Thursday, September 11, 2014

Breast Cancer Conference: Register Today!

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Special VCC Grand Rounds and Faculty/Staff reception in Remembrance of Steve Grunberg, MD

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**Weekly Event Spotlight**

**Breast Cancer Conference:**
Register Today and Request for Scientific Posters

The 17th Annual Breast Cancer Conference is just one
Cattle Baron's Ball to benefit Burlington's Hope Lodge

Friday, September 12
The Old Lantern, Charlotte
6-10 PM

Contact Kathleen Schirling to Register

Save the Date

September 2014
National Prostate Cancer, Childhood Cancer, National Ovarian Cancer, Gynecologic Cancer, Leukemia and Lymphoma, and Thyroid Cancer Awareness Month

12 ACS Cattle Baron’s Ball to support Hope Lodge of Burlington, VT; The Old Lantern, Charlotte, VT, 6 PM.

12 Biochemistry Seminar; Hypothiocyanate metabolism: A missing link between lung host defense and disease; Brian Day, PhD, Professor and Vice Chair, Research, National Jewish Institute Given C443, 12-1 PM.

12 Buffum Grants Due!

14-17 AACR Special Conference on Targeting the PI3K-mTOR Network in Cancer; Philadelphia, PA.

month away! If you haven't registered yet, you can do so by going to www.VermontCancer.org, or by calling 656-2292. Advance registration is encouraged as sessions are filling up. Continuing medical education credits are available for numerous presentations, including sessions covering opiate addiction, palliative care and cardiac health and cancer. VCC member Thomas Ahern, PhD, MPH will present the keynote address titled "Looking for Avoidable Causes of Breast Cancer: No Trivial Pursuit!"

Once again the conference will host an all-day scientific poster exhibition highlighting research in the area of breast and women’s health from the Vermont Cancer Center and its affiliated organizations. The poster exhibit will serve to educate the more than 800 attendees, including survivors, physicians, researchers and the general public, about current research underway in the area of breast and women's health. VCC members, as well as all UVM faculty, staff and students are strongly encouraged to submit a poster for the conference.

To learn about submitting a poster click here.

To register for the conference click here.

VCC Members Participate in 2nd Annual Vermont Center on Behavior and Health Conference

The Vermont Center on Behavior and Health (VCBH) will present its second annual conference on October 2 & 3 at the Burlington Hilton Hotel. Among the presenters are VCC members Susan Lakoski, MD and Stephen Higgins, PhD. Higgins, Director of the VCBH, will be presenting "Challenges of Cigarette Smoking Among Disadvantaged Women," and Lakoski will participate in the panel on obesity with a presentation titled,"The Impact of Socioeconomic Status on Exercise, Obesity and Other Risk Behaviors Among Women with a Diagnosis of Ductal Carcinoma in Situ."
16  VCC and Ob/Gyn Combined Grand Rounds; Lynch Syndrome Screening: Leslie Bradford, MD, Assistant Professor, Og/Gyn, UMASS Memorial Health Care; Davis Auditorium, 7:30-8:30 AM.

16  Norris Cotton Cancer Center Grand Rounds Via live webcast; Ecological Momentary Tobacco, Thomas Kirchner, PhD, American Legacy Foundation; view webcast here, 12-1 PM.

19  Biochemistry Seminar; Extending Controlled Chemical Synthesis to Larger Length-Scales; Severin Schneebeli, Assistant Professor, UVM Dept. of Chemistry; Given C443, 12-1 PM.

20  Komen Vermont Race for the Cure; Hildene Meadows, Manchester, VT.

20-23  AACR Hematologic Malignancies: Translating Discoveries to Novel Therapies; Philadelphia, PA.

20-23  AACR Special Conference on: Advances in Melanoma From Biology to Therapy; Philadelphia, PA.

24  Pathology and Laboratory Sciences Grand Rounds; Medico Legal Issues in Pathology; Timothy Allen, MD, JD, Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, University of Texas; Davis Auditorium, 1-2 PM.

26  Special VCC Grand Rounds in honor of the late Steven Grunberg, MD; guest speaker Charles Loprinzi, MD, of Mayo Clinic; Davis Auditorium, 4-5 PM with a special dedication ceremony to follow for faculty.

The event is full, however, interested parties can call Marissa Wells (802) 656-0079 to be added to a waiting list.

On September 17th the VCBH will also be hosting a lecture featuring guest speaker Jesse Dallery, PhD from the University of Florida, titled "Digital and Behavioral Technology to Promote Health Behavior." The lecture takes place in Davis Auditorium from 12-1 PM.

American Lung Association to Host Free Lung Cancer Workshop

The American Lung Association (ALA), with a grant from the Cancer Support Community and in partnership with Vermonters Taking Action Against Cancer (VTAAC), is hosting a workshop for lung cancer survivors and their families on November 7 at the ALA in Williston. This free, two-hour workshop will cover the latest in lung cancer treatment, and provide information on side effects management, and tools to overcome the social and emotional challenges of a lung cancer diagnosis.

