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New Project Awarded Through American Cancer Society IRG

The UVM Cancer Center has awarded a second round of funding from its American Cancer Society (ACS) Institutional Research Grant (IRG).

The transdisciplinary team of Jennifer Lisle, MD, Department of Orthopedics, and Jonathon Gordon, PhD, Department of Biochemistry, has been selected as recipients of IRG funding for their proposed project, "Inhibition of Patient-Specific Marrow Stromal Cells That Mediate Tumor Growth and Metastatic Bone Disease."

UVM Hosts Annual NERLSCD Meeting

Tim Hunter, Director of the Advanced Genome Technologies Core facility at the UVM Cancer Center, hosted the 10th annual Northeast Regional Life Sciences Core Directors meeting from October 14-16 here in Burlington, VT. More than 150 leaders in core technology and services across the northeast, representing 12 states and 49 institutions, attended three days of rigorous education and collaboration. Included in the event were tours of core facilities at UVM, highlighting both technology and expertise here in Vermont.

UVM Cancer Center Annual Member Retreat: Nov. 6

The UVM Cancer Center Annual Member Retreat will take place on Friday, November 6 from 12 PM to 4 PM with a reception to follow. The meeting, which will
**Regional Shared Resources Meeting: November 12**

Regional leaders in biomedical science shared resources have collaborated to bring researchers and shared resource experts a New England Shared Resources Conference. This one-day symposium will highlight research presented by investigators who have used selected shared resources at participating institutions including: proteomics, bioinformatics, imaging, cryopreservation, and small molecule screening.

University of Vermont investigators and shared resource staff will be presenting and attending. Please consider joining them at Dartmouth on November 12 to learn more about access to shared resources in our region.

Participating institutions include: Norris Cotton Cancer Center at Dartmouth, Jackson Laboratory, University of Massachusetts, University of New Hampshire, and the University of Vermont.

For more information, or to register, click here.

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**Scientific Writing Workshops Offered at UVM**

The UVM Neuroscience, Behavior and Health Initiative has invited Lisa Emerson from Massey University to host a series of scientific writing workshops from November through January. Topics covered include:

- Mentoring the Writing Skills of Emerging Scientists
- Running a Science Writing Course
- Teaching Emerging Scientists How to Write
- Writing and Communicating Science for Trainees
and Cancer research and education efforts.

January 2016
National Cervical Health Awareness Month

15-16 ASCO HOSTS:
Inaugural Cancer Survivorship Symposium: Advancing Care and Research, A Primary Care and Oncology Collaboration; San Francisco, CA; abstracts due by September 1, 2015.

17 UVM Athletics' Rally Against Cancer Women's Hockey vs. BU; Gutterson Field House 2 PM; UVM Cancer Center will notify members when tickets are available.

February 2016
National Cancer Prevention Month

5 UVM Athletics' Rally Against Cancer Men's Hockey vs. Notre Dame, 7:05 PM; UVM Cancer Center will notify members when tickets are available.

14 UVM Athletics' Rally Against Cancer Men's Basketball vs. Hartford, 2 PM; UVM Cancer Center will notify members when tickets go on sale.

20 UVM Athletics' Rally Against Cancer Women's Basketball vs. UMBC, 2 PM; UVM Cancer Center will notify members when tickets go on sale.

The kick-off event, "But I'm going to be a scientist - I don't need to learn to write, right? Unpacking the myths of writing for science," takes place on November 12 at 4 PM in the Davis Center's Livak Ballroom.

For more information see the NBH website.

UVM Cancer Clerkship: November 10

The University of Vermont Foundation and UVM Medical Center Foundation will jointly host a "Cancer Clerkship" for invited community members on November 10, 2015. The event is aimed at engaging community members in the mission and impact of the UVM Cancer Center and to demonstrate both the need for philanthropy, and also the impact philanthropy has here on research, education and care. Community members will spend a half-day hearing from faculty and staff across numerous cancer disciplines.

