

June 1, 2018

Announcements



2018 ASCO
ANNUAL MEETING

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I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the American Society of Clinical Oncology Annual Meeting beginning today in Chicago. If you are attending the meeting, please support your colleagues at their presentations and poster sessions. A link to the list of Yale participation is below. In addition, we are hosting a Dessert Reception on Sunday evening at 8:30pm at the Hilton Chicago. Please plan on joining us.

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Smilow Rocks Project

from the desk of

Charles S. Fuchs, MD, MPH

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Please join us for the kick-off of the Smilow Rocks Project on June 12 between 9am - 3pm in the Healing Garden on the 7th floor of Smilow Cancer Hospital. Over 1,000 hand painted rocks have been collected to spread kindness and encouragement to our patients, caregivers, and staff at Smilow.

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Notables

Lieping Chen, MD, PhD, United Technologies Professor in Cancer Research and Professor of Immunobiology, Dermatology, and Medicine (Medical Oncology) was honored by OncLive last night as one of 21 **Giants of Cancer Care** for his research and discoveries in Immuno-Oncology.

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National Report Shows Cancer Death Rates Continue to Decline

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Could Better Predictions Improve End-of-Life Care?

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Anti-PD-1 Agents Rapidly Adopted in Clinical Practice Following Approval

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Oncology Extended Care Clinic Reduced Urgent Cancer-Related ED Visits

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Drs. Tom Lynch, Anees Chagpar, Lieping Chen, and Roy Herbst at last night's ceremony in Chicago.

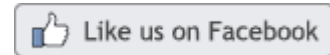
Congratulations to **Akiko Iwasaki, PhD**, Waldemar Von Zedtwitz Professor of Immunobiology and Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology, and a member of Yale Cancer Center's Virus and Other Infection-associated Cancers Research Program. Dr. Iwasaki received the **Charles W. Bohmfalk Prize** for teaching in the basic sciences at Yale School of Medicine's graduation ceremonies.

Roy S. Herbst, MD, PhD, Chief of Medical Oncology and Ensign Professor of Medicine (Medical Oncology), has been selected to represent **SWOG** on the **National Cancer Institute's Thoracic Malignancy Steering Committee**.

#OOTB Thanks Tamara Ballintyn

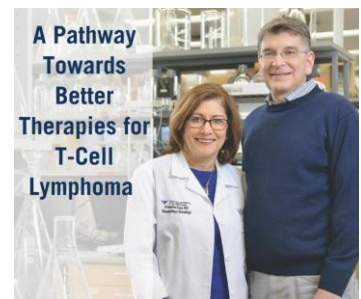
Yale Cancer Center #OUTOFTHEBLUETHANKS recently recognized Tamara Ballintyn CCRP, a Clinical Research Coordinator in the Clinical Trials Office at our St. Francis Care Center. Tamara recently received excellent feedback on her outstanding work during a recent routine external audit. Tamara worked diligently, collaborating with staff at our main campus in New Haven, to review patient records and study data to ensure the audit ran smoothly. Described as exceptionally hard working, Tamara is always willing to help and shows a true dedication to providing the best quality research to our patients. Thank you, Tamara!

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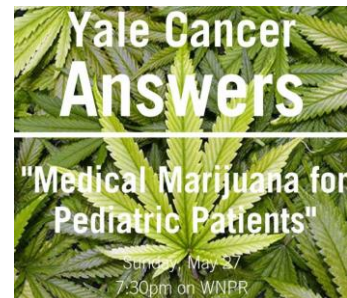
Latest Posts:

Angioimmunoblastic T-cell lymphoma (AITL) is a rare, fast-growing cancer typically diagnosed at an advanced stage with a poor prognosis and survival rate. Two scientists at Yale are working to change that outcome. Francine Foss, MD, and Elias Lolis, PhD, are looking for ways to subvert and defeat AITL.



