

December 14, 2018

Announcements

Dr. Kelsey Martin Joins Orange Care Center

I am pleased to announce that Kelsey Martin, MD, has been appointed an Assistant Professor in Clinical Medicine at Yale Cancer Center and cares for patients at the Smilow Cancer Hospital Cancer Care Center in Orange, CT. Dr. Martin's clinical interests are in hematology, hematologic disorders in pregnancy, chemoprevention, the role of nutrition, obesity, and the environment in cancer, and geriatric oncology.



Prior to joining Yale, Dr. Martin was a clinical instructor at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai and an attending physician at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City, where she completed her fellowship in Hematology and Medical Oncology. Most recently, she practiced at Central Park Hematology & Oncology. She received her Medical Degree from the Royal College of Surgeons in Dublin, Ireland and completed her residency in Internal Medicine at the Jacobi Medical Center/Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York, NY.

Welcome to Smilow

We have updated our patient guide for all new patients at

from the desk of
Charles S. Fuchs, MD, MPH
Director, Yale Cancer Center
and Physician-in-Chief
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Smilow Cancer Hospital and our Care Centers. The publication includes information on locations, a patient's first appointment, appointment phone numbers, supportive care services, and other helpful resources to introduce a patient and their family to Smilow Cancer Hospital and our Care Centers. Print copies have been distributed and are available for our intake coordinators and clinical staff scheduling patients. Please contact [Renee Gaudette](#) if you have questions or would like copies sent to you.

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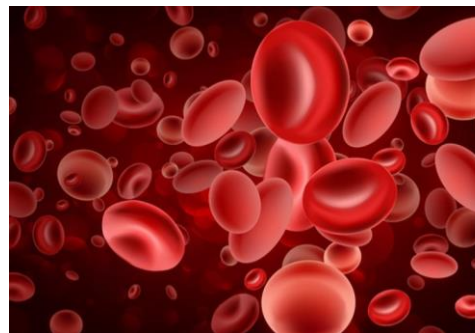
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Notables

Francine Foss, MD, Professor of Medicine (Hematology), presented the results of the Phase One Trial of Cobomarsen, an Inhibitor of Mir-155, in Cutaneous T Cell Lymphoma at the ASH Annual Meeting. Yale Cancer Center/Smilow Cancer



Racial Disparities Seen in Supportive Care Use Among Patients with Multiple Myeloma

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Breaking it Down: How the Chemistry of Digestion is Uncovering Sex-Specific Causes of Colon Cancer

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An Explorer's Mentality Leads to Novel Treatments in Prostate and Bladder Cancer

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Hospital was the lead accrual site in this first in man study.

Susan Baserga, PhD, Professor of Molecular Biophysics & Biochemistry, Genetics, and Therapeutic Radiology, and a member of Yale Cancer Center's Genomics, Genetics, and Epigenetics Research Program, has been elected as a fellow of the **National Academy of Inventors (NAI)**. Dr. Baserga is one of 148 inventors named 2018 NAI fellows by the organization, which annually recognizes the spirit of innovation in creating outstanding inventions.

Anton Bennett, PhD, a member of Yale Cancer Center's Signal Transduction Research Program, has been named the **Dorys McConnell Duberg Professor of Pharmacology**. Dr. Bennett is also a Professor of Comparative Medicine and Director of Biological and Biomedical Sciences, Minority Affairs.

Earlier this year, the **Blavatnik Fund for Innovation at Yale**, announced its 2018 grant awardees, which included several from Yale Cancer Center. Congratulations to **Jeffrey Bender, MD**, Robert I. Levy Professor of Medicine and Professor of Immunobiology (Cancer Immunology Research Program); **Akiko Iwasaki, PhD**, Waldemar Von Zedtwitz Professor of Immunobiology and Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology (Virus and Other Infection-associated Cancers (VOIC) Research Program); **Anna Pyle, PhD**, Sterling Professor of Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology and Professor of Chemistry (VOIC Research Program); **Aaron Ring, MD, PhD**, Assistant Professor of Immunobiology (Cancer Immunology Research Program); and **Alanna Schepartz, PhD**, Sterling Professor of Chemistry (Developmental Therapeutics Research Program).