VCC members Claire Verschraegen, MD and Gerry Davis, MD will be among the presenters.

For more information, or for help in referring patients, please email Rebecca Ryan at the ALA, or call (802) 876-6862.

Loprinzi to Present Special VCC Grand Rounds

VCC members and staff are invited to a reception on Friday, September 26 at 5 PM to join with colleagues in remembering caregiver, colleague and friend, Steve Grunberd, MD. The reception is for VCC members and faculty and staff only, and will take place in the Hem/Onc waiting room.

Preceding the reception is a special VCC grand rounds, featuring Charles Loprinzi, MD of Mayo Clinic, who knew Steve Grunberg and will join in honoring him at his lecture. His lecture is titled, "An Odyssey into the Land of Symptom Control."
and staff only.

26 Leukemia and Lymphoma Society’s Light the Night Walk; Memorial Auditorium, Burlington, 6-9 PM.

27 "Temporary Buzz"; a family event, hosted by Mrs. Vermont, at Arrowhead Golf Courses in Milton to benefit the VCC.

27 CPS Annual Evening Song Event to benefit patient support services at the VCC and the CPS Emergency Fund.

28-Oct. 1 AACR International Conference on Frontiers in Cancer Prevention in Research; New Orleans, LA.

October 2014
Breast Cancer Awareness Month

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.

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

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.,

The lecture will take place from 4-5 PM in Davis Auditorium with the reception for faculty and staff only to follow.

VCC Research Symposium 2014: Molecular and Behavioral Cancer Epidemiology

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. This 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 are planning a full day covering a range of topics. Invited guest speakers include: Michael Pollak, MD, Director, Division 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.

The event will also host junior investigator talks and a scientific poster session open to all Symposium participants. 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. Junior investigators will be invited to speak based upon submission of a scientific poster.

A formal invite for VCC members will be sent soon; for more information about this event please contact Charles Brooks.

Leunig’s Bistro Raises Funds and Awareness for VCC’s High Risk Breast Program

Leunigs Bistro, a mainstay in elegant dining on Burlington’s Church Street, is raising funds and awareness for the VCC’s High Risk Breast Program throughout the month of September and October. In
Colchester, contact JoAn Thibault for more info.

16  **Cocktails Curing Cancer**: an event to benefit the VCC and ACS. Tickets go on sale Septebmer 2.

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

30  **J. Walter Juckett Distinguished Lecture**: 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.

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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;

addition to a very successful *Wine, Women and Song* event held on Monday September 5th, Leunigs is donating a portion of proceeds from every glass of wine sold throughout the two months to the VCC.

The restaurant is also planning another event in November to raise funds and awareness for men’s health and cancer research and education efforts at the Vermont Cancer Center. More information about this new event to come!

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**Gardener's Supply Launches 'Pumpkins for a Purpose' in Support of the VCC**

Gardener's Supply, located in both Burlington and Williston, has once again pledged support to the VCC's Breast Cancer Research and Education Fund through its *Pumpkins for a Purpose* program. All proceeds from pumpkin sales this fall will be donated to the Vermont Cancer Center. The VCC is incredibly grateful for the continued support of Gardener's Supply!

Now through October 31 Gardener’s Supply will donate 100% of the profits from all pumpkin sales to the Vermont Cancer Center at UVM in partnership with Fletcher Allen Health Care.

**Why buy a PUMPKIN?**

- Support a local breast cancer resource
- You’ll be entered to win an exclusive pink garden cart
- It’s fall everyone needs one
VCC Patient Hosts Book Event

VCC patient and author, David Kalish, will be hosting an event where he will be signing copies of his award-winning novel, *The Opposite of Everything*, a humorous twist on his battle with cancer. The event is at Flying Pig Books in Shelburne, VT on Thursday, September 18, at 7 PM.

Publications and Announcements

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

Recent Publications:

**Structural insights into eukaryotic DNA replication.**


Funding Opportunities
Green indicates NEW this week

- **Victoria Buffum Endowment at FAHC**; patient services/support call for proposals; accepting applications through **September 12, 2014**.

- **Hope Funds for Cancer Research Postdoctoral Fellowship**; three years of funding plus travel awards; the mission of the Hope Funds for Cancer Research is to encourage investigation of innovative cancer treatment and detection for the most difficult-to-treat and understudied cancers pre-application due **September 18, 2014**.

- **Prostate Cancer Foundation Invites Applications for 2014 Award for Lethal Prostate Cancer Research**; preference for "high risk, first-in-field, and currently unfunded projects"; deadline **September 22, 2104**.

- **NCI Cancer Research Network Scholars Program**; 26-month training program to support junior faculty toward independent research; deadline for **LOI is September 15, 2014, full application Decembe**r **1, 2014**.

- **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**.

- **NCI Centers of Cancer Nanotechnology Excellence (CCNEs)(U54)**; 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 $460,00 plus debt retirement up to $100,000; deadline for application is Monday, December 1, 2014.

VCC Internal Funding/Grants Available [Click Here]

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**Clinical Trials**

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

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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](#).
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