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**April 29, 2016**

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***Thrombosis, Hemostasis, and Cancer***

**Friday, April 29, 2016  
8 AM to 2 PM**

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## Events Calendar

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**April 2016**

*National Cancer Control Month*

**20 Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Grand Rounds:** Optimizing Laboratory Test Utilization: Things you can do NOW", Bobbi Pritt, MD, Mayo Clinic; Davis Auditorium 1-2 PM.

**29 [UVM Cancer Center Clinical and Translational Research Symposium:](#)**  
"Hemostasis, Thrombosis and Cancer;" **7:30 AM to 2 PM**; free to attend all or part of the day-- [RSVP to Charlie Brooks.](#)

**29 Biochemistry Seminar Series:** Ross Hardison, PhD, T. Ming Chu Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Pennsylvania State University: "Insights into differentiation and diseases of blood cells from (epi)genomics"; **Davis Auditorium, 2:15 PM.**

**29-1 [Stowe Weekend of Hope](#)**

**30 UVM Athletics Rally Against Cancer Men's and Women's**

THE UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT CANCER CENTER PRESENTS

CLINICAL & TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

**Thrombosis, Hemostasis, and Cancer**

**Friday, April 29, 2016 • 8:00 am - 2:00 pm**

DAVIS AUDITORIUM, UVM MEDICAL CENTER

RSVP to Charles Brooks at (802) 656-2176 or [Charles.Brooks@uvm.edu](mailto:Charles.Brooks@uvm.edu) by April 22

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Registration is open for the UVM Cancer Center's 2016 Clinical and Translational Research Symposium. This year the program, titled "Thrombosis, Hemostasis and Cancer," will bring together experts in the field from UVM and across the country for a day of learning and discussion. The event, taking place on Friday, April 29, 2016, is free to attend and includes a competitive poster session.

*CME credit and nursing contact hours will be available to attendees.*

For more information, to register, or to submit an abstract for the poster session, [click here!](#)

Please contact [Charles Brooks](#) with questions.

## 2nd Annual Thomas A. Roland, MD Lecture in Radiation Oncology: May 2

University of Vermont Cancer Center Grand Rounds announces the **2nd Annual Thomas A. Roland, MD Lecture in Radiation Oncology** to take place on Monday, May 2, 2016 at 4 PM in Davis Auditorium.

The event's featured guest is Leonard L. Gunderson, MD, MS, FASTRO who will present a talk titled, "Esophagus and Gastric Cancer - Indications for and Results of Chemoradiation as a Component of Treatment." Dr. Gunderson is an emeritus professor at



Dr. Thomas A. Roland

Lacrosse, 3 PM Women's, 6 PM Fan Appreciation Day and 7 PM Men's Game; UVM Athletic Campus.

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## May 2016

*Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month and Cancer Research Month*

### **2 UVM Cancer Center Grand Rounds presents the 2nd Annual Thomas A. Roland Lecture in Radiation**

**Oncology**, featuring Leonard L. Gunderson, MD, MS, FASTRO, Mayo Clinic: "Esophagus and Gastric Cancer - Indications for and Results of Chemoradiation as a Component of Treatment." Davis Auditorium, 4 PM.

### **3 [Community Medical School](#) featuring Ted James, MD:**

"Mammography and Breast Cancer Screening: The New Guidelines"; 6 PM Carpenter Auditorium.

**9 [UVM Cancer Center hosts Northeast Genomic Instability Meeting](#).** For more information visit the UVM Cancer Center [website](#), or, email [Charles Brooks](#).

**13 Cancer Research and Technology Series Lecture;** speaker information coming soon! Noon, Given C443.

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## June 2016

*National Cancer Survivors Month  
National Men's Health Week*

**7 [Community Medical School](#) featuring Karen Lounsbury,**

and consultant to the Department of Radiation Oncology at the Mayo Clinic and is a past president of the American Society for Radiation Oncology.

*The Roland Lecture was begun in 2015 to honor Dr. Tom Roland who retired after more than 35 years of service in the Department of Radiation Oncology here at UVM.*

For more information about the event, please contact [Jim Wallace, MD](#).

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## Men's Health and Cancer Conference Registration LIVE

Registration is now open for the **2nd Annual Men's Health and Cancer Conference** to be held on Friday, June 24, 2016 in the UVM Medical Education Center. Modeled after the Women's Health and Cancer Conference (formerly Breast Cancer Conference), the event is free and open to the general public.

Providers are encouraged to promote the event to patients and families. There are fliers available in clinics throughout campus.

At noon, the day prior to the event (June 23), the UVM Cancer Center will host an affiliated event for providers focused on a topic of Men's Health and Cancer. Christopher Logothetis, MD, of the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, will provide a talk as a Distinguished J. Walter Juckett Lecturer.

For more information, or to register, please visit the UVM Cancer Center [website here](#), or contact [Charles Brooks](#).

