Vermont Cancer Center Welcomes New Administrative Director

Thursday, September 18, 2014

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Please send submissions for the eALERT to Sarah Keblin by 4 PM Wednesday for submission in the current week's issue.
The Vermont Cancer Center is pleased to announce the arrival of Kate Webster as Administrative Director for the Vermont Cancer Center.

Kate joins the University of Vermont from the Massey Cancer Center at the Virginia Commonwealth University where she has been serving as Senior Research Administrator. In her role at Massey she was responsible for the programmatic and financial administration of the National Cancer Institute's P30 Center Grant as well as management of Cancer Center intramural funding mechanisms, reporting, pre- and post-award grant administration for extramural funding, as well as strategic planning and support for development activity, program development, community events and overall strategic direction for leadership at the Massey Cancer Center.

Kate, a native Vermonter, is excited to return to Vermont to contribute to the Vermont Cancer Center mission. She will be an instrumental leader for the Vermont Cancer Center and its members. Please join us in welcoming Kate!

Biochemistry Seminar
Severin Schneebeli, PhD
Assistant Professor, UVM Department of Chemistry

Extending Controlled Chemical Synthesis to Larger Length Scales

Friday, September 19
Given C443
12-1 PM

Save the Date

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

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.

Breast Cancer Conference: Register Today and Request for Scientific Posters

The 17th Annual Breast Cancer Conference is just three weeks away and sessions are filling fast!

If you haven't registered, you may do so by going to www.VermontCancer.org, or by calling 656-2292.
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!"

**Call for Posters!!**

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.](#)

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**VCC Member Retreat: SAVE THE DATE**

VCC members should mark their calendars for the upcoming, fall member retreat. The meeting will take place on **Friday, November 14, 2014 in Stafford room 101 from 12 to 5 PM.**

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.

**VCC at Komen Race for the Cure**

Representatives from the Vermont Cancer Center will be at the annual Komen Race for the Cure in Manchester, VT on Saturday September 20th! This annual event is a key fundraiser for the VT-NH Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Foundation--a major supporter of the Vermont Cancer Center's Annual Breast Cancer Conference.
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 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.

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.

16 Cocktails Curing Cancer; an event to benefit the VCC and ACS. Tickets go on sale September 2.

24 Mahana Magic Monster Bash to benefit child-life services at the Vermont Cancer Center; Old VCC member Tom Ahern, PhD, MPH, who received a Susan G. Komen Foundation national grant for his research on phthalate exposure and breast cancer, will also be attending the event. He will be sharing information about his research with the thousands of participants walking and running.

For more information about the event click here.

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 Grunberg, 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."

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
Lantern, Charlotte, 7-11 PM.

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; San Antonio, TX.

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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.

For more information about this event please contact Charles Brooks.

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**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.

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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.

**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!

**Publications and Announcements**

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

**Recent Publications:**


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**Funding Opportunities**

*Green indicates NEW this week*

- **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 December 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**.

• **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)(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**
Clinical Trials

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
Sarah Keblin, Communications Manager