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May 1-2

Northeast Genitourinary Oncology Symposium
Hilton Hotel, Burlington, VT

Save the Date

May 2015
Brain Tumor Awareness/Cancer Research Month/Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month/National Women’s Health Month

1-2 NE Genitourinary Oncology Symposium; Hilton Hotel, Burlington, VT.

2 Church and Main’s Kentucky Derby event to benefit the UVM Cancer Center; 4:30-6:30 PM, Church and Main, Burlington, VT.

1-3 Stowe Weekend of Hope

4 Genomic Instability Cancer Meeting; LOCATION CHANGE!! to Farmington, CT; please contact Kevin Mills at Jackson Labs.

8 Northeastern Breast Cancer Symposium; Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Lebanon, NH, 8 AM to 5 PM. For more information, or to register, click here.

Team Science Mini Research Symposium on May 22

The UVM Cancer Center will host a half-day Clinical and Translational Research Symposium on Friday, May 22, 2015 focused on team science. Featured speakers include two experts on the topic from the National Institutes of Health (NIH)--Michelle Bennett, PhD, deputy scientific director of the Division of Intramural Research (DIR) at the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) and Howard Gadlin, PhD, NIH Ombudsman and Director of the Center for Cooperative Resolution at the NIH. The pair are contributors to the NIH’s 2010 publication Collaboration and Team Science: A Field Guide.

The event will focus on how to build and sustain successful teams, including overcoming challenges inherent in such collaborative endeavors, within the context of research institutions. Colleagues outside the Cancer Center are encouraged to join for this valuable learning opportunity. There will be an interactive portion of the morning as well where new collaborative efforts will be encouraged and supported.

The event will take place in the UVM College of Medicine’s new Larner interactive classroom near the Dana Medical Library from 8 AM to 12 PM. Breakfast will be provided.

A full agenda for the day will be distributed in the coming weeks. Please RSVP to Charlie Brooks.

UVM Cancer Center and VT PBS to Host Public Screening of Cancer: Emperor of All Maladies

The UVM Cancer Center, with Vermont PBS, will host a public screening of the new Ken Burns’ presented film, Cancer: Emperor of All Maladies, on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 6 PM in Carpenter Auditorium at the UVM College of Medicine. The 6-hour film, based on the book by Pulitzer Prize-winning author and physician-researcher Siddartha Mukherjee, MD, chronicles the history of cancer research and treatment. The screening event will feature a 40-minute segment of highlights from the film followed by an expert panel discussion with the audience.
9  Komen Race for the Cure NH; Strawberry Banke Museum, Portsmouth, NH.

12 J. Walter Juckett Distinguished Lecture: "The Many Faces of Li Fraumeni Syndrome" featuring Louise Strong, MD, Professor of Genetics at the University of Texas, MD Anderson Cancer Center; Carpenter Auditorium, 12 noon.

19 Public Screening and Panel Discussion of Ken Burns’ film, Cancer: Emperor of all Maladies; a joint event with Vermont PBS; Carpenter Auditorium, 6-7:30 PM.

22 UVM Cancer Center Mini-Symposium: Team Science Larner Classroom (near Dana Medical Library), 8 AM to 12 PM.

29 VTAAC Annual meeting; 9 AM to 3 PM Capitol Plaza, Montpelier.

June 2015
Men's Health Awareness Month

3 Allison Hicks Foundation hosts HPV screening film; 5:30 PM, Davis Auditorium.

7 Eleanor B. Daniels Fund Survivor's Social; Shelburne Farms, 2-5 PM. RSVP here.

19-20 ACS Relay for Life

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; 8-12.

All UVM Cancer Center members, staff, and patients are encouraged to attend.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, please see the UVM Cancer Center webpage.

Registration Open for Men's Health and Cancer Conference

The Men's Health and Cancer Conference is now open for registration! All Cancer Center members and staff are welcome to attend this public education event and are strongly encouraged to refer patients. The half-day event is on Friday, June 26, 2015 and is free and open to the public. For more information, or to register, click here.

Kentucky Derby Event at Church and Main to Benefit UVM Cancer Center

This coming Saturday, May 2, Church and Main, a Burlington restaurant located as its name indicates, will host a Kentucky Derby event with proceeds benefitting the UVM Cancer Center. Tickets are on sale now for the festive, cocktail-hour event which runs from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM. Specialty Derby drinks and heavy h’orderves (oysters, flatbreads and more) will be served and $5 placement fees for the race will benefit the UVM Cancer Center as well.

Many thanks to Church and Main for offering support to the UVM Cancer Center!

To learn more or purchase tickets, visit the event website.
**July 2015**

*UV Safety Month*

18 **Komen Race for the Cure VT**; Manchester, VT.

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**September 2015**

*Ovarian, Leukemia and Lymphoma, Childhood and Prostate, and Thyroid Cancer Awareness Month*

12 **Sugarbush Polo Club match to benefit the UVM Cancer Center**; more details to come!

