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

Thursday, November 6, 2014

RSVP Needed for VCC Member Retreat: November 14

VCC Research Symposium: Call for Posters and RSVPs

Saint Michael’s College to Honor Legacy of Breast Cancer Advocate Joanne Rathgeb

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**Weekly Event Spotlight**

**Fall 2014 VCC Member Retreat**

VCC members, please RSVP today for the **Friday, November 14 member retreat from 12-5 PM**. A calendar meeting request was sent via Outlook; if you do not use Outlook, please be sure to manually add this to your calendar and send an RSVP to Charlie Brooks. The event will take place in the Waterman building's Memorial Lounge and lunch will be served.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** A group photo will be taken at
VCC Grand Rounds: The Role of Src-family Kinases in Metastatic Progression
Irwin Gelman, PhD
Roswell Park Cancer Institute
Reardon Classroom (Med Ed 300)
8-9 AM

Save the Date

November 2014
Lung and Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month

7 Biochemistry Seminar: The Squid Giant Axon and Tau: A Classic System Tackles a New Problem, featuring Christopher Berger, PhD, UVM Dept. of Molecular Physiology and Biophysics; Given C443, 12 PM.

11 VCC Grand Rounds: The Role of Src-family Kinases in Metastatic Progression, Irwin H. Gelman, PhD, Roswell Park Cancer Institute; Reardon Classroom (Med Ed 300), 8-9 AM.

11 Norris Cotton Cancer Center Grand Rounds Via Live Webcast: Identifying Women at Risk for Breast Cancer Using a Patient-reported NCCN Checklist, featuring Elissa Ozanne, PhD, Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice; 12-1 PM, click here to connect to

approximately 12:30 PM.

If you have any questions about the retreat please contact VCC Administrative Director, Kate Webster.

2014 VCC Clinical and Translational Research Symposium: Nov. 21

Deadlines Approaching!

RSVP today for the upcoming VCC Clinical and Translational Symposium!

Submit a poster (representing any cancer-related research here at UVM) for a day-long exhibition and competition. Cash prizes in each of the Pre/Post-Doc and Faculty/Staff categories will be awarded. Poster abstracts must be received by November 14.

Present a junior investigator talk during Symposium! Abstracts must be received by Friday, November 7 in order to be considered for a junior investigator mini-presentation.

Link to Full Agenda

Questions? Please contact Sarah Keblin.
12 Pathology Grand Rounds: Unfolded Protein Response in Asthma, Vikas Anathy, PhD, UVM College of Medicine; Davis Auditorium, 1-2 PM.

14 VCC Member Retreat; for VCC members and staff only; 12-5 PM, Memorial Lounge, Waterman Building; for more information please contact Charles Brooks.

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

16 Leunigs' Bistro Event to Benefit the VCC. All-day proceeds from sales to benefit men's cancer research at the VCC.

18 VCC Grand Rounds; Chronic Opioid Protocol presentation and practical training, featuring Carlos Pino, MD; Reardon Classroom (MedEd 300), 8-9 AM.

19 Pathology Grand Rounds: Advancing and Securing Our Future in the Evolving Pathology Political Landscape, Gene Herbek, MD, FACP, President of the College of American Pathologists; Davis Auditorium, 1-2 PM.

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

Saint Michael's College to Honor Legacy of Breast Cancer Advocate Joanne Rathgeb

Colleagues, friends and students will be honoring long-time breast cancer advocate Joanne Rathgeb who passed away 20 years ago this month. There are a series of events to honor Rathgeb, beginning on Monday, November 10 with a remembrance celebration. The event will take place at 4 PM in the Farrell Room of St. Edmund's Hall at St. Michael's College. On November 12-15 St. Michael's student will present the play "Proof" in Rathgeb's honor. They will also be collecting donations at the performances to benefit the Breast Care Center at the Vermont Cancer Center.

For more information please contact Peter Harrigan at St. Michael's College.
December 2014

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

2  VCC Special Lecture: Nanoknife, featuring Paul Oberstein, MD, New York Presbyterian Hospital, Columbian University Medical Center; Reardon Classroom (Med Ed 300), 8-9 AM (no CME).

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

Return of the MO--to Benefit the VCC!

