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CANCER CENTER NOTES FOR FEBRUARY 3–9, 2012

– CALENDAR –

Tuesday, February 7

Breast Multidisciplinary Working Group

7:30-8:30 a.m., UNM Cancer Center Rm. 1605

Led by Drs. Melanie Royce and Zoneddy Dayao. Questions? Contact Rebecca Lindley (rlindley@salud.unm.edu).

Wednesday, February 8

Lung Clinical Working Group

8:30-9:30 a.m., UNM Cancer Center Rm. 1605

Led by Drs. Julie Bauman and Steve Belinsky. Questions? Contact Wendy Peterson (wpeterson@salud.unm.edu).

Wednesday, February 15

Phase I Working Group

8:30-9 a.m., UNM Cancer Center Rm. 3604

Led by Dr. Monte Shaheen. Questions? Contact Wendy Peterson (wpeterson@salud.unm.edu).

Wednesday, February 15

Gastrointestinal Clinical Working Group

5-6:30 p.m., UNM Cancer Center Physician Consultation Rm.

Led by Drs. Fa-Chyi Lee and Ashwani Rajput. Questions? Contact Mary Allen (meallen@salud.unm.edu).

Thursday, February 16

Hematologic Malignancies Program/Clinical Working Group Mini-Retreat

5:30-8 p.m., UNM Cancer Center Boardroom

Please plan to arrive between 5 and 5:30 p.m. for dinner and conversation with your colleagues.

Retreat will start at 5:30 p.m. Please RSVP to Bridget Wilson (bwilson@salud.unm.edu) and copy

Ryan Tanner (rtanner@salud.unm.edu).

Friday, February 17

Head & Neck Clinical Working Group

9:15-10:15 a.m., Various locations at UNMH

Led by Dr. Julie Bauman. Contact Wendy Peterson (wpeterson@salud.unm.edu) for location.

Monday, February 27

Gynecologic Oncology Clinical Working Group

5-6 p.m., UNM Cancer Center Rm. 2604.

Led by Dr. Carolyn Muller. Questions? Contact Alicia Mitchell (almitchell@salud.unm.edu).

Friday, March 2

Updates from the Women's Cancers Program

5-9pm, UNM Cancer Center Auditorium

Save the date; details to come.

– CONGRATULATIONS –

Congratulations to Cancer Center members Dr. Angela Wandinger-Ness and Dr. Elaine L. Bearer, who were each recently elected as fellows to the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). They are two of just four New Mexican scientists elected as AAAS fellows this year. AAAS fellows are honored for their scientific and service contributions and are elected by their peers in the worldwide scientific community.

Dr. Wandinger-Ness was recognized for her distinguished service in cell biology and kidney disease research, development of innovative training programs and public service to the New Mexico Academy of Science.

Dr. Bearer's election reflects her distinguished contributions in the pathologic basis of disease, cargo-motor attachments in axonal transport, actin dynamics and neuropathology, as well as her distinguished service in interdisciplinary training.

– NOTES FROM CELL PATHOLOGY DIVISION –

Request for Applications

American Cancer Society Institutional Research Grant (ACS-IRG)

[See attached application]

The American Cancer Society Institutional Research Grant has been renewed for the period January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2013.

The ACS IRG supports cancer research by young faculty within six years of their first independent faculty appointment in all of UNM's schools and colleges. Applications are open to any faculty member who has not yet obtained national, peer-reviewed funding for their cancer-related research programs and are within six years of their first independent faculty appointment. Eligibility is not affected by prior internal or regional research awards or by the prior receipt of federal awards for mentored research.

**The first deadline for ACS-IRG applications is:
5 p.m. on Friday, February 17, 2012, for activation on or before April 1, 2012**

Faculty awards will be made in two categories:

Research Awards: Awards of up to \$30,000 for one year are allocated to excellent basic, translational, clinical and population-based research proposals that have the potential to advance our understanding, diagnosis, prevention and treatment of cancer and also to advance the career of the recipient. A total of \$90,000 is available each year for all areas of cancer research.

Special Interest Awards: An additional \$30,000 per year is set aside each year for behavioral, psychosocial and interventional research proposals that particularly address the special needs of New Mexico's populations in the areas of cancer control, prevention, support and management.

ACS allows current awardees to apply for a second year of funding, in competition with new applications. Review will focus on progress demonstrated by publications, presentations and external grant submissions.

APPLICANTS, PLEASE NOTE: All ACS-IRG awardees are expected to attend a year-long Professional Development Colloquium to assist in their transition to independent, external grant support. The program consists of one 90-minute meeting per month with Dr. Laurie Hudson (lhudson@salud.unm.edu) and other experienced research faculty. The curriculum focuses on research development, coupled with formal presentations and workshop exercises designed to build research and grantsmanship skills. Awardees who have already completed this program need not repeat it.

Please see the attached ACS-IRG application.

– 2012 TAUBMAN PRIZE –

Deadline: April 12

The A. Alfred Taubman Medical Research Institute announces the [2012 Taubman Prize](#). This prize recognizes work in the field of translational research – transforming laboratory discoveries into clinical applications for patients suffering from disease.

