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September 14, 2015

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featuring
Phillip Sharp, PhD
MIT Institute Professor and 1993 Nobel Prize Winner

"The Role of Non-Coding RNA in Cancer"

Davis Auditorium
4-5 PM

Events Calendar

September 2015

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

10 Burlington Business Association (BBA) Summer Social to benefit UVM Cancer Center and Respite House in memory of long-time BBA member Barb Bardin; 5 PM to 7:30 PM; food, games, drinks; $35 for non BBA members ($25 for members). [Register here].

12 Sugarbush Polo Club match to benefit the UVM Cancer Center; more details to come [rain date, September 13].

Internal Funding Award Announcements

The UVM Cancer Center is pleased to share news of recently awarded internal funding. Please join us in congratulating the following researchers/research teams (with projects noted):

2015 UVM Cancer Center/LCCRO Pilot Awards:

Daniel J. Weiss, PhD, Ted James, MD and Tobey Clark, MS, "Development of Novel 3D Bioprinted Scaffolds for Reconstructive Use in Breast Cancer Patients."


Jason Stumpff, PhD, Chris Anker, MD and Alan Howe, PhD, "Investigating Kif18A as a therapeutic target for colorectal cancer."

2015 UVM Cancer Center/LCCRO Program Grants:

Mercedes Rincon, PhD, "N-MCJ peptides as therapy to overcome chemoresistance in breast cancer."

Stephanie Pero, PhD, Nikoletta Sidiropoulos, MD, and Dawei Li, PhD, "Molecular response of B cells to a breast cancer using next generation sequencing."

2015 UVM Cancer Center Translational Grant:

Christopher Francklyn, PhD, Mark Plante, MD and Karen Lounsbury, PhD, "Biomarker Assay Development for a Novel Prostate and Ovarian Cancer Antigen."

2015 J. Walter Jucket Scholar Award:

Albert van der Vliet, PhD, "DUOX1 Silencing in Lung Cancer."

For a full description of the types of internal awards available at the UVM Cancer Center, click here.

Juckett Lecture to Host Nobel Prize Winner Phillip Sharp, PhD

The J. Walter Juckett Distinguished Lecture Series is...
J. Walter Juckett Distinguished Lecture, "The roles of non-coding RNA in cancer," 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

1 Cocktails Curing Cancer event to benefit the UVM Cancer Center and the American Cancer Society; Catamount Country Club.

2 18th Annual Women’s Health and Breast Cancer Conference. REGISTRATION OPEN!

5-7 Obesity & Metabolism: An Emerging Frontier in Lung Health and Disease, hosted by Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine at UVM; abstracts being accepted until July 31, 2015.

14-16 UVM Hosts Northeast Regional Life Sciences Core Directors Conference (NERLSCD); Hilton, Burlington, VT and UVM Campus.

20 Special UVM Cancer Center Grand Rounds: Richard Schilsky, MD, Chief Medical Officer of ASCO; he will speak on ASCO’s CancerLinQ™; 8-9 AM.

22 UVM Cancer Center Grand Rounds: James Bradner, MD, Division of Hematologic Malignancies, Dana-Farber; 8-9 AM, Reardon Classroom (Med Ed 300).

Dr. Sharp's pivotal work in the late 1970's provided the first look at the concept of "discontinuous genes" in mammalian cells. The discovery changed our understanding of gene structure and earned Dr. Sharp the 1993 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine. He is an elected member of the National Academy of Sciences, the Institute of Medicine, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Philosophical Society, and the Royal Society, UK. The Sharp Lab today is focused on the biology and technology of small RNAs and other types of non-coding RNAs.

Sharp's September 14 Juckett Lecture, "The roles of non-coding RNA in cancer," is open to the UVM community and other academic partners in the region. Refreshments will be served.

For more information about the event please contact Charles Brooks.
November 2015
Lung and Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month

6 UVM Cancer Center Annual Member Retreat; mandatory meeting for members; 12 PM to 4:30 PM with reception to follow 4:30-5:30, Davis Center Livak Ballroom; Members RSVP to Charles Brooks.

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 Fransisco, CA; abstracts due by September 1, 2015.

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!

The UVM Cancer Center will be hosting a special grand rounds on October 20, 2015 from 8-9 AM in the Larner Classroom featuring Richard Schilsky, MD, Chief Medical Officer for ASCO. Schilsky, an international expert in gastrointestinal malignancies and cancer pharmacology, will present "CancerLinQ: A rapid learning system for oncology." The presentation will detail the new, cutting-edge health information technology platform, described by ASCO as revolutionizing the way in which cancer providers will provide care to patients.