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Tune into Yale Cancer Answers on iTunes to hear Dr. Prasanna Ananth's research on access and use of medical marijuana for pediatric patients with cancer.



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Dr. Nita Ahuja recently became Chair of the



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](#)

Employee Profile: Lee Tremback

An Oncology Social Worker, Lee Tremback works with the adult outpatient population at the Smilow Cancer Hospital at Saint Francis. She has been a social worker for more than 30 years, and has worked at many hospitals across Connecticut, shifting to oncology social work in 1995. New to the Yale New Haven Health System in the last year, she says of Smilow, "It's an incredible place to work."

As one of two oncology social workers at Saint Francis, Lee's day varies based on patient needs, but she frequently works to help her patients gain access to

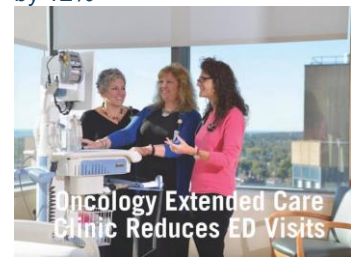


Department of Surgery at Yale. Learn more about her goals for the department, her focus on cancer research, specifically for pancreatic cancer, and her patient care philosophy.



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A recent presentation by Vanna Dest, APRN and Maureen Raucci, APRN at the Oncology Nursing Society Annual Meeting shared that the launch of our Extended Care Clinic at Smilow Cancer Hospital reduced the number of visits to the Emergency Department by 12%



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Congratulations to the winners of the 2018 Patient Care Associate Educational Grants, Margaret Lewis and Delilah Lewis! Margaret is a PCA at the Smilow Cancer Hospital Care Center in Derby and is described as the "rock" of the Derby practice - keeping everything running smoothly. Delilah is a PCA in the women's center on the

vital resources. From finding financial grants that can assist with bills to arranging for transportation to and from the hospital—often patients just don't know what is available to them, and this assistance can help alleviate the stresses that come during the adjustment to their new life with cancer.

Lee also facilitates two support groups at Saint Francis - one for cancer patients and another for cancer caregivers. Of the patient support group, Lee says, "Patients should not deal with their cancer in isolation, and in a support group setting, they can learn from the experiences of other patients and share their distress without judgement." And similarly for caregivers, she stresses the importance of being able to learn from each other, especially when it comes to sharing ideas for coping.

Working in oncology, Lee also recognizes the importance of self-care, and she maintains an active routine of Zumba and yoga at a local fitness center, as well as with her local church.

Being based in Hartford and away from the patient resources found on-site at Smilow in New Haven, Lee appreciates the strong relationship between the two locations and the emphasis on the same values - providing patient-centric, compassionate care.

Funding Opportunities

The Mark Foundation for Cancer Research Emerging Leader Awards

These signature three-year academic grants totaling \$750,000 will provide support to early career investigators conducting high-risk, high-impact cancer research.

Letters of Intent Due: June 4, 2018

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Pew-Stewart Scholars Program for Cancer Research

Yale Cancer Center is pleased to announce the internal competition for the Pew-Stewart Scholars for Cancer Research Program. The Program supports assistant professors of outstanding promise in science relevant to the advancement of a cure for cancer.

Deadline for Applications: June 5, 2018

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NIH Food Specific Molecular Profiles and Biomarkers of Food and Nutrient Intake, and Dietary Exposure-R01

The purpose of this FOA is to promote research on food specific molecular signatures and biomarkers of dietary consumption and to

first floor of Smilow Cancer Hospital and was described by her manager as someone who puts all of her patients at ease.



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In 2017, volunteers at Smilow Cancer Hospital and its Care Centers logged a grand total of 25,893 hours! Read about our amazing volunteers who dedicate their time, effort, and energy in service to Smilow's patients and staff in *Centerpoint Magazine*.



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promote collaborative interactions among NIH and the USDA-NIFA supported nutrition researchers.

