Please send submissions for the eALERT to Sarah Keblin by 4 PM Wednesday for submission in the current week's issue.

**Thursday, October 2, 2014**

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**Weekly Event Spotlight**

**VCC Joint Program Meeting**

**Friday, October 3**

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**VCC Joint Programs Meeting: MMM and HFTP**

Vermont Cancer Center research programs, *Molecular Mechanisms of Malignancy* and *Host Factors and Tumor Progression*, will host a joint meeting on Friday, October 3, 2014. A special presentation by Mark Plante, MD, Associate Professor and Chief, Division of Urology, and Janice Niklas, Associate Research Professor of Pediatrics, will be featured. The pair will present, "Prostate Cancer Primer-What remains the clinical problem."
HSRF 400, 1:30-3:00 PM

Featuring
Prostate Cancer Primer: What remains the clinical problem

presented by Mark Plante, MD and Janice Nicklas, PhD

Save the Date

October 2014
Breast Cancer Awareness Month

The meeting will take place in HSRF 400 from 1:00 to 3:30 PM. All VCC members are encouraged to attend.

Volunteers Needed for Breast Cancer Conference

The 17th Annual Breast Cancer Conference is one week away! It is not too late to attend or volunteer. If you are interested in attending, click here.

If you'd like to volunteer at the event on Friday, October 10, please contact Charlie Brooks!

3 VCC Joint Program Meeting (MMM and HFTP); Prostate Cancer Primer-What remains the clinical problem; Mark Plante, MD and Janice Nicklas, PhD; HSRF 400, 1:30-3 PM.

3 Biochemistry Seminar; Genetic and epigenetic control of fetal hemoglobin production, featuring Guillaume Lettre, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Université de Montréal; Given C443, 12-1 PM.

7 VCC Grand Rounds; Robotic GU Cancer Surgery featuring Mani Menon, MD, Chair, Dept. of Urology and Director, Vattikuti Urology Institute, Henry Ford Health System, Detroit, MI; Med Ed 300, 8-9 AM.

7 Norris Cotton Cancer Center Grand Rounds via webcast; Oncology Patient Centered Medical Homes: Nexus of Evidence Based Medicine and Payment Reform, Mark W.

Fall 2014 VCC Member Retreat

A Vermont Cancer Center member retreat will take place on Friday, November 14, 2014 from 12-4 PM in the Waterman Building’s Memorial Lounge with an informal reception to follow at Waterman Manor.

The agenda will include updates from each of the research program areas as well as a detailed review of NCI designation guidelines. As a team, VCC members will review and catalogue assets, strengths, and resources as well as identify challenges, and solutions to those challenges, as the Vermont Cancer Center looks ahead to an NCI P30 Cancer Center Grant application.

2014 VCC Clinical and Translational Research Symposium: Nov. 21

Mark your calendar for the 2014 VCC Clinical and Translational Research Symposium on Friday, November 21, 2014. This year’s all-day research meeting will be focused on Molecular and Behavioral Cancer Epidemiology and will cover a wide range of related topics.

The event is open to the entire UVM community as well as individuals from outside academic and clinical organizations. Event co-chairs Chip Cole, PhD, and Tom Ahern, PhD, MPH have arranged an impressive group of both Vermont Cancer Center members and invited guest speakers including Michael Pollak, MD, Director, Division...
Chapman, AB, MBA, LSSBB
EVP Strategy and Quality,
Tennessee Oncology, President,
Chapman Medical Quality; 12-1
live webcast.

8-10  **Beyond the Genome: Cancer Genomics conference;** Harvard Medical School.

9  **Ladies Night Charity Event to benefit the VCC,** presented by Windows and Doors by Brownell; 800 Marshall Ave., Williston, 4:30-7:30 PM. For more info. contact [April Bolin](mailto:April.Bolin@brownellweb.com).

9-10  **12th Annual Discovery on Target: The Industry’s Preeminent Event on Novel Drug Targets;** register by July 11 to save; Westin, Boston.

10  **17th Annual Breast Cancer Conference,** Sheraton Burlington.

12  **Pink Pumpkins Sale to Benefit VCC;** Barnyard Farm Stand, 483 Mill Pond Rd., Colchester, contact JoAn Thibault for more info.

14  **Hematology Problems Conference;** Med Ed 300, 8-9 AM.

16  **Cocktails Curing Cancer;** an event to benefit the Vermont Cancer Center and American Cancer Society; Union Station, Burlington, 5-8 PM (*event is sold out!*).

24  **Mahana Magic Monster Bash** to benefit child-life services at the Vermont Cancer Center; Old Lantern, Charlotte, 7-11 PM.

26-31  **AACR Translational Cancer Research for Basic Scientists Workshop;** Boston, MA.

of Cancer Prevention, McGill University; **Lorelei Mucci, MPH, ScD,** Associate Professor of Epidemiology, Harvard School of Public Health and **Susan Hankison, MS, MPH, ScD,** Professor of Epidemiology, UMass School of Public Health and Health Sciences.

Junior investigators will also be invited to speak and will be selected from among those that submit posters for the day’s scientific poster presentation. The poster session is open to all attendees and poster topics do not need to directly correlate to the theme of the meeting. If you are interested in contributing a poster, please contact [Charles Brooks](mailto:Charles.Brooks@mahana.org). **Junior investigators will be invited to speak based upon submission of a scientific poster.**

For more information about this event please contact [Charles Brooks](mailto:Charles.Brooks@mahana.org). A full agenda for this event will be posted to [www.vermontcancer.org](http://www.vermontcancer.org) by Friday, October 17.