Brovember 2015 Kick-Off

The University of Vermont Cancer Center announces the third annual Brovember campaign to raise funds and awareness for men's health and cancer efforts happening at the UVM Cancer Center. Last year's efforts helped to fund the inaugural Men's Health and Cancer Conference--a free 1/2 day event open to the public to learn about important issues related to the prevention, detection, treatment and survivorship of men's cancers and related health issues.

Get your friends to join you in growing your Mo (mustache)! Mo-challenged? No problem, you can join too. Sponsor a mo-growing bro, or make a straight donation to the effort.

There will be an official kick-off photograph (consider it the "before" photo), on Monday, November 2 at 8 AM in the main lobby, East Pavilion, of the UVM Medical Center.

To join the fun, including creating your own custom fundraising page, visit the event's webpage here.

Gardener's Supply
PUMPKINS FOR A PURPOSE
April 2016
National Cancer Control Month
29  SAVE THE DATE: UVM Cancer Center Clinical and Translational Research Symposium.
29-1  Stowe Weekend of Hope

May 2016
Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month and Cancer Research Month
9  UVM Cancer Center hosts Northeast Genomic Instability Meeting. More info. to come!

Gardener's Supply is once again running its *Pumpkins for a Purpose* program at its Williston and Burlington stores. All proceeds from pumpkin sales directly benefit breast cancer research and education at the UVM Cancer Center!

When purchasing pumpkins you may also enter to win a special edition pink garden cart!

The Mahana Magic Foundation will host its 6th annual Monster Bash in Charlotte, VT on Friday, October 30 from 7-11:30 PM. This adults-only event benefits child life services offered to patients and their children here at the UVM Cancer Center.

To join the event visit the Mahana Magic [website](#)!
Leunigs' to Host Fundraiser for Men's Health and Cancer: November 15

Leunigs' Bistro of Church Street in Burlington will host a 2nd annual day of fundraising to benefit Men's Health and Cancer research and education efforts at the UVM Cancer Center. Proceeds from sales throughout the entire day on Sunday, November 15 will be donated to the UVM Cancer Center to fund things like the Men's Health and Cancer Conference, happening on Friday, June 24, 2015.

Please save the date and consider joining the UVM Cancer Center and Leunigs' for brunch, lunch or dinner!
UVM Cancer Center in the NEWS

Women's Health and Cancer Conference co-chair, Patti O'Brien, MD was interviewed live from the event by WCAX's Judy Simpson. To watch the segment, highlighting the event, click here.

Michelle Sowden, DO appeared on WCAX's "the :30" to discuss the evolution of surgical treatment of breast cancer and the role of the UVM Cancer Center in research. To view the segment click here.

Brian Sprague, PhD, co-author on a recent JAMA publication helping to inform new ACS mammography screening guidelines, was featured on Local 44/22 coverage of the new guidelines and contributing research. To watch the story, click here.

The Burlington Free Press featured, in a special "pink" issue dedicated to breast cancer awareness, two articles highlighting the UVM Cancer Center's Women's Health and Cancer Conference, as well as interviews with Wendy McKinnon, MS, and Sally Herschorn, MD.

Publications and Announcements

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

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.

Some upcoming funding opportunity highlights:
• **Doris Duke Clinical Scientist Development Award**: Pre-proposals are being sought from junior physician-scientist faculty conducting clinical research in any disease area; **deadline for pre-proposals is October 30, 2015.**

• **Melanoma Research Foundation Young Investigator Award and Academic-Industry Partnership Award**: **deadline for proposals is November 1, 2015.**

• **Vermont’s NASA EPSCoR Project Call for 2016 NASA EPSCoR Faculty Research Team Competition**: for a copy of the call, please email **Kate Webster**; pre-proposals for team research projects due to VT-NASSA EPSCoR Office no later than **COB on Friday, November 13, 2015.**

• **Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation Physician-Scientist Training Award**: new pilot program for MDs training to be physician-scientists; up to $460,000 over four years plus retirement of up to $100,000 in outstanding medical school debt; **deadline is December 1, 2015.**

• **Sidney Kimmel Foundation for Cancer Research**: Translational Science AND Kimmel Scholar awards; **deadline for application is December 2, 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.

**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](#).