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Congratulations to the three recipients of the **2019 Lion Heart Grants** to support Breast Cancer Research. The committee selected the following for \$50,000 grants:

Targeting Metabolic Vulnerabilities of Triple Negative Breast Cancer. **Vignesh Gunasekharan, PhD**, Associate Research Scientist, Medical Oncology

DEOXYMAB: A Targeted Biologic that is Synthetically Lethal to Triple Negative Breast Cancer Brain Metastases: **James Hansen, MD, MS**, Associate Professor of Therapeutic



The Role of Surgery in Metastatic Breast Cancer

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Just How Important is the KATHERINE Trial?

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Radiology and a member of Yale Cancer Center's Radiobiology and Radiotherapy Research Program

Feasibility of Expansion and Characterization of Tumor Infiltrating Lymphocytes (TILs) from Breast Cancer. **Tristen Park, MD**, Assistant Professor of Surgery (Oncology) and a member of Yale Cancer Center's Cancer Immunology Research Program

Employee Profile: Hope Menninger

Hope Menninger, MMS, PA-C, was faced with the reality of cancer at an early age when her mother passed away from breast cancer at the age of 50; Hope was just 18. Her grandmother was also diagnosed with breast cancer, her aunt suffers from glioblastoma, and her uncle is living with multiple myeloma. Hope attended Yale Divinity School where she graduated in 2010 and became a hospital chaplain. Frustrated that she could not fully understand what patients were going through, she decided to go back to school and become a Physician Assistant, while working as an EMT and chaplain part-time.



When Hope saw an opening for an inpatient oncology role at Smilow, she knew it would be a unique and challenging opportunity. As an Oncology Advanced Practice Provider (APP), Hope cares for patients receiving treatment for various cancers and helps them manage their side effects, and also the emotional and spiritual impact of cancer. Knowing firsthand what it is like to love someone with cancer, Hope uses her own experiences and knowledge to assist families making difficult end-of-life decisions.

"Loving someone with cancer is not the same as having cancer, but I understand how cancer affects the entire family," said Hope. "We see a lot of different outcomes. Some patients are discharged after chemo and they have a success

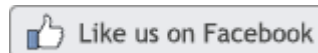


Cancer Disparities Firewall Aims to Provide Knowledge, Access to All

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A few scenes from our holiday party Wednesday night for all physicians, nurses, faculty, and staff at Smilow Cancer Hospital and Yale Cancer Center, and their families. Over 600 people stopped by the Peabody Museum to enjoy the festivities and celebrate the holiday season together!

story, but some patients are here at the end of their lives, or they are transitioned to hospice care. Those scenarios are hard, but I am so honored to be a part of that conversation and offer my insight and support to patients and families."

Vanna M. Dest, MSN, APRN, BC, AOCN, Manager, Oncology Advanced Practice Providers, commented, "Hope joined the Inpatient Oncology APP team in the summer after graduating from PA school and relocating to New Haven. She has been able to incorporate her work as a Chaplain into her current role as she cares for and interacts with oncology patients and their caregivers. She has a kind-hearted, gentle approach with her patients."

#OOTBThanks

YCC #OUTOFTHEBLUETHANKS recently recognized **Jennifer Webster, CPC**, the Clinical Department Liaison for Yale Cancer Center and the Department of Urology for her outstanding commitment to her role. Jennifer was recently called in to a meeting from her honeymoon in order to provide input on an important issue. The team was so appreciative to have this information and for her above-and-beyond effort in getting it to them! Thank you, Jennifer!



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We're proud to announce that Infinite Strength, a non-profit organization led by the incredible efforts of Roberta Lombardi, raised over \$50,000 to support women with breast cancer at its inaugural Evening in Pink event. The funds will help support patient access to Paxman Scalp Cooling Treatment and to help patients cover the cost of basic needs



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Abigail Ressler, a freshman at Amity Regional School District No. 5 in Woodbridge, CT, handcrafted lip scrubs, colorful slime, crayons, and her unique play dough and sold them at a local holiday bazaar to raise over \$1200 to support the new Telesz/Smilow Teen Center. Abigail's efforts are a first for the

YCC #OUTOFTHEBLUETHANKS recently recognized **Gina Cassesse**, a senior administrative assistant, for her amazing support to the Clinical Research Support Laboratory over the past several months. In what started as a temporary assignment, Gina has now become an integral part of this team in a variety of ways, including assisting with staff onboarding, meeting coordination, meeting minutes, and many other tasks in addition to her normal duties supporting the Breast Cancer Team. Thank you, Gina!



Yale Cancer Center's #OUTOFTHEBLUETHANKS program is a staff recognition initiative to show appreciation to employees who have exemplified an above-and-beyond effort or an outstanding contribution to the team. All nominations should be submitted to the Director's Office c/o [Anna Raso](#).