**PhD and Wolfgang Dostmann, PhD:**

"Examining the Science of Medical Cannabis"; 6 PM  
Carpenter Auditorium.

**23 J. Walter Juckett Lecture: featuring** Christopher Logothetis, MD, Department Chair, Department of Genitourinary Medical Oncology, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center.

**24 [UVM Cancer Center's Men's Health and Cancer Conference](#) - Sullivan Classroom (Med Ed 200), 8 AM to 12 PM. Registration is open for this free public event!**

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**September 2016**

*National Cancer Survivors Month  
National Men's Health Week*

**DATE TBD: Waldron Lecture featuring "Oncology Nursing and Patient and Family-Centered Care."**

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**October 2016**

*National Cancer Survivors Month  
National Men's Health Week*

**7 UVM Cancer Center's Women's Health and Cancer Conference (formerly Breast Cancer Conference)--SAVE THE DATE!!!**

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**Men's Health + Cancer**  
2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Friday, June 24, 2016  
8:00 am – 12:00 pm  
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SULLIVAN CLASSROOM  
University of Vermont Medical Education Pavilion  
BURLINGTON, VERMONT

Please join us for a half-day event focused on education about MEN'S HEALTH AND CANCER. Sessions will include information about nutrition and cancer prevention, screening, treatment, survivorship, and more.

Pre-registration is available until June 17th. Visit [www.VermontCancer.org](http://www.VermontCancer.org) or call (802) 656-4414.

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**UVM Color Run: Saturday, April 16**

For the second year in a row, UVM students have identified the UVM Cancer Center as having high impact on campus and will raise funds and awareness for the Cancer Center and three other campus groups through a festive running event taking place Saturday, April 16. Hundreds of students are expected to turn out for the 2nd Annual Catamount Color Run, taking place on campus, and UVM Cancer Center faculty and staff are encouraged to join!

For more information see the event [website here](#).



## New Infusion Chairs Donated to Clinic

If you don't travel to the infusion area of the UVM Cancer Center clinic, you may not have noticed the 22 new chemotherapy infusion chairs donated through the Victoria Buffum Endowment at the UVM Medical Center! After identifying a real need to upgrade chairs, members of the endowment committee pledged to fund the purchase of new chairs which have heat, massage among other impressive features.

Faculty, staff and patients all contributed to the selection of chairs.

Tom Gauntlet, the late Victoria Buffum's brother, along with his wife Melissa, recently visited the clinic to see the chairs in action and to speak with patients.



Melissa and Tom Gauntlet during their visit to the infusion room

## UVM Cancer Center in the NEWS

**Cara Feldman-Hunt, MA** director for the UVM Program in Integrative Health, joined with Amy Littlefield, ND, on March 21 to talk about integrative health and cancer care on WCAX/UVM's *Across the Fence*. [Click here to view the segment.](#)

**Chris Anker, MD** was joined by Jesse Moore, MD on March 29 for an interview on colorectal cancer for WCAX/UVM's *Across the Fence*. [Click here to view the segment.](#)

**Debora Leonard, MD, PhD** joined Vermont Public Radio for *Vermont Edition* to discuss cancer research

happening here at the UVM Cancer Center. [To listen to the interview, click here.](#)

**Chris Holmes, MD, PhD** was interviewed by WCAX *Health Watch* reporter, Bridget Caswell, on the risk of blood clots for cancer patients and the new program at the UVM Cancer Center aimed at preventing blood clots. [To see the interview, click here.](#)

## Publications and Announcements

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

### Publications:

[Pak1, adjuvant tamoxifen therapy, and breast cancer recurrence risk in a Danish population-based study.](#)

**Ahern TP**, Cronin-Fenton DP, Lash TL, Sørensen HT, Ording AG, Hamilton-Dutoit SJ, Hellberg Y. *Acta Oncol.* 2016 Apr 8: 1-8. [Epub ahead of print] PMID: 27056567.

[Identifying and processing the gap between perceived and actual agreement in breast pathology](#)

[interpretation.](#) Carney PA, Allison KH, Oster NV, Frederick PD, Morgan TR, Geller BM, **Weaver DL**, Elmore JG. *Mod Pathol.* 2016 Apr 8. doi: 10.1038/modpathol.2016.62. [Epub ahead of print] PMID: 27056072.

[Oncogenic epigenetic control.](#) **Stein GS, Messier TL, Gordon JA**, Boyd JR, **Tye CE, Lian JB, Stein JL**. *Aging (Albany NY).* 2016 Apr 2. [Epub ahead of print] No abstract available. PMID: 27038551.

[The Influence of Disease Severity of Preceding Clinical Cases on Pathologists' Medical Decision Making.](#)

Frederick PD, Nelson HD, Carney PA, Brunyé TT, Allison KH, **Weaver DL**, Elmore JG. *Med Decis Making.* 2016 Apr 1. pii: 0272989X16638326. [Epub ahead of print] PMID: 27037007.

