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Thomas A. Roland, MD Lecture

Event Spotlight

**SAVE THE DATE:
May 19, 2015**

**Screening of Ken Burns'
film *Cancer: Emperor of
All Maladies***

**Open to the public; will
include a panel
discussion with UVM
Cancer Center members**

**6-7:30 PM
Carpenter Auditorium
UVM College of Medicine**

Save the Date

March 2015

*National Cancer
Prevention Month; Colorectal
Cancer Awareness Month*

**27 [Cancer Nanotechnology
Symposium: Targeting,
Diagnostics and
Therapy](#)**; Dartmouth College,
7:45 AM to 4 PM. For more info,
[click here](#).

**28 UVM Rally Against Cancer
Women's Lacrosse Game**;
Virtue Field, UVM Athletic
Campus, 11 AM.

April 2015
National Cancer

The Department of Radiation Oncology is proud to announce the first, annual Thomas A. Roland, MD Lecture in Radiation Oncology. The event will take place on Tuesday, **April 14, 2015 from 7:30 to 8:30 AM** in the Davis Auditorium and will feature guest speaker Thomas Buchholz, MD, Professor, Executive Vice President, and Physician-in-Chief at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center.



Thomas A Roland, MD

Buchholz, whose academic interests are focused in breast cancer and radiation oncology, will present, "Ever Changing Management of Axillary Lymph Nodes in Breast Cancer".

This event is joining with Gynecology/Oncology Grand Rounds. For more information about the event, please contact [Lori Ann Roy](#) in Radiation Oncology.

Juckett Lecture to Feature Louise Strong, MD



On **Tuesday, May 12, 2015** the UVM Cancer Center presents a J. Walter Juckett Distinguished Lecture featuring Louise Strong, MD, Professor of Genetics and Professor of Biomedical Sciences at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Texas. Strong is an international leader in cancer genetics and genetic epidemiology and will present on "The Many Faces of Li Fraumeni Syndrome". The lecture will take place in the Davis Auditorium at 12 PM.

For more information about the event, or Strong's visit, please contact [Charlie Brooks](#).

Northeastern Genitourinary Oncology Symposium: May 1-2

The UVM Cancer Center and UVM Medical Center, in partnership with McGill University and the Norris Cotton Cancer Center at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, present this two-day conference (also known as NGOS)

*Control Month, Head and Neck
Cancer Awareness Month,
Testicular Cancer Awareness
Month*

**4 UVM Rally Against Cancer
Event: Men's Lacrosse;** Virtue
Field, UVM Athletic Campus,
1:30 PM.

**14 First annual Roland
Lecture in Radiation
Oncology;** featuring Thomas
Buchholz, MD, Executive Vice
President & Physician in Chief,
The University of Texas MD
Anderson Cancer Center,
Houston, TX; location Davis
Auditorium, 7:30-8:30 AM.

**17 Biochemistry Seminar
Series,** featuring Mark Israel,
MD, Director, Norris Cotton
Cancer Center; Given C443, 12
PM.

**17 VGN/AGTC Seminar:
Bioinformatics in a Box,**
featuring Faye D. Schilkey,
Director, Strategic Projects &
NM-INBRE Sequencing &
Bioinformatics Core National
Center for Genome Resources;
HSRF 400, 2 PM. Contact [Tim
Hunter](#) for more information.

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.

1-3 [Stowe Weekend of Hope](#)

focused on the evaluation and management of
genitourinary cancers. The course, which takes place at
the **Hilton, Burlington on May 1 and 2**, is designed
for those involved in research and/or the care of
patients with prostate, kidney, bladder, and testis
cancers. There will be a focus on emerging science and
advances in the management of these cancers for
patients.

To learn more, or to register, please see the website for
the [University of Vermont Office of Continuing Medical
Education](#), or call them at (802) 656-2292.

Northeastern Breast Cancer Research Symposium: May 8

UVM Cancer Center faculty and staff are invited to join
investigators from the Norris Cotton Cancer Center,
McGill University, University of Massachusetts,
University of Vermont, Yale University, Tufts University,
University of Connecticut Health Center, and Jackson
Laboratory at the Northeastern Breast Cancer
Symposium on **May 8, 2015**. The event will take place
at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, NH.

This one-day symposium will highlight work in breast
cancer at participating institutions, and aims to foster
trans-institutional collaboration on timely issues in basic,
translational, and clinical breast cancer research.

To learn more, see the full agenda, or to register
[click here](#).

Mini Research Symposium: SAVE THE DATE, MAY 22, 2015

Please save the date for a mini (half-day) research
symposium, hosted by the UVM Cancer Center, on May
22 from approximately 8-11:30 AM. The theme for the
day will be "Team Science," and the event will take
place in Carpenter Auditorium. More details
forthcoming!

VTAAC and CancerCare Offer Online Workshops for Cancer Survivors

4 Genomic Instability Cancer Meeting; Jackson Laboratories, Bar Harbor, ME; 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](#).