Funding Opportunities

Commercializing Understudied Proteins from the Illuminating the Druggable Genome Project (IDG) (R41/R42) (R43/R44)

The goal of this FOA is to solicit applications from small business concerns (SBCs) to initiate early research ultimately leading to the commercialization of understudied proteins identified in the "Illuminating the Druggable Genome" project.

Application Deadline: January 5, 2019

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Teen Center, which recently opened at Smilow Cancer Hospital.



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Claire Criscuolo, second from left, shares in the joy of giving by donating Claire's Corner Copia gift cards for Smilow Cancer Hospital and Yale New Haven Children's Hospital families who are in New Haven while their loved ones are being cared for. We greatly appreciate the generous support over the years from Claire, her staff, and her wonderful restaurant!



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Did you know one of the side effects of chemotherapy can be negative effects on the heart?

The Cardio-Oncology Program at Smilow Cancer Hospital is designed to

Mark Foundation for Cancer Research ASPIRE Award

ASPIRE Awards are designed to enable innovative approaches to solving high-impact problems in cancer research that tend to fall outside the scope of other funding opportunities.

Application Deadline: January 7, 2019

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NCCN Taiho Trifluridine/Tipiracil Research Grant

NCCN is pleased to announce that it is collaborating with Taiho Oncology, Inc. to offer a new opportunity for the design and performance of clinical and correlative studies of trifluridine/tipiracil, in the treatment of gastrointestinal (GI) malignancies and other solid tumors.

Application Deadline: January 7, 2019

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Approaches to Identify and Care for Individuals with Inherited Cancer Syndromes (U01)

This FOA is associated with the Beau Biden Cancer MoonshotSM Initiative that is intended to accelerate cancer research. The purpose is to increase case ascertainment and appropriate follow-up care, optimizing the delivery of evidence-based healthcare for individuals at high risk of cancer due to an inherited genetic susceptibility.

Application Deadline: January 9, 2019

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Communication and Decision Making for Individuals with Inherited Cancer Syndromes

This FOA is associated with the Beau Biden Cancer MoonshotSM Initiative that is intended to accelerate cancer research. The purpose is to develop, test, and evaluate interventions and implementation approaches, or adapt existing approaches, to improve patient/provider/family risk communication and decision making for individuals and families with an inherited susceptibility to cancer.

Application Deadline: January 9, 2018

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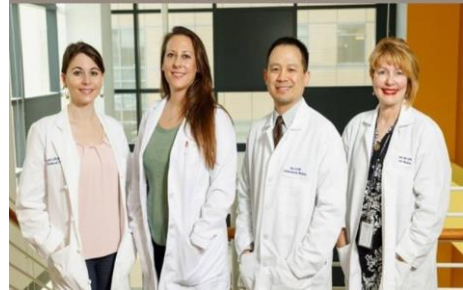
Quantitative Imaging Tools and Methods for Cancer Response Assessment (U01 Clinical Trial Optional)

This FOA is to provide a mechanism of support to research organizations interested in clinically translating already

help address these effects, as well as the confounding problem of co-existing cardiac disease and cancer. With new chemotherapeutic agents being developed, people are living much longer lives and a healthy heart is crucial to being able to enjoy that.

Smilow Cardio-Oncology Program

TO ADDRESS THE CARDIO-TOXIC SIDE EFFECTS OF CHEMOTHERAPY TREATMENT



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Looking for some extra energy for holiday shopping? Try this smoothie recipe from our registered dietitians at Smilow Cancer Hospital.



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A percentage of the sales from bridal dresses at Bridal Trousseau during October were generously donated to the Breast Center at Smilow Cancer Hospital by Mel Ehigiato. Thank you for your wonderful support of our patients!

optimized quantitative imaging software tools capable of measuring or predicting the response of cancer to clinical therapies, or in translating imaging tools for planning and validating radiation therapy treatment strategies in clinical trials.

Application Deadline: January 9, 2019

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NCI Research Specialist (Core-based Scientist) Award (R50 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

This FOA invites grant applications for the Research Specialist Award (R50) in any area of NCI-funded cancer research.

Application Deadline: January 11, 2019

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NCI Research Specialist (Laboratory-based Scientist) Award (R50 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

Through this FOA, the NCI invites grant applications for the Research Specialist Award (R50) in any area of NCI-funded cancer research.

