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The eALERT is an internal newsletter sent semi-monthly.
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Thursday, May 14, 2015

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Event Spotlight

***RSVP TODAY: Team Science Mini
Research Symposium***

Tuesday, May 19

Free, [Public Screening of
*Cancer: Emperor of All
Maladies*](#)

6 PM Carpenter Auditorium

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Friday, May 22

Mini Research Symposium:

Team Science

8 AM to 12 PM

Larner Classroom

[RSVP TODAY](#)

Events Calendar

May 2015

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

**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.

**PLEASE NOTE: THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO
CLINIC AND RESEARCH STAFF AS WELL
AS MEMBERS! [RSVP to Charlie Brooks](#).**

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 beginning at 7:45 AM.



CME credit is available. Please
[RSVP to Charlie Brooks](#).

[CLICK HERE FOR FULL AGENDA](#)

June 2015

Men's Health Awareness Month

3 [Allison Hicks Foundation hosts HPV film screening](#);
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 [Men's Health and Cancer Conference presented by the UVM Cancer Center](#); Medical Education Center, UVM College of Medicine; 8-12.

29 Molecular Mechanisms of Malignancy Research Program Meeting; featuring Matt Kinsey, MD, and Jos van der Velden, PhD: *Investigation of the Pathophysiologic Associations of GSTP1 in Emphysema and Lung Cancer*; HSRF 200, 4-5:30 PM.

July 2015

UV Safety Month

[18 Komen Race for the Cure VT](#); Manchester, VT.

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!

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' 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 Siddhartha 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, including **Laurie Chassereau, RN, Alan Howe, PhD, Kathy McBeth, MA, and Ted James, MD.**

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 University of Vermont
CANCER CENTER
PRESENTS

Men's Health + Cancer
2015 CONFERENCE

Friday, June 26, 2015
8:00 am – 12:00 pm
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SULLIVAN CLASSROOM
University of Vermont Medical Education Pavilion

A FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

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 19th. Visit www.VermontCancer.org or call (802) 656-4414.

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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](#).

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.

October 2015

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

2 SAVE THE DATE: 18th Annual Women's Health and 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).

2016 Genomic Instability Meeting to be Hosted by UVM Cancer Center

The 2015 Genomic Instability meeting, hosted by Jackson Labs on May 4, was a success, with 6 members of the UVM Cancer Center attending. Next May, the meeting will be hosted at the UVM Cancer Center. The UVM Cancer Center looks forward to engaging its many members and colleagues across the University and Medical Center in this event, aimed at building collaborative understanding and science.

UVM Clinical Research Team Spirit

While attending the Association of Clinical Research Professionals (ACRP) conference in Salt Lake City, Utah, a group from the UVM Cancer Center participated in the Medical Heroes Appreciation 5K. The race was held early one morning before the conference activity kicked in. Thank you to these amazing women for representing UVM Cancer Center clinical research at this meeting, and at the race!



(from left to right) Rachel Stringer, RN, BSN, Clinical Research Nurse; Karen Lepuschenko, BS, CCRC, Clinical Research Coordinator; Kate Murray, BS, CCRC, Clinical Research Coordinator; and Lisa Smith, RN, Clinical Research Nurse

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

Publications:

[Genome-wide co-occupancy of AML1-ETO and N-CoR defines the t\(8;21\) AML signature in leukemic cells.](#)

Trombly DJ, Whitfield TW, Padmanabhan S, **Gordon JA, Lian JB**, van Wijnen AJ, **Zaidi SK, Stein JL, Stein GS**. BMC Genomics. 2015 Apr 17;16(1):309. [Epub ahead of print. PMID:25928846.

[Geospatial and Temporal Analysis of Thyroid Cancer Incidence in a Rural Population.](#) Hanley JP, Jackson E, Morrissey LA, Rizzo DM, **Sprague BL**, Sarkar IN, **Carr FE**. Thyroid. 2015 May 4. [Epub ahead of print] PMID: 25936441

[Freshly Thawed and Continuously Cultured Human Bone Marrow-Derived Mesenchymal Stromal Cells Comparably Ameliorate Allergic Airways Inflammation in Immunocompetent Mice.](#) Cruz FF, Borg ZD, Goodwin M, Sokocevic D, Wagner D, McKenna DH, Rocco PR, **Weiss**

DJ. Stem Cells Transl Med. 2015 Apr 29. pii: sctm.2014-0268. [Epub ahead of print] PMID: 25925837.

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](#).

- [Lung Cancer Research Program \(LCRP\) - Clinical Exploration Awards](#); pre-application due **June 2, 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**.
- [Understanding and Promoting Health Literacy \(R21\)](#); applications due in three cycles: **June 16, October 16, 2015 and February, 16, 2016**.
- [Basic Cancer Research in Cancer Health Disparities \(R01\)](#); deadline is **June 17, 2015**.
- [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**.
- [Collaborative Research Projects to Enhance Applicability of Mouse Models for Translational Research \(Collaborative R01\)](#); **first cycle deadline is August 8, 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](#).

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