Medical scientists working in translational research are invited to apply for the \$100,000 prize. The winner will be asked to serve as keynote speaker for the institute's fall symposium. **Deadline to apply is April 1, 2012.** Details are available [here](#).

– FROM THE CLINIC –

Refer Patients and Families to New Patient Orientation Session

The UNM Cancer Center's New Patient Orientation program provides patients and their loved ones with the information and resources they need to find their way around the Center and access services. Each orientation session consists of a PowerPoint presentation and building tour, followed by Q&A. Orientation is free, but seating is limited and patients **must** pre-register in order to participate. Providers, please direct patients to Loretta Esquibel at 925-0182 or laesquibel@salud.unm.edu for registration and details. **NOTE: attendees don't have to be brand-new to the Cancer Center**

to benefit from this program.

Meditation Group: Open to Patients, Families and UNM Cancer Center Employees

Will 2012 be the year that you practice better stress management and attend to self-care? Or maybe it's the year you learn to meditate!? You can begin making your resolutions a reality by committing to 20 minutes per week of meditation practice in the Cancer Center's very own meditation room!

Providers, please note: The meditation group is open to your patients and their loved ones. The group is held every **Tuesday, 10:30-10:50 a.m.** in the third-floor meditation room. Staff, faculty, patients and patients' loved ones welcome.

Phase I Clinical Trials – Open Slots

Please see the attached PDF for updated Phase I open slots.

– IN THE NEWS –

New Study Identifies High-Risk Genes for Childhood Leukemia

A [new study](#) published in the *Journal of Clinical Oncology* pinpoints specific genetic variations that contribute to higher rates and poorer outcomes of acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) in Hispanic children (defined as having greater than 10% Native American ancestry). These variations, in a gene known as *ARID5B*, help explain why Hispanic children are both more susceptible to ALL and more likely to have higher-risk forms of the disease that resist treatment. The study was co-authored by Dr. Cheryl Willman and colleagues from the Children's Oncology Group. Their findings lay the groundwork for the development of new therapies to target these genetic variations and improve treatment outcomes for Hispanic children. [Read the abstract here.](#)

AACI Update Spotlights UNM Cancer Center News

The [February issue](#) of AACI *Update* recognized Dr. Maggie Werner-Washburne for her appointment to the advisory council of the National Institute of General Medical Sciences, part of the NIH. The *Update* also noted the recent publication of a paper in *Drug Discovery Today: Therapeutic Strategies* co-authored by Dr. Tudor Oprea and colleagues detailing the multi-project drug repurposing efforts underway at UNM. [Read the issue here.](#)

– NEWS FROM NATIONAL CANCER ORGANIZATIONS –

News Releases from the NCI

<http://www.cancer.gov/newscenter>

AACI Update

[Read the February 2012 issue](#)

AACR's Women in Cancer Research Member Spotlight

[Read the latest news and awards from AACR WICR members](#)

Call for Spotlight Nominations

Have you or a colleague recently made a career advancement, earned a degree, had a major publication or received an award? If so, nominate her/him (or yourself) for the WICR Member Spotlight. It's easy: fill out the [WICR Members Spotlight Nomination Form](#) and [email](#) it to WICR (or fax it to them at 215-440-9412). The WICR is a group within the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) dedicated to achieving full participation of women in

cancer research; it is open to both women and men. [Read more here.](#)

The Cancer Letter

January 27 issue (most recent available) attached

The Clinical Cancer Letter

January 2012 issue (published January 31) attached

– COUNSELING, ASSISTANCE & REFERRAL SERVICES (CARS) –

Problems at work or home can affect our happiness, our relationships, our work performance and even our health. UNM's free and confidential Counseling, Assistance & Referral Services (CARS) can help. Available to all benefits-eligible faculty and staff, CARS provides assessments, consultation, short-term counseling and referrals to other resources, as well as couples counseling, supervisory consultation and training. The experienced CARS team consists of licensed psychologists, clinical counselors and social workers. If you could benefit from caring, confidential professional help at no cost, contact CARS at 272-6868 or online at <http://www.cars.unm.edu>.

– GENERAL RESOURCES –

How to Reserve a Meeting Space at the UNM Cancer Center

First, click on the link below to log onto the UNM Cancer Center intranet and access the Cancer Center's Education Wing Conference Room Procedures page:

<http://unm-intranet.cancercenter.cc/intranet/education-wing-conference-room/>

Next, click on <http://hsc.unm.edu/crtc/intranet/confroom.asp> to view room details, access a calendar of current reservations and make your reservation request.

Online Maps

Maps/directions for the UNM Cancer Center in English and Spanish are available online:

<http://cancer.unm.edu/patients/maps-directions/>

– SUBMISSION INFORMATION –

UNM Cancer Center Notes is an email newsletter sent weekly to all Cancer Center staff and faculty. It provides updates on meetings, events, grant opportunities, Cancer Center news and other items of shared interest. To submit an item to Cancer Center Notes, **please contact Audrey Manning at amanring@salud.unm.edu by Thursday noon.**

Do Not Reply to this email as it is not checked on a regular basis.

If you have any questions, please contact your supervisor directly.

Thank you.