Application Deadline: June 11, 2018

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Gabrielle's Angel Foundation for Cancer Research Grants

The Foundation funds cutting-edge research in the fields of leukemia, lymphoma, and related cancers of the blood. Funds support promising scientists who are applying novel and state-of-the-art techniques to address fundamental problems in their genesis and treatment.

Internal Deadline: June 11, 2018

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Alex's Lemonade Stand Psychosocial Grants

ALSF is committed to addressing the psychosocial and behavioral health outcomes for children diagnosed with cancer and their families. These Grants fill a direct need for research funding by supporting studies that aim to explain and/or improve psychosocial outcomes of those affected by childhood cancer.

Letters of Intent Due: June 11, 2018

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U.S. Tobacco Control Policies to Reduce Health Disparities - R21 and R01

The purpose of this FOA is to support observational or intervention research focused on reducing health disparities in tobacco use in the United States.

Application Deadline: June 13, 2018

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Epidemiologic Research on Emerging Risk Factors and Liver Cancer Susceptibility - R21


The purpose of this FOA is to promote epidemiologic research investigating novel and innovative hypotheses on emerging risk factors and their interplay with established risk factors associated with the development of liver cancer in the United States.


Application Deadline: June 16, 2018


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NIH Exploratory Grants in Cancer Epidemiology and Genomics Research-R21


 The @ctbta graciously donates generous funds to support #research and #patientassistance at #Yale. We are indebted to their partnership as we fight #braintumors together.


 Our faculty and staff are getting ready to head out to Chicago for #ASCO2018 to present the latest #cancerresearch and learn about groundbreaking #cancer treatment and technology.

 Dr. Lew Cantley @WeillCornell visits @YaleCancer to give cancer center grand rounds on targeting PI3K.

 Smokers are 4-7 times more likely to develop #bladdercancer than non-smokers. If you think you may be at risk, talk with your doctor about options for smoking cessation today.

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 Tune into Yale Cancer Answers tonight at 7:30pm on Connecticut Public Radio to hear Dr. Prasanna Ananth's research on access and use of medical marijuana for pediatric patients with cancer.

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This FOA invites applications for research on cancer epidemiology, genomics, and risk assessment.

Application Deadline: June 16, 2018

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NIH Diet and Physical Activity Assessment Methodology-R21

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages innovative research to enhance the quality of measurements of dietary intake and physical activity.

Application Deadline: June 16, 2018

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NIH Exploratory Grant Award to Promote Workforce Diversity in Basic Cancer Research-R21

This FOA represents the continuation of an NCI program to enhance the diversity of the pool of the cancer research workforce.

Application Deadline: June 19, 2018

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PREVENT Cancer Preclinical Drug Development Program RFP

The NCI has issued a RFP to support the PREVENT Cancer Preclinical Drug Development Program: Preclinical Services for Biopharmaceutical Product Development and Manufacturing, Toxicology and Pharmacology Testing. The overall objective of the current acquisition is to provide a structured approach to drug and vaccine development, from discovery to the clinic.

Application Deadline: June 21, 2018

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Research Answers to NCI's Provocative Questions - R21 and R01

The purpose of this FOA is to support research projects designed to solve specific problems and paradoxes in cancer research identified by the NCI Provocative Questions initiative.

Application Deadline: June 29, 2018


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Robert E. Leet and Clara Guthrie Patterson Trust Mentored Research Award: Clinical, Health Services and Policy Research


Two-year Awards of \$90,000 (\$45,000 per year) will be awarded to applicants working in Connecticut, New Jersey and Rhode Island.


Application Deadline: July 3, 2018


amazing volunteers who dedicate their time, effort, & energy in service to Smilow's patients and staff in Centerpoint Magazine


 In honor of #BrainTumorAwarenessMonth, meet Kaitlin, a brain cancer survivor with an incredible story who says that Dr. Moliterno Gunel at @YaleCancer saw her "as a person, not a cancer patient" & helped her "continue being a