November is under way and so is facial hair growth for a fantastic group of providers, staff and students at the Vermont Cancer Center! They have launched a local effort to build awareness and funding for men's cancer research and education efforts happening here at the Vermont Cancer Center. They’ve dubbed their effort Brovember, and invite others in the community to join in the fun. You don't have to grow a "Mo" to participate. You can donate to a "bro" growing a "Mo" or make a general donation to the cause. To learn more click here, or, contact Sr. Director of Development Manon O'Connor.
Leunigs' Bistro to Host November 16 Fundraiser for Men's Cancer Research and Education at the VCC

In follow-up to their month-long efforts to raise funds and awareness for the High Risk Breast Program at the Vermont Cancer Center, Leunigs' Bistro, on Church Street in Burlington, will be hosting an all-day fundraiser on Sunday, November 16th. Proceeds from sales throughout the day will benefit men's health and cancer research and education efforts at the Vermont Cancer Center.

Mark you calendar and join other VCC members, staff and faculty for brunch, lunch or dinner!

VCC providers and researchers are joined by Leunigs' Bistro's Bob Conlon to kick off "Brovement"

For more information, please contact Manon O'Connor.
Clinical Trials News

Three New PARP Inhibitor Trials in Breast and Ovarian Cancer Patients with BRCA1 or BRCA2 Mutations

There are currently three PARP inhibitor trials available at Fletcher Allen Health Care for individuals with BRCA mutations. Two are for breast cancer patients, and one for ovarian cancer patients. The first breast trial is comparing the efficacy and tolerability of Olaparib (the PARP inhibitor) to the physician’s choice between three different regimens (capecitabine, vinorelbine, or eribulin) for metastatic BRCA1/2 mutated patients. Potential participants should have received prior treatment with an anthracycline and taxane in either an adjuvant or metastatic setting and must be HER2 negative.

The second breast trial is a double-blind, placebo-controlled trial comparing the efficacy and tolerability of carboplatin and paclitaxel plus veliparib (the PARP inhibitor)/placebo for locally advanced and unresectable or metastatic BRCA1/2 mutated patients. Potential participants should not have received treatment with a taxane previously and must be HER2 negative.

The ovarian trial is a double-blind placebo-controlled trial looking at Olaparib monotherapy as a maintenance regimen in patients with ovarian cancer and BRCA mutations following first-line, platinum-based chemotherapy. These patients must have completed first line platinum therapy with clinical complete response or partial response and have no clinical evidence of disease progression on the post treatment scan nor a rise in CA-125.

All of these trials can be found on the Vermont Cancer Center website which contains contact information for each of the three studies.

For more information about the breast trials contact Hannah Eldred; for the ovarian trial contact Jen Holmes.

Click here to view a full listing of VCC clinical trials.

Publications and Announcements

*Please send announcements and publication notices to Sarah Keblin for inclusion in the weekly eALERT and other promotional material*
Recent Publications by VCC Members:


Funding Opportunities

Green indicates NEW this week

- **AACR Stand Up to Cancer Ovarian Cancer Research Fund, National Ovarian Cancer Coalition Translational Research Dream Team Grant**: deadline for letter of intent is **November 7, 2014, 12 PM**.

- **NSF Major Instrumentation (MRI) Program**: UVM may submit up to three proposals for instrumentation development and acquisition, maximum award is $4M; letter of intent should describe instrument development or acquisition for which support is sought, potential users of the instrument, plan for cost-sharing, and why proposed project would be competitive for award. Letter should also describe instrument's potential to support activities of one or more of the University's strategic initiatives. Letters should also include an endorsement from the appropriate Department Chair and Dean. Proposed projects will be evaluated using the following criteria: the two standard NSF criteria, Intellectual Merit and Broader Impacts; project alignment with the program goals; project feasibility strength; and thoroughness of the cost share plan **letters of intent due to UVM's Hilda Alajajian by November 10, 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.**

• **UVM Reach Grants;** providing seed funding to promote innovative research, scholarship and creative arts at UVM; deadline for submission is **December 5, 2014.**

• **Landon Foundation-AACR Innovator Award for Research in Tumor Microenvironment;** 2-year, $135,000 junior faculty grant for AACR members; application deadline is **December 9, 2014, noon.**

• **NIH Director’s Early Independence Awards (DP5);** limited competition award--UVM may put forth two applicants and is seeking nominations for investigators who wish to pursue independent research directly after completion of their terminal doctoral/research degree or clinical residency, thereby forgoing the traditional post-doctoral training period; **please send nominees’ CV and a brief statement speaking to the strengths of the nominee to UVM's Hilda Alajajian by November 17, 2014 (letters of intent for invited nominees will be due on December 30, 2014, with full application due January 30, 2015.**

VCC Internal Funding/Grants Available [Click Here]

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**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
Sarah Keblin, Communications Manager