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The eALERT is an internal newsletter sent semi-monthly.
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March 3 Juckett Lecture to Feature NCI's Dinah Singer, PhD

Dinah Singer, PhD, head of the Molecular Regulation Section and Director of the Division of Cancer Biology at the National Cancer Institute, will present a J. Walter Juckett Distinguished Lecture on March 3, 2016 at 12 PM in Davis Auditorium. Dr. Singer's lab is focused on the long-term goal of defining the molecular mechanisms regulating gene expression. Her presentation will be: "**Linking Transcription and Chromatin Structure: The Bromodomain Protein, BRD4.**"



Dinah Singer, PhD

Refreshments will be available for attendees.

**UVM Cancer Center Research
Symposium: April 29, 2016**

Event Spotlight

March 3, 2016

**UVM Cancer Center
J. Walter Juckett
Distinguished Lecture**

featuring

Dinah Singer, PhD

Chief, Molecular Regulation
Section and Director, Division of
Cancer Biology, NCI

"Linking Transcription and
Chromatin Structure: The
Bromodomain Protein, BRD4"

**12 Noon
Davis Auditorium**

refreshments will be offered

Events Calendar

February 2016

National Cancer Prevention Month

**23 NO UVM CANCER CENTER
GRAND ROUNDS**

March 2016

*Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month
National Nutrition Month*

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 by April 22

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CANCER CENTER

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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.

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

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

Joint Research Program Meetings

Nearly 40 participants enjoyed a stellar presentation by ACS IRG grant recipients Chris Anker, MD and Jason Stumpff, PhD on Wednesday, February 17th. The pair are focused on translational investigation that will elicit novel approaches to treatment of both breast and colorectal cancers. With feedback from clinicians and basic scientists alike they left the meeting with new questions and leads for enhancing their project.

Program meeting updates, including re-submission of the COBRE grant, were provided as well as discussion of new scientific collaborations.

UVM Cancer Center program meetings take place once a month, with each program rotating as host for the joint meeting. The UVM Cancer Center would like to support inter-programmatic collaborations through helpful content and discussion at these meetings. Attendance by all UVM Cancer Center members is encouraged to maximize this potential. Attendance at program meetings by members is also an expectation of the

1 UVM Cancer Center Grand Rounds joins OB/GYN Grand Rounds: "Laughing in the face of cancer? How humor may benefit cancer patients;" featuring Stephen Rose, MD, University of Wisconsin; Davis Auditorium, 7:30 to 8:30 AM.

3 J. Walter Juckett Distinguished Lecture, "Linking Transcription and Chromatin Structure: The Bromodomain Protein, BRD4," featuring Dinah Singer, PhD, Director of the NCI Division of Cancer Biology; Davis Auditorium, 12 noon.

9 Hematology/Oncology Seminar: "Improving the Quality of Patient Outcomes in Chronic Myeloid Leukemia;" featuring Amir Fathi, MD, Harvard Medical School and Mass. General Hospital Cancer Center; Reardon Classroom (Med Ed 300), 8-9 AM.

24 [VTAAC Annual Meeting/Launch of the 2020 Vermont State Cancer Plan](#), followed by [Cancer Action Day at the Statehouse](#).

April 2016

National Cancer Control Month

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](#)

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

May 2016

Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month and Cancer Research Month

National Cancer Institute that we need to strive to meet.

If you have a research project you'd like to present at a meeting, or, if you have a particular idea or challenge you'd like to discuss at such a meeting, please contact [Sarah Keblin](#).

Stay tuned for a full schedule of Program Meetings for the year.

VTAAC Annual Meeting and Cancer Legislative Action Day

UVM Cancer Center members are invited to join in the annual Cancer Action Day at the Vermont Statehouse. The day begins with the launch of the 2016-2020 State Cancer Plan at the annual VTAAC meeting (taking place at the Capital Plaza in Montpelier). Following the meeting guests are encouraged to attend a legislative reception at the Statehouse for Vermont Cancer Action Day. If you'd like to join for part or all of the day, please RSVP through the links provided below, and also let the UVM Cancer Center know you'll be joining the team presence there by emailing [Laura Broome](#).