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**5th Annual Monster Bash to Benefit Child Life Services at the VCC**

Mahana Magic will host its 5th Annual Monster Bash, to benefit child life services at the Vermont Cancer Center, on Friday, October 24th from 7-11 PM at the Old Lantern in Charlotte. Tickets are on sale now! [Click here](http://www.mahanamagic.org) for more information or to purchase tickets.

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**Mrs. Vermont's Temporary Buzz to Benefit the VCC**
28  **VCC Grand Rounds:** Bone Marrow Failure Syndromes; Akiko Shimamura, MD PhD, University of Washington, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center; Med Ed 300, 8-9 AM.

30  **J. Walter Juckett Distinguished Lecture:** Interweaving the Threads of the p53, Inflammation and Non-Coding RNA Networks into the Tapestry of Cancer and Aging; Curtis Harris, MD, adjunct professor of medicine at Georgetown University and longtime leader in the field of molecular carcinogenesis.

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**November 2014**

9-12  **AACR Conference on The Science of Cancer Health Disparities:** San Antonio, TX.

18-21  **AACR International Symposium on Molecular Targets and Cancer Therapeutics:** Barcelona, Spain.

21  **VCC Clinical and Translational Research Symposium:** Molecular and Behavioral Cancer Epidemiology; Davis Auditorium, Fletcher Allen Health Care, 8:00-4:30. RSVP to Charles Brooks.

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**December 2014**

1-4  **AACR Special Conference on Tumor Immunology and Immunotherapy:** A New Chapter; Orlando, FL.

9-13  **San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium:** registration deadline is Friday, October 31;

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Sera Anderson, Mrs. Vermont 2014, hosted a fundraising event on Saturday, September 27 at Arrowhead Golf Course in Milton, VT to benefit pediatric cancer research at the Vermont Cancer Center. Her efforts to bring a community together to raise funds culminated in the September 27 event where she and other friends and family publicly shaved their heads. On hand to offer support and appreciation were VCC co-director Gary Stein, PhD, chair of pediatrics at UVM and the Vermont Children's Hospital Lewis First, MD and senior director for development at the Vermont Cancer Center.

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**Ladies Night to Benefit Breast Cancer Research at the VCC**

Williston, Vermont business *Windows and Doors by Brownell* will be hosting a charity event on Thursday, October 9th at their Marshall Avenue showroom from 4:30 to 7:30 PM. Proceeds from the event will support breast cancer research and education efforts happening at the Vermont Cancer Center.

Guests will enjoy complimentary wine and appetizers as well as a host of services and information from favorite local businesses. Vermont Cancer Center members will be on hand to interact with attendees and answer questions about the latest in breast cancer research.

VCC members are encouraged to attend! For more information please contact April Bolin at Windows and Doors by Brownell.

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**Publications and Announcements**

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

**Recent Publications:**


• **Pardee Foundation Grants**: a private foundation funding research directed toward identifying new treatments or cures for cancer with a focus on grant applications for a one year period which will allow establishment of capabilities of new cancer researchers, or new cancer approaches by established cancer researchers; applications due **October 1, 2014** for next cycle of grants.

• **Charles H. Hood Foundation Child Health Research Awards Program**: $150,000 over two years to support newly independent faculty in child health related research; deadline is **October 3, 2014, noon**.

• **NCI Cancer Intervention and Surveillance Modeling Network (CISNET)(U01)**; LOI due **October 14, 2014**.

• **College of Medicine Internal Grant Program and Bridge Support Program**; deadline for each is **midnight, October 31, 2014**.

• **NCI Centers of Cancer Nanotechnology Excellence (CCNEs)(US4)**; deadline for submission is **November 3, 2014**.

• **NCI New Approaches to Synthetic Lethality for Mutant KRas-Dependent Cancers (U01)**; LOI due **30 days before submission** date of application; submission dates are **Nov. 10, 2014 and July 8, 2015**.

• **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Grand Challenges Explorations Awards**: seeking innovative global health and development solutions in any discipline; two page proposals being accepted from **September 4 through November 12, 2014**.

• **NCI Innovative Research in Cancer Nanotechnology (IRCN) (U01)**; deadline for submission *multiple dates* see announcement.

• **Damon Runyon Physician-Scientist Training Award**: four years of funding totaling $460,000 plus debt retirement up to $100,000; deadline for application is **Monday, December 1, 2014**.

• **2015 Kimmel Scholar and Translational Science Award**: $200K over two years for junior faculty research in cancer; application deadline is December 3, 2014.

VCC Internal Funding/Grants Available [Click Here]
Click here to view a full listing of VCC clinical trials.

Ongoing Events

Environmental Pathology and Carcinogenesis Seminar Series
Mondays at Noon, HSRF 200

VCC Grand Rounds
1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th
Tuesday 8-9am, MedEd 300

Please refer to the VCC Website for information regarding regularly scheduled tumor board meetings. Information can be found here.

VCC Leadership:
Gary S. Stein, PhD, Co-Director
Claire F. Verschraegen, MD, Co-Director
Kate Webster, Administrative Director
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