership board for ASCO.

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Chris Nunnink in his  
new volunteer role.

To read the ASCO announcement [click here](#).

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## NIH Revises New Biosketch Requirements

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has revised its  
announcement requiring a new biosketch format for  
grant submissions dated on or after January 25th. After  
significant feedback from the applicant community the  
NIH has implemented a four month (one cycle)  
transition period which pushes the date the new format  
becomes required to, on or after, **May 25, 2015**.

Either format will be accepted by NIH during the  
transition period.

Changes include:

- Section C: Description of (5) Contributions to  
Science (supported by up to 4 publications each)  
**instead of publication list**
- Increased page limit of 5 pages
- Inclusion of link to full publication list from  
publicly available database such as NLM  
MyBibliography or SciENCv

To view NIH announcement and  
new requirements, [click here](#).

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## Rally Against Cancer Hockey and Basketball

Once again, UVM Athletics, with the support of Otter

*Cancer Research Month/  
Skin Cancer Detection and  
Prevention Month/National  
Women's Health Month*

**1-3 [Stowe Weekend of Hope:](#)  
SAVE THE DATE!**

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## **June 2015**

*Men's Health Awareness Month*

**26 SAVE THE DATE: 1st  
Annual Men's Health and  
Cancer Conference presented  
by the UVM Cancer Center;**  
Medical Education Center, UVM  
College of Medicine.

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Creek Awnings and Vermont Custom Closets, will host a series of events this winter to help raise awareness and support for breast cancer research and education efforts at the UVM Cancer Center.

The effort kicks off on **Friday, January 16th** with a men's hockey game against Northeastern. The UVM Cancer Center has a very limited number of tickets to this game and would like to offer them to members and staff. UVM Cancer Center members and staff interested in attending the men's hockey game are encouraged to send their name to [Charlie Brooks](#) by **Monday, January 5th by 3 PM**. All names will be entered into a raffle, and winners will be selected on Monday January 5, 2015. There will be a two ticket limit per winner.

The remainder of Rally games are listed below. If you'd like tickets to any of the games below, please email [Charlie Brooks](#); the UVM Cancer Center should have ample tickets to accommodate requests. If there is greater demand than number of tickets we will start a waiting list, and tickets will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis for men's and women's basketball and women's hockey.

### **RALLY AGAINST CANCER SCHEDULE**

**Friday, January 16, 7 PM: Men's Hockey vs. Northeastern** (tickets by raffle for UVM Cancer Center members and staff; email [Charlie Brooks](#) to enter).

**Saturday, January 17, 2 PM: Women's Hockey vs. Boston College** (email [Charlie](#) for tickets)

**Monday, January 26, 5-9 PM: Celebrity Server Event at Buffalo Wild Wings** (members and staff are encouraged to attend!)

**Saturday, February 14, 2 PM: Men's Basketball vs. University of Maryland B.C.** (email [Charlie](#) for tickets)

**Wednesday, February 18, 7 PM: Women's Basketball vs. Maine** (email [Charlie](#) for tickets)



## UVM Cancer Center in the NEWS

**Brian Sprague, PhD** was interviewed by numerous local, national, and international media regarding his recent publication in the *Annals of Internal Medicine* titled, "Benefits, Harms, and Cost-Effectiveness of Supplemental Ultrasonography Screening for Women With Dense Breasts." To view Sprague's interview with local News Channel 3/WCAX, [click here](#).

For a full look at coverage of this story, view the UVM College of Medicine's [publicity page](#).

## Publications and Announcements

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

### Recent Publications by UVM Cancer Center Members:

[Benefits, Harms, and Cost-Effectiveness of Supplemental Ultrasonography Screening for Women With Dense Breasts](#). Sprague BL, Stout NK, Schechter C, van Ravesteyn NT, Cevik M, Alagoz O, Lee CI, van den Broek JJ, Miglioretti DL, Mandelblatt JS, de Koning HJ, Kerlikowske K, Lehman CD, A Tosteson AN. Ann Intern Med. 2014 Dec 9. doi: 10.7326/M14-0692. [Epub ahead of print] PMID: 25486550.

[Endobronchial Ultrasound Guided-Transbronchial Needle Injection \(EBUS-TBNI\) for Local Control of Recurrent Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer.](#) **Khan F, Anker CJ,** Garrison G, **Kinsey CM.** Ann Am Thorac Soc. 2014 Dec 16. [Epub ahead of print] PMID: 25513850.

[The Prognostic Significance of Facial Nerve Involvement in Carcinomas of the Parotid Gland.](#) Terakedis BE, Hunt JP, Buchmann LO, Avizonis VN, **Anker CJ,** Hitchcock YJ. Am J Clin Oncol. 2014 Dec 10. [Epub ahead of print] PMID: 25503431.

[Analogues of natural aminoacyl-tRNA synthetase inhibitors clear malaria in vivo.](#) Novoa EM, Camacho N, Tor A, Wilkinson B, Moss S, Marín-García P, Azcárate IG, Bautista JM, Mirando AC, **Francklyn CS,** Varon S, Royo M, Cortés A, Ribas de Pouplana L. Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A. 2014 Dec 8. pii: 201405994. [Epub ahead of print] PMID: 25489076.

[Regulation of the bacteriophage T4 Dda helicase by Gp32 single-stranded DNA-binding protein.](#) Jordan CS, **Morriscal SW.** DNA Repair (Amst). 2014 Nov 14; 25C: 41-53. doi: 10.1016/j.dnarep.2014.10.002. [Epub ahead of print] PMID: 25481875.

## Funding Opportunities

Green indicates NEW this week

- [Alliance Cancer Control Program Junior Faculty Award Funds](#); deadline for application is **February 1, 2015**.
- [UVM SPARK-VT Pilot Projects Call for Proposals](#); objective of projects is to help bring innovation to the marketplace, award amounts from \$20,000 to \$50,000; deadline for submission is **March 6, 2015**.
- [American Cancer Society \(ACS\): RFA for research projects addressing "The Role of Health Policy and Health Insurance in Improving Access to and Performance of Cancer Prevention, Early Detection, and Treatment Services"](#); deadline for applications are **April 1 and October 15, 2015**.

[UVM Cancer Center Research Grants](#)

A full list of all organizations designated by the NCI as providing peer-reviewed funding can be found [here](#).

## 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.

**Environmental Pathology and Carcinogenesis Seminar Series**

Mondays at Noon, HSRF 200

**UVM Cancer Center Grand Rounds**

1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th

Tuesday 8-9am, MedEd 300

Please refer to the UVM Cancer Center Website for information regarding regularly scheduled tumor board meetings. Information can be found [here](#).

VCC Leadership:

Gary S. Stein, PhD, Co-Director

Claire F. Verschraegen, MD, Co-Director

Kate Webster, Administrative Director

Sarah Keblin, Communications Manager