Application Deadline: January 11, 2019

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Immuno-Oncology Translation Network (IOTN): Cancer Immunoprevention Research Projects (U01)

This FOA is associated with the Beau Biden Cancer MoonshotSM Initiative that is intended to accelerate cancer research. The purpose of this specific FOA is to expand Cancer Immunoprevention Research Projects as components of IOTN, which also includes Cancer Immunotherapy Research Projects.

Application Deadline: February 8, 2019

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Immuno-Oncology Translation Network (IOTN): Cancer Immunotherapy Research Projects (U01)


This FOA is associated with the Beau Biden Cancer MoonshotSM Initiative that is intended to accelerate cancer research. The purpose of this FOA is to expand organ site-specific Cancer Immunotherapy Research Projects as components of IOTN.





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 Dr. Lajos Pusztai @YaleCancer discusses the KATHERINE trial for HER2-positive early #breastcancer which has shown improved survival for patients

 A recent paper by our #PalliativeCare (PC) program highlights the growing need for PC among patients with serious illness is outstripped by the short supply of PC specialists. Education of all healthcare providers is needed.

 Goodbye #ASH18! Thank you to all our scientists and clinicians for sharing their important @ASH_hematology research. Now it's on to #SABCS18 to report on the latest treatment developments in #breastcancer.

 We are pleased to welcome @ProfAJChalmers from @UofGlasgow

Application Deadline: February 8, 2019

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Accelerating Colorectal Cancer Screening and follow-up through Implementation Science

The purpose of this FOA is to promote research in colorectal cancer screening, follow-up, and referral-to-care in regions of the United States where screening rates are below national standards.

Application Deadline: February 11, 2019

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Utilizing the PLCO Biospecimens Resource to Bridge Gaps in Cancer Etiology and Early Detection Research

This FOA encourages the submission of applications that propose to advance research in cancer etiology and early detection biomarkers, utilizing the advantages of the unique biorepository resources of the NCI-sponsored Prostate, Lung, Colorectal, and Ovarian Cancer (PLCO) Screening Trial.

Application Deadline: February 11, 2019

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Immuno-Oncology Translation Network (IOTN): Cancer Immunoprevention Research Projects

This FOA is associated with the Beau Biden Cancer MoonshotSM Initiative that is intended to accelerate cancer research. Specifically, this FOA intends to create a translational science network devoted exclusively to immunotherapy approaches to treat and prevent adult cancers.

Application Deadline: February 11, 2019

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Immuno-Oncology Translation Network (IOTN): Immuno-engineering to Improve Immunotherapy (i3) Centers


This FOA is associated with the Beau Biden Cancer MoonshotSM Initiative that is intended to accelerate cancer research. The purpose of this FOA is to develop Immuno-engineering to Improve Immunotherapy (i3) Centers, as new components of the Immuno-Oncology Translation Network (IOTN).


Application Deadline: February 11, 2019


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for a Grand Rounds on #glioblastoma!

 Another great day for our #cancer researchers presenting at #ASH18. Poster sessions included clinical advancements for patients with #myeloma, #CML & #MDS.

 Dr. Amer Zeidan is interviewed @ASH_hematology by national and international media about his #MDS research presented at #ASH18.

 Learn more about the latest advances in gynecological cancers during today's Yale Cancer Answers at 7:30pm on WNPR - CT Public Radio with Dr. Gloria Huang from Smilow Cancer Hospital.

 Our researchers including Dr. John Roberts @DrSusieC2, Dr. Rosalyn Rodwin, Dr. Max Stahl & Xiuqi Li presenting important discoveries at #ASH18!

Calendar

Virus and Other Infection-associated Cancers Research Program

December 14; 1PM

SHM I-304

YSPH Epidemiology Update: Current Work of VOIC Interest

Sten Vermund, MD, PhD

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Yale Cancer Answers

December 16; 7:30PM

WNPR

Connecticut Cancer Partnership

Maria Grove

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Smilow Creative Expression Program Presents: Hope Made Visible

The NCI Predoctoral to Postdoctoral Fellow Transition Award

The purpose of the NCI Predoctoral to Postdoctoral Fellow Transition Award (F99/K00) is to encourage and retain outstanding graduate students recognized by their institutions for their high potential and strong interest in pursuing careers as independent cancer researchers.

Application Deadline: February 22, 2019

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Recent Publications

Yale Cancer Center Precision Medicine Tumor Board: one tumour, multiple targets

Stewart T, Finberg K, Walther Z, Sklar J, Hafez N, Eder JP, Anderson K, Wilson F, Goldberg S.

