Thursday, May 28, 2015

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Event Spotlight

Men's Health and Cancer Conference

An Educational Event for the General Public
Students encouraged to attend.

Sullivan Classroom (MedEd 200)
8 AM to 12 PM

Events Calendar

May 2015

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

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

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.

9 CMB Seminar featuring UVM Cancer Center's Joyce Thompson, PhD.; 11:30-12:30, Davis Auditorium.

Michelle Bennett, PhD and Howard Gadlin, PhD, representatives from the National Institutes of Health, were featured guests at the University of Vermont (UVM) Cancer Center's May 22, 2015 Research Mini Symposium, focused on "Team Science." The half-day event brought 45 individuals from the Cancer Center and University together to learn about building successful teams and to actively launch new team investigations.

Trust, leadership, communication, patience, planning--all ingredients to succeeding in collaborative team-based investigations or projects--were topics covered in Gadlin and Bennett's morning lecture. The day ended with a facilitated workshop where participants self-assigned to one of seven groups based on common research interests. Topics ranged from multi-drug resistance in cancer, to coagulation and cancer, to integrative medicine.

Internal funding will be available in early fall to competitively support teams who continue working toward new ideas. The UVM Cancer Center hopes to make such workshops an annual event, but, in the meantime, encourages members, and others interested in participating in team-based cancer investigation, to seek out Cancer Center leadership for support in building teams and new ideas.

To learn more about the UVM Cancer Center's research programs, or the projects launched at the 2015 Research Mini Symposium, contact UVM Cancer Center Administrative Director, Kate Webster, or UVM Cancer Center Director, Gary Stein, PhD.
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.

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**July 2015**

**UV Safety Month**

18 **Komen Race for the Cure VT**: Manchester, VT.

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**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!

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.

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**October 2015**

**MMM Research Program Meeting: June 29, 2015**

The UVM Cancer Center's Molecular Mechanisms of Malignancy (MMM) research program will host a meeting on Monday, June 29th from 4-5:30 PM in HSRF 200. A presentation by UVM Cancer Center members Matt Kinsey, MD, and Jos van der Velden, PhD, titled "Investigation of the Pathophysiologic Associations of GSTP1 in Emphysema and Lung Cancer," will be featured.

Additionally, the meeting is meant to facilitate discussions about and support for new research ideas, funding opportunities as well as mentoring and resources. All UVM Cancer Center members are encouraged to attend.

For more information, please contact program leaders Marc Greenblatt, MD and Janet Stein, PhD.

**UVM Cancer Center Fellows at ASCO**

The annual meeting of the American Society for Clinical Oncology (ASCO) will begin on Friday, May 29th in Chicago, IL. This year, three hematology/oncology fellows from UVM will be presenting research posters representing clinical investigation they've executed during their clinical training:

- **Yongli Ji, MD, PhD** will be presenting "DNA repair landscape of discordant sibling pairs from hereditary breast cancer families."
- **Joanne Monterroso, MD** will present "Effects of strength training intervention in breast cancer survivors."
- **Samir Abrale, MD, MPH** will be presenting; "The influence of inflammation on mammographic breast density in women at increased risk of breast cancer."

**Updates to Clinic Waiting Area**

Thanks to support from the Victoria Buffum Endowment at the University of Vermont Cancer Center, renovations to the waiting area for the hematology and oncology clinic are nearly complete. The space, which is utilized by
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).

Courses Available in Clinical and Translational Science

UVM Cancer Center members may wish to take advantage of courses offered by the Vermont Center for Clinical and Translational Science here at UVM. Upcoming courses include:

CTS 301 Designing Clinical & Translational Research (3 cr)  NEW ONLINE VERSION!
Wednesdays 3:00 to 6:00 pm

CTS 305 Cell to Society - Cardiovascular Disease is the Fall 15 topic (2 cr)
Thursdays 1:00-4:00

CTS 310 Conducting Clinical and Translational Research (3cr)
Mondays 1:00 to 4:00 pm

nearly 40,000 patient visits annually, was reconfigured to allow for more effective seating options, improved lighting, and to create a relaxing and elegant space for patients and visitors to wait for care. Additions include a commissioned triptych painting of views from Coates Island in Colchester, created by local artist Elizabeth Allen. The paintings are to honor the memory of Margaret Coates who served on the Buffum Endowment Committee for 10 years, and who passed away suddenly in May 2014. A dedication is scheduled for July. For more information about the Buffum Endowment, please contact Manon O’Connor at manon.oconnor@uvm.edu or 656-4471.
CTS 320 Analyzing Clinical and Translational Research (3cr)
Tuesdays 4:00 to 7:00 pm

NEW COURSE for SPRING 2016!
MED 295 - Big Data Analysis in Medicine and Healthcare (3cr)

For more information about courses, including full descriptions, visit the Center for Clinical and Translational Science's website, or, contact Sylvie Frisbie, program specialist.

Registration Open for Men's Health and Cancer Conference

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.

Chittenden County Relay for Life

The 2015 Chittenden County Relay for Life, hosted by the American Cancer Society, will take place on Friday, June 19. There will be a team from UVM participating in the event, and the UVM Cancer Center will have a table there to highlight programs and research. If you are interested in joining a Relay team, please contact Nicole Messier, team captain.
Publications and Announcements

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

Publications:


IgG4-Related Neuromyopathy Associated With Recurrent Pleural Effusion. Waheed W, Nickerson J, Ambaye AB,


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.
- **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 FUNDING: Fostering Interdisciplinary Scholarship, Arts, & Research** (FISAR): Up to $200,000 in funding is available; The FISAR Grant Program
seeks to identify and promote promising interdisciplinary/multidisciplinary research, scholarship and creative arts bridging the participating Colleges. UVM faculty members in COM, CAS, and CEMS who are active in scholarship, research, and/or creative work are eligible to apply; **deadline is October 15, 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.

**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