To learn more about CancerLinQ, click here.

Please contact Linda Norton for more information about this event.

Research Posters Requested at Women's Health and Cancer Conference

Once again the UVM Cancer Center will host a scientific poster exhibition at the annual Women's Health and Breast Cancer Conference. This year, space is limited and UVM Cancer Center members are invited first to exhibit their research for the public and providers attending. Research may cover any topic relevant to women’s health and cancer—not just breast cancer research.

Please fill out the poster submission form and forward to Laura Broome at the UVM Cancer Center to confirm your participation. For more information about the poster exhibition, and to find the poster submission form, click here.

SAVE THE DATE: UVM Cancer Center 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
take place in the **UVM Davis Center's Livak Ballroom**, is mandatory for all members.

An agenda and full schedule will be distributed to members closer to the event.

For more information, or, to RSVP, please contact [Charlie Brooks](mailto:Charlie.Brooks@uvm.edu).

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**Cocktails Curing Cancer**

Local nonprofit, Cocktails Curing Cancer, will once again host their annual event to raise funds and awareness for Breast Cancer research and education. The event, which benefits both the UVM Cancer Center and the American Cancer Society's Making Strides efforts, will take place on Thursday, October 1, 2015. Tickets for the popular event go on sale on August 27th--mark your calendars as tickets sell out extremely fast!!

To learn more about the event, or to buy tickets on August 27 (see the lower left corner of the event site), click here.

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**SKIDA +1 Supporting Patients**

![Image of people gathered for SKIDA +1 event]

Compassionate care, innovative treatments. Community collaboration.
Local business owner and rising outdoor fashion celebrity Corinne Prevot visited the UVM Cancer Center on August 7 to have her photo taken with members of the hematology/oncology team and to learn about the UVM Cancer Center. Through her business, SKIDA, which produces locally-made, limited edition headwear and other accessories, Corinne donates hats to cancer clinics throughout the state, including the UVM Cancer Center. Sue-Ellen Booher coordinates with SKIDA's Plus One program to connect patients with the high-end hats, which come in a variety of modern colors and patterns and are extremely soft and comfortable. Prevot was inspired to extend her company's focus on social responsibility with the Plus One program when she realized how appreciated her hats were by cancer patients.

**If you purchase a SKIDA hat with the Plus One promotion code VTCC, a hat is donated to the UVM Cancer Center for our patients!**

To learn more about the SKIDA Plus One program, or to view their products, [click here.](#)

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**GE Employees Donate Care Packages to Clinic**

GE Healthcare employees Marcy McDade, Jackie Ryan, Travis Luck, AJ Canty and Cat Pana deliver patient care packages to the UVM Cancer Center.
On Thursday, August 19 a group of employees from GE Healthcare delivered numerous patient care packages to the UVM Cancer Center. The group represent the GE Healthcare team here in Vermont who make giving back to the community a priority. As a group they decided to focus their efforts on helping patients at the UVM Cancer Center. With a wish list from UVM Cancer Center nurses in hand, they collected goodies like puzzle books, lip balm, candy, ear plugs--along with a note of inspiration from the GE Healthcare team, and delivered them for distribution to patients.

The group stayed for a tour of the Cancer Center and were impressed to learn about all that happens here--from patient care to supportive services to a range of research.

Thank you GE Healthcare!

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**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:

- **Lymphoma Research Foundation Clinical Investigator Career Development Award, Research Mentoring Award and Career Development Award**; deadline is September 2, 2015.
- **Gilead Sciences Research Scholars Program in Hematology/Oncology**; financial support to 3 junior faculty researchers in the United States and Canada for a 2-year period. Each award is funded...
up to $130,000, to be paid in annual installments of up to $65,000 per year for 2 years; **deadline is Friday, September 4, 2015, midnight EST.**

- **NIH Common Fund Glycoscience Program;** multiple awards available; **letters of intent due September 15, 2015.**

- **UVM Engaged Practices Innovation (EPI) Grant Program;** to stimulate development of innovative projects that increase student engagement; **deadline for spring 2016 projects is October 1, 2015.**

- **Melanoma Research Alliance Team Science Award;** **deadline for letter of intent is October 12, 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.**

- **Melanoma Research Foundation Young Investigator Award and Academic-Industry Partnership Award;** **deadline for proposals is November 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.

**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](#).