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 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* from 8-11:30 AM.

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

June 2015

Men's Health Awareness Month

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.

[Vermonters Taking Action Against Cancer \(VTAAC\)](#) and [CancerCare](#) have numerous online workshops planned for cancer survivors in the coming months. Providers are encouraged to share this information with patients/caregivers who may benefit. Included in the offerings are sessions specific to cancer-type as well as lifestyle.

The full listing of workshops is available [here](#).

Run, Sweat, Give: Relay Teams Available for VCM

The UVM College of Medicine Running and Marathon team, initiated by medical students, invites participation by all UVM Cancer Center members on its team for the 2015 Vermont City Marathon. There are relay teams and spots open at this time. Participants must pay the VCM registration and join the team in fundraising for the UVM Cancer Center. There is a great online tool available to participants which makes fundraising from friends, family, and colleagues very easy and fun!

Funds raised benefit the UVM Cancer Center's *Steps to Wellness, Oncology Rehabilitation* program.

If you are interested in a relay team or spot on a team, please contact [Megan Dodge](#) in the UVM College of Medicine Development Office.



2014 UVM College of Medicine Marathon Team

September 2015

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

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 Breast Cancer Conference.

UVM Students to Host Color Run for UVM Cancer Center

On National Philanthropy Day, November 15, 2014, the UVM Student Alumni Association carried out a poll on campus asking students which organizations make the biggest impact at UVM, and the UVM Cancer Center was named a finalist.

This semester, with support from the UVM Foundation, the group will be launching a student giving and awareness campaign for the finalists, including the Cancer Center.

The first effort of the campaign will be a planned [Color Run](#) for April 11, 2015 at approximately 5:30 PM on the UVM Campus. The group is finalizing plans for the event, but UVM Cancer Center members are encouraged to mark their calendars for what should be a fun event!



A Glimpse of Color Run

Publications and Announcements

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

[Diagnostic concordance among pathologists interpreting breast biopsy specimens.](#) Elmore JG, Longton GM, Carney PA, Geller BM, Onega T, Tosteson AN, Nelson HD, Pepe MS, Allison KH, Schnitt SJ, O'Malley FP, **Weaver DL.** JAMA. 2015 Mar 17;313(11):1122-32. doi: 10.1001/jama.2015.1405. PMID: 25781441 [PubMed - in process].

[Differential Susceptibility of Human Pleural and Peritoneal Mesothelial Cells to Asbestos Exposure.](#) **Dragon J, Thompson J,** MacPherson M,

Shukla A. J Cell Biochem. 2015 Mar 10. doi: 10.1002/jcb.25095. [Epub ahead of print] PMID: 25757056 [PubMed - as supplied by publisher].

[Base Excision Repair in the Mitochondria.](#) **Prakash A, Doublié S.** J Cell Biochem. 2015 Mar 9. doi: 10.1002/jcb.25103. [Epub ahead of print] PMID: 25754732 [PubMed - as supplied by publisher].

[The Histochemistry and Cell Biology pandect: the year 2014 in review.](#) **Taatjes DJ,** Roth J. Histochem Cell Biol. 2015 Apr; 143(4): 339-68. doi: 10.1007/s00418-015-1313-7. Epub 2015 Mar 6. PMID: 25744491 [PubMed - in process].

Funding Opportunities

Green indicates NEW

- [American Cancer Society \(ACS\): RFA for research projects addressing "The Role of Health Policy and Health Insurance in Improving Access to and Performance of Cancer Prevention, Early Detection, and Treatment Services;"](#) deadline for applications are **April 1 and October 15, 2015.**
- [American Cancer Society Funding Opportunities,](#) including Physician Training, Postdoctoral Fellowship, Research Professor, Pilot and Exploratory Studies Using CBPR to Achieve Cancer Health Equity, Palliative Care, Health Policy, Research Scholar, Mentored Research Scholar grants; **deadline for Spring funding call is April 1, 2015.**
- [Brain Health Alliance Virtual Institute 2015 Summer Educational Program-stipends available;](#) high school, college or graduate students are invited to apply; **deadline is April 15.**
- [CDMRP Department of Defense Breast Cancer Research Grants Announced;](#) Innovator, Breakthrough and Distinguished Investigator Awards; **pre-application deadline is April 8 for some, April 24 for others.** See website for details.
- [IDeA co-funding initiative announced: If you are submitting applications to NIH for R01 and R15 awards, please make sure that your program officer knows that you are from an IDeA state and, therefore, eligible for co-funding](#) The IDeA co-funding initiative requests applications once a year. This year deadline is April 10, 2015.

NIGMS will co-fund awards to support research project grants applications from investigators within IDeA eligible states. NIGMS will provide support to applicants whose proposals received excellent ratings through the peer review process but fell short of the Institute's or Center's (ICs) pay line; **deadline April 10, 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.**

[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, Co-Director
Claire F. Verschraegen, MD, Co-Director
Kate Webster, Administrative Director
Sarah Koblin, Communications Manager