For more information or to RSVP for the VTAAC Annual Meeting and launch of the Vermont 2016-2020 Cancer Plan [click here](#).

To learn more about the legislative action day, [click here](#).

Clinic Decks out in Grey and Purple to Honor Young Patient



Well done to our clinic staff who honored a young patient last week with cupcakes and by dressing in grey and purple--a request the patient had made broadly to friends and family. Jim Wallace, MD provided a serenade on the bagpipes in the treatment room. It is just one example of the many ways our care teams go all out for patients and their families!

9 UVM Cancer Center hosts Northeast Genomic Instability Meeting. More info. to come!

June 2016

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

24 UVM Cancer Center's Men's Health and Cancer Conference - SAVE THE DATE!

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!!!

Red Sox Fans--VOTE UVM Cancer Center!!

The Boston Red Sox Foundation is promoting the [IMPACT Awards](#) program, which provides Red Sox fans in surrounding New England states with the opportunity to support a local non-profit by casting their votes. Please consider joining us in building support for the UVM Cancer Center through this fun program. We will not only be in the running for a grant--but, it would be a great opportunity to build awareness regionally for the amazing work being done in cancer research, education and patient care, here in Vermont!

Fans must register on the Boston Red Sox fan page in order to vote. To vote for the UVM Cancer Center, or for more information, visit the [IMPACT Awards webpage](#).

Please share with friends and family!

Publications and Announcements

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

Publications:

[Randomized phase II study of loratadine for the prevention of bone pain caused by pegfilgrastim.](#)

Moukharskaya J, Abrams DM, **Ashikaga T, Khan F**, Schwartz J, **Wilson K, Verschraegen C**, Openshaw T, Valentine J, Eneman J, **Unger P, Ades S**. Support Care Cancer. 2016 Feb 19. [Epub ahead of print] PMID: 26894485.

[Circulating insulin-like growth factor-I, insulin-like growth factor binding protein-3 and terminal duct lobular unit involution of the breast: a cross-sectional study of women with benign breast disease.](#) Horne HN, Sherman ME, Pfeiffer RM, Figueroa JD, Khodr ZG, Falk RT, Pollak M, Patel DA, Palakal MM, Linville L, Papathomas D, Geller B, **Vacek PM, Weaver DL**, Chicoine R, Shepherd J, Mahmoudzadeh AP, Wang J, Fan B, Malkov S, **Herschorn S**, Hewitt SM, Brinton LA, Gierach GL. Breast Cancer Res. 2016 Feb 18; 18(1):24. doi: 10.1186/s13058-016-0678-4. PMID: 26893016.

[Trends in Health-Related Quality of Life After a Diagnosis of Ductal Carcinoma In Situ](#). Hart V, **Sprague BL, Lakoski SG**, Hampton JM, Newcomb PA, Gangnon RE, Trentham-Dietz A. J Clin Oncol. 2016 Feb 16. pii: JCO627281. [Epub ahead of print] PMID: 26884560.

[The Histochemistry and Cell Biology omnium-gatherum: the year 2015 in review](#). **Taatjes DJ**, Roth J. Histochem Cell Biol. 2016 Mar; 145(3): 239-74. doi: 10.1007/s00418-016-1417-8. Epub 2016 Feb 15. PMID: 26878854.

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:

- [UVM College of Medicine Internal Funding Opportunities](#); including bridge funding and matching gift program; applications should be sent to [Michael Toth](#); **deadline for February cycle is February 28, 2016**.
- [Sontag Foundation Distinguished Scientists Award for Outstanding Early Career Brain Tumor Researchers](#); 4-year, \$600,000 awards; deadline is **March 16, 2016**.
- [Charles H. Hood Foundation Child Health Research Awards Program](#); up to \$150,000 for 2 years; deadline is **March 21, 2016**, noon EST.
- [Bayer Grants for Targets](#); encouraging innovation and translation of ideas from basic research into novel drugs; **deadline is March 31, 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).
- [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).

[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