Lancet Oncol. 2018 Dec. pii: 10.1016/S1470-2045(18)30759-9.

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Simulation training in palliative care: state of the art and future directions

Kozhevnikov D, Morrison LJ, Ellman MS

Advances in Medical Education and Practice 2018;9 915-924.

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RNA Modification Regulatory Genes in DNA Damage.

Janostiak R, Wajapeyee N.

Methods Mol Biol. 2019;1870:249-262.

[Read More >>](#)

Measuring the Impact of Academic Cancer Network Development on Clinical Integration, Quality of Care, and Patient Satisfaction.

Chiang AC, Lake J, Sinanis N, Brandt D, Kanowitz J, Kidwai W, Kortmansky J, LaSala J, Orell J, Sabbath K, Tara H, Engelking C, Shomsky L, Fradkin M, Adelson K, Uscinski K, Vest K, Lyons C, Lemay A, Lopman A, Fuchs CS, Lilenbaum R.

J Oncol Pract. 2018 Dec;14(12):e823-e833.

December 17; 10AM

Smilow NP1-300

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Biomedical Research Seminar

December 17; 12PM

Fitkin Auditorium

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YCC Grand Rounds

December 18; 12PM

Park Street Auditorium

Multi-level Interventions to Address Cervical Cancer in Appalachia

Electra Paskett, PhD, MPH

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Palliative Care Conference

December 18; 4PM

FMP 618

A Hospice Tale: Working Toward a Life Inspired / Rediscovered Within the Last Six Months"

Asmita Paudyal and Edward Schwartz, LCSW

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Human and Translational Immunology Seminar

December 18; 4PM

TAC N-203

Mechanisms and Models of Resistance to Immunotherapies in Lung Cancer

Katerina Politi, PhD

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YCC Hematology Special Seminar

December 19; 1PM

FMB 115

Improving CAR T-cell Outcomes

Elise Chong, MD

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SCH/YCC Meaning Centered Psychotherapy Group for Cancer Caregivers

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The Post-Master's Doctor of Nursing Practice as a Critical Strategy to Reduce the Time Lag to Implement Research in Clinical Care.

McCorkle R.

Cancer Nurs. 2019 Jan/Feb;42(1):86-87.

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Initiating patient discussions about oocyte cryopreservation: Attitudes of obstetrics and gynaecology resident physicians.

Peterson B, Gordon C, Boehm JK, Inhorn MC, Patrizio P.

Reprod Biomed Soc Online. 2018 Nov 7;6:72-79.

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PseudoGTPase domains in p190RhoGAP proteins: a mini-review.

Stiegler AL, Boggon TJ.

Biochem Soc Trans. 2018 Dec 4.

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Oncolytic virus immunotherapy: future prospects for oncology.

Raja J, Ludwig JM, Gettinger SN, Schalper KA, Kim HS.

J Immunother Cancer. 2018 Dec 4;6(1):140.

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Frontiers in Gynecologic Pathology.

Hui P, Zhang L.

Arch Pathol Lab Med. 2018 Dec;142(12):1457-1458.

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December 19; 2:30PM

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State Chest Conference

December 19; 3PM

Fitkin Auditorium

State of the Art - Smoking Cessation Intervention

Suchitra Krishnan-Sarin, PhD

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Therapeutic Radiology Grand Rounds

December 20; 9AM

Smilow LL505

Prophylactic Cranial Irradiation in Small-Cell Lung Cancer

Neiha Kidwai

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Immunobiology Seminar Series

December 20; 10:30AM

TAC N-107

Phase Transition in T Cell Signaling

Xiaolei Su, PhD

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Pathology Grand Rounds

December 20; 12:30PM

Fitkin Auditorium

Pathogenesis of Kidney Injury and Repair

Lloyd G Cantley, MD

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Yale Cancer Answers

December 23; 7:30PM

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Advances in Melanoma Treatment

Mario Sznol, MD

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Yale Cancer Answers

December 30; 7:30PM

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Nutrition around the Holidays

Heidi Larson and Vanessa Salino

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Hematology Research Seminar Series

January 4; 12PM

Brady Auditorium

Informed Based Approaches in AML & MDS

Naval Daver, MD

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Integrative Cell Signaling and Neurobiology of Metabolism (ICSNM) Lecture Series

January 8; 11AM

Brady Auditorium

Adipose Tissue Crosstalk in Health and Disease

Paul Cohen, MD, PhD

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YCC Grand Rounds

January 8; 12PM

Park Street Auditorium

Robert Alpern, MD

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