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The eALERT is an internal newsletter sent semi-monthly.  
Please send submissions for the eALERT to [Sarah Keblin](#) by 4 PM Wednesday for  
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*Thursday, December 16,  
2015*

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## ACS IRG CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

A third call for applications for funding through the American Cancer Society Institutional Research Grant, awarded earlier this year to the UVM Cancer Center, is underway.

Grant applications are invited from junior faculty for award of a research grant of up to \$30,000 for one year.

Funded research will cover the cancer continuum and emphasize transdisciplinary, translational investigation via the UVM Cancer Center's three research programs: Molecular Mechanisms of Malignancy, Host Factors and Tumor Progression, and Cancer Control and Population Health Sciences. The research must involve a collaboration between a laboratory or behavioral scientist and a physician investigator. Investigators associated with the University of Vermont and the Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences Vermont campus are eligible to apply.

ACS-IRG grants are intended for new investigators (within six years of first independent academic appointment) who do not have an active, nationally competitive research grant (e.g., NIH, NSF, ACS).

**Deadline for Submission is February 1, 2016**

ACS-IRG Guidelines and Applications may be found at the [UVM Cancer Center Website](#).

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## Event Spotlight

**December 15, 2015**

UVM Cancer Center  
Grand Rounds

ASH REVIEW  
*presented by*  
Chris Holmes, MD, PhD

Reardon Classroom  
8-9 AM

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## Events Calendar

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**December 2016**

**8 No UVM Cancer Center Grand Rounds.**

**9 Pathology Grand Rounds: "Odontogenic Tumors,"**, presented by Maryam Zenali, MD; Davis Auditorium, 1-2 PM.

**15 UVM Cancer Center Grand Rounds: ASH Review;** presented by Chris Holmes, MD, PhD; Reardon Classroom (Med Ed 300), 8-9 AM.

**16 Pathology Grand Rounds: "An oncogenic role for SIRT5 in sarcomas,"** presented by David Seward, MD, PhD, University of Michigan; Davis Auditorium, 1-2 PM.

NO UVM Cancer Center Grand Rounds on **December 22 or 29.**

Please contact Ed North at (802) 656-9450 or [edward.north@uvm.edu](mailto:edward.north@uvm.edu) with any questions.

## Transdisciplinary Team Meetings Announced

Transdisciplinary Teams (TDT's), newly formed as a part of the Cancer Service Line, are teams of clinical providers across multiple disciplines involved in the care of specific patient groups, coupled with interested translational and basic scientists and designated research coordinators or nurses. Each TDT is charged with formalizing a clinical research strategy based on local expertise and unmet needs for a disease site in the region in collaboration with translational partners where applicable.

While more information about the TDTs will be shared in an ongoing way with UVM Cancer Center members, including a forthcoming resource page on the website with meeting times etc., there are a number of TDTs already meeting regularly. The schedule of those meetings is below. Please note that contact persons listed below may or may not be TDT directors, but are contacts for meeting information.

**Breast Oncology TDT:** second Monday of the Month, 8-9 AM, College of Medicine, MedEd 205. Contact: [Farrah.Khan@uvmhealth.org](mailto:Farrah.Khan@uvmhealth.org)

**Lung Oncology TDT:** Last Tuesday of the month, 12:30 - 1:30 pm, ACC third floor Dermatology conference room. Next Meeting on Dec. 22. Contact: [samuel.cory@med.uvm.edu](mailto:samuel.cory@med.uvm.edu)

**Gastrointestinal Oncology TDT:** third Monday of the month, 7:30-8:30 am, Radiation Oncology Conference room. Contact: [Nicole.Messier@uvmhealth.org](mailto:Nicole.Messier@uvmhealth.org)

**Hematologic Oncology TDT:** first Friday of the month, 12-1 pm, ACC third floor Dermatology conference room. Contact: [Sue-Ellen.Booher@uvmhealth.org](mailto:Sue-Ellen.Booher@uvmhealth.org)

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## Protocol Review Process Training Offered

The UVM Cancer Center's Protocol Review and Monitoring Committee (PRMC), which meets monthly to review cancer-related studies prior to IRB review, has

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## January 2016

*National Cervical Health  
Awareness Month*

**5 UVM Cancer Center Grand Rounds: Alan Rosmarin, MD,** Co-Director, Cancer Center of Excellence, and Chief of Hem/Onc, UMASS; HSRF 200, 8-9 AM.

15-16 ASCO HOSTS: [Inaugural Cancer Survivorship Symposium: Advancing Care and Research, A Primary Care and Oncology Collaboration](#); San Fransisco, 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.

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## 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 are available.

**20 UVM Athletics' Rally Against Cancer Women's Basketball vs. UMBC,** 2 PM; UVM Cancer Center will notify members when tickets are available.

undergone some changes regarding submission for protocols and supporting documents.

There will be a training to review these changes and to demonstrate how to use the UVM Commons to submit protocols electronically on **Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 3 PM to 4 PM in the Given Courtyard room S359.** Pamela James from COMIS will be there to explain the UVM Commons. UVM Cancer Center members, and others, are welcome to join without an RSVP.

For more information about the training or the PRMC, please contact [Emily Harwood](#), or, view more information on the PRMC webpage [here](#).