14 **SAVE THE DATE: J. Walter Juckett Distinguished Lecture**, featuring nobel prize winning scientist Phil Sharp, PhD, Professor at the Koch Institute for Integrative Cancer Research at MIT.

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**October 2015**

*Breast Cancer Awareness Month*

2 **SAVE THE DATE: 18th Annual Breast Cancer Conference.**

20 **Special UVM Cancer Center Grand Rounds**; featuring Richard L. Schilsky, M.D., FACP, FASCO, Chief Medical Officer American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO).

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**Join a Marathon Relay Team to Benefit the UVM Cancer Center**

There are still relay spots left on the UVM College of Medicine Marathon team, raising funds and awareness for the UVM Cancer Center's Steps to Wellness Oncology Rehabilitation program. If you are interested in running, or donating, check the team's [website](#) or contact [Megan Dodge](#).

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**33 Teams Participate in UVM Women's Soccer Score for the Cure**

For the second year in a row the UVM Women's Soccer team hosted a Score for the Cure event to raise funds for the University of Vermont Cancer Center and the Lustgarten Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer. The 3 vs. 3 soccer tournament featured two divisions--one for kids participating in under 10, 12, and 14 year teams and one for college students. This year there were 33 teams registered. Proceeds benefit pancreatic cancer research.

Many thanks to the UVM Women's Soccer team and all the participants who made the day a great success!

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**SEABA to Host Art Exhibit to Benefit UVM Cancer Center Patient Program**

A retrospective art exhibit at the South End Arts and Business Association (SEABA) will honor New England artist Michael Buckley and supports Drawing Inspiration, a virtual community connecting cancer patients with the
arts at the UVM Cancer Center. The show, *The Buck Stops Here*, opens on May 1 and runs until May 20. All proceeds benefit the Drawing Inspiration project at the UVM Cancer Center. For more information about Drawing Inspiration, please visit the project’s Facebook page. For more about SEABA, click here.

### Clinical Trials Highlight

The UVM Cancer Center was the first site in a world-wide, phase I trial to enroll a patient in a cohort for first-line treatment of patients with metastatic, non-small cell lung cancer.

This a study of Avelumab, a novel anti-PDL-1 monoclonal antibody for patients with a variety of solid tumor malignancies. Over the past year the UVM Cancer Center has participated in this trial enrolling 6 patients with a variety of cancers.

**Study Title**: EMR 100070-001 A Phase I, Open-label, Multiple-ascending Dose Trial to Investigate the Safety, Tolerability, Pharmacokinetics, Biological and Clinical Activity of Avelumab (MSB0010718C) in Subjects With Metastatic or Locally Advanced Solid Tumors and Expansion to Selected Indications

**PI**: Claire Verschraegen, MD, MS, FACP

For more information please contact Claire Verschraegen, MD, or the study coordinator, Sam Cory.

### Publications and Announcements

*Please send announcements and publication notices to Sarah Keblin for inclusion in the eALERT and other promotional material*

### Highlights and Announcements:

*Kerry Stanley, LIC SW*, has been selected as one of four Association of Oncology Social Work (AOSW) members to lead planning for the 2016 AOSW national conference to be held in Tampa, Florida in May 2016. Her collaborators will be colleagues from UPenn, Memorial Sloan Kettering, and the Moffitt Cancer Center.
The UVM Medical Center has partnered with StoryCorps to produce a number of audio-taped stories, two of which feature members of the UVM Cancer Center. To listen to their and others' stories click here.

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Kathy McBeth, MA and Jennifer Eddy, CCLS were both interviewed by Fox 44 for an April 24 story to raise awareness about the needs of people aged 12-25 who have cancer.

Publications:


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 Kate Webster.

- **NIH High-End Instrumentation (HEI) Grant Program (S10);** deadline is April 29, 2015.
- **NIH Advancing Mechanistic Probiotic/Prebiotic and Human Microbiome Research (R01);** earliest submissions deadline is May 1, 2015.
- **NIH Early-life Factors and Cancer Development Later in Life (R01);** deadline May 5, 2015.
- **Prostate Cancer Foundation Young Investigator Awards;** deadline June 3, 2015.
- **Vilcek Foundation Prizes for Creative Promise in Biomedical Science;** three foreign-born biomedical scientists to be selected, includes $50,000 cash award; deadline is June 15.
- **NCI Basic Cancer Research in Cancer Health Disparities (R01);** deadline is June 17, 2015.
- **The Damon Runyon-Rachleff Innovation Award;** designed to provide funding to extraordinary early career researchers who have an innovative new idea but lack sufficient preliminary data to obtain traditional funding; **application deadline is July 1, 2015.**
- **DOD Breast Cancer Research Program (BCRP) Innovator and Breakthrough Awards;** deadline is July 28, 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](#).

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**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](#).

**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 Keblin, Communications Manager