[Glutathione S-transferase pi modulates NF- \$\kappa\$ B activation and pro-inflammatory responses in lung epithelial cells.](#)

Jones JT, Qian X, van der Velden JL, Chia SB, McMillan DH, Flemer S, Hoffman SM, Lahue KG, Schneider RW, Nolin JD, **Anathy V, van der Vliet A**, Townsend DM,

Tew KD, **Janssen-Heininger YM**. Redox Biol. 2016 Mar 26;8:375-382. doi: 10.1016/j.redox.2016.03.005. [Epub ahead of print] PMID: 27058114.

[Regulatory roles of Oct proteins in the mammary gland.](#)

Qian X, **Zhao FQ**. Biochim Biophys Acta. 2016 Mar 31. pii: S1874-9399(16)30060-8. doi: 10.1016/j.bbagr.2016.03.015. [Epub ahead of print] PMID: 27044595.

[Measuring Quality in Cancer Care: A Critical Need for Clinician Engagement.](#) **James TA**, Wong SL, Carp NZ. Am J Med Qual. 2016 Mar 30. pii: 1062860616639639. [Epub ahead of print] No abstract available. PMID: 27030688.

[Clinical and Cost Implications of Universal Versus Locally Advanced-Stage and Advanced-Stage-Only Molecular Testing for Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor Mutations and Anaplastic Lymphoma Kinase Rearrangements in Non-Small Cell Lung Carcinoma: A Tertiary Academic Institution Experience.](#) Sauter JL, **Butnor KJ**. Arch Pathol Lab Med. 2016 Apr;140(4):358-61. doi: 10.5858/arpa.2015-0147-OA. PMID: 27028394.

[Effect of Sulindac and Erlotinib vs Placebo on Duodenal Neoplasia in Familial Adenomatous Polyposis: A Randomized Clinical Trial.](#) Samadder NJ, Neklason DW, Boucher KM, Byrne KR, Kanth P, Samowitz W, Jones D, Tavtigian SV, Done MW, Berry T, Jasperson K, Pappas L, Smith L, Sample D, Davis R, Topham MK, Lynch P, Strait E, **McKinnon W**, Burt RW, Kuwada SK. JAMA. 2016 Mar 22-29;315(12):1266-75. doi: 10.1001/jama.2016.2522. PMID: 27002448.

## Funding Opportunities

Green indicates NEW

An extensive list of upcoming, extramural funding opportunities can now be found on the [UVM Cancer Center website](#). This list will be updated monthly, however highlighted opportunities from this larger list will still appear in the eALERT. Please send funding opportunities you'd like to add to the list to [Ed North](#).

Some upcoming funding opportunity highlights:

- [Department of Defense issues FY 16-17 Program Announcements](#) including research in [Breast](#), [Lung](#) & [Ovarian](#) Cancer; [ALS](#) & [Bone](#)

[Marrow Failure](#). **Multiple Award Programs with various deadlines this spring.**

- [UVM Engaged Practices Innovation Grant Program](#); seed grants from \$5,000 to \$20,000 to stimulate projects that increase student engagement; **deadline is April 15, 2016.**
- [Multiple Myeloma Research Fellow Award](#); **deadline is April 26, 2016.**
- [National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine NRC Research Associateship Programs](#); **varying 2016 deadlines (May 1, August 1, and November 1).**
- [NIH R21: Diet and Physical Activity Assessment Methodology](#); **LOI due May 16, 2016.**
- [NRG Oncology NCORP is soliciting PILOT projects](#) focused on the National Cancer Moonshot priorities including Outcomes/Toxicities on Molecularly Targeted Therapies, Patient Adherence & Access, & Big Data linking the NRG databases and biobank. **Deadline is May 27, 2016.**
- [NCI R21: Research Answers to NCI's Provocative Questions](#); **LOI due May 29, 2016.**
- [Alliance Cancer Control Program AND Junior Faculty Awards](#); **deadline for concept papers is June 1, 2016.**
- [NCI U01 Grant funding: Imaging and Biomarkers for Early Detection of Aggressive Cancer \(U01\)](#); **open date is June 11, 2016, LOI due 30 days prior to deadlines (which vary).**
- [St. Baldrick's Foundation Infrastructure grants](#); awards averaging \$25-50K for acquiring personnel (i.e., a clinical research associate) or resources toward broader pediatric oncology clinical trial participation.

**Deadline July 1, 2016.**

- [National Institutes of Health announces the Director's Early Independence Awards \(DP5\)](#), Letter of Intent deadline: **August 12, 2016**; Application deadline: **September 12, 2016**. **LIMITED COMPETITION**: Please contact [Ed North](#) if interested in applying.

[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.

### **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](#).

#### UVM Cancer Center Leadership:

Gary S. Stein, PhD, Director

Claire F. Verschraegen, MD, Deputy Director, Cancer Service Line Director

Kate Webster, CRA, Research Center Administrator

Sarah Koblin, Communications Manager