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## Brovember Celebrates Success

Brovember ended with participants raising just over \$8,000 for men's health and cancer research and education efforts at the UVM Cancer Center! UVM Cancer Center members, staff, students and community members came together to raise awareness about men's health and cancer issues.

Through numerous appearances on local news, through blogs, and through excellent community outreach, the continued growth (pun intended) of this yearly effort is inspirational!

Please thank your colleagues for all of their enthusiasm for supporting this effort, and may upper lips stay warm this winter!



UVM Cancer Center member Scott Perrapato, DO at center, joins morning news hosts at Local 22-44 to discuss Brovember

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## April 2016

*National Cancer Control Month*

**29 \*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\*:** UVM Cancer Center Clinical and Translational Research Symposium: "Hemostasis, Thrombosis and Cancer".

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## 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!

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## UVM Cancer Center In the NEWS

**Jason Stumpff, PhD and Chris Anker, MD**, appeared on Local 22/44, to discuss colorectal cancer research and to promote the Brovember effort at building awareness and support for men's health and cancer issues. View the appearance [here](#).

**Don Weaver, MD and Brian Sprague, PhD** appeared on WCAX News Channel 3's "the :30" for a live interview about their NCI grant, with partner **Janet Stein, PhD**, to study early-stage breast cancer. View the segment [here](#).

## Publications and Announcements

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

### Publications:

[Colorectal cancer, comorbidity, and risk of venous thromboembolism: assessment of biological interactions in a Danish nationwide cohort.](#) **Ahern TP**, Horváth-Puhó E, Spindler KG, Sørensen HT, Ording AG, Erichsen R. Br J Cancer. 2015 Dec 1. doi: 10.1038/bjc.2015.406. [Epub ahead of print] PMID: 26625005.

[Antisecretory medication is associated with decreased Helicobacter pylori detection in gastric marginal zone lymphoma.](#) Schaberg KB, **Evans MF, Wilcox R, Lewis MR**. Ann Diagn Pathol. 2015 Dec;19(6):397-402. doi: 10.1016/j.anndiagpath.2015.10.001. Epub 2015 Oct 22. PMID: 26615705.

[Diabetes mellitus and venous thromboembolism: A systematic review and meta-analysis.](#) Bell EJ, Folsom AR, Lutsey PL, Selvin E, **Zakai NA, Cushman M**, Alonso A. Diabetes Res Clin Pract. 2015 Nov 10. pii: S0168-8227(15)00420-9. doi: 10.1016/j.diabres.2015.10.019. [Epub ahead of print] PMID: 26612139.

[Lifetime risk of venous thromboembolism in two cohort studies.](#) Bell EJ, Lutsey PL, Basu S, **Cushman M**, Heckbert SR, Lloyd-Jones DM, Folsom AR. Am J Med. 2015 Nov 17. pii: S0002-9343(15)01018-9. doi: 10.1016/j.amjmed.2015.10.014. [Epub ahead of print] PMID: 26597668.

[Positioning a Scientific Community on Unproven Cellular Therapies: The 2015 International Society for Cellular Therapy Perspective.](#) Dominici M, Nichols K, Srivastava A, **Weiss DJ**, Eldridge P, Cuende N, Deans RJ, Rasko JE, Levine AD, Turner L, Griffin DL, O'Donnell L, Forte M, Mason C, Wagena E, Janssen W, Nordon R, Wall D, Ho HN, Ruiz MA, Wilton S, Horwitz EM, Gunter KC; 2013-2015 ISCT Presidential Task Force on Unproven Cellular Therapy. Cytotherapy. 2015 Dec; 17(12):1663-6. doi: 10.1016/j.jcyt.2015.10.007. No abstract available. PMID: 26589750.

[The prototoxin LYPD6B modulates heteromeric  \$\alpha 3\beta 4\$ -containing nicotinic acetylcholine receptors, but not  \$\alpha 7\$  homomers.](#) Ochoa V, George AA, **Nishi R**, Whiteaker P. FASEB J. 2015 Nov 19. pii: fj.15-274548. [Epub ahead of print] PMID: 26586467.

## 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:

- [Nano Startup Challenge in Cancer: Driving Innovation in Cancer Nanomedicine](#); rolling enrollment in the competition through February 11, 2016.
- [UVM REACH Program Funding](#); providing pilot funding to promote promising research, scholarship and creative arts; funding range \$1,000 to \$40,000; deadline for applying online is **December 4, 2015, midnight**.
- [The Lymphatic Education & Research Network \(LE&RN\) 2016 Grant Cycle of the LE&RN](#)

[Postdoctoral Fellowship Awards Program](#);  
deadline is **3 PM Friday, January 15, 2016.**

- [UVM Cancer Center ACS IRG Call for Applications](#); internal call, **deadline for submission is February 1, 2015.**
- [National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine NRC Research Associateship Programs](#); varying 2016 deadlines (Feb. 1, May 1 August 1, and November 1).
- [UVM SPARK Program Call for pilot projects](#) with an objective of translating innovative discoveries into the marketplace. Emphasis will be placed on technologies that have the potential to advance rapidly into a commercialization pathway. Completed proposals must be [received](#) by **midnight, February 12, 2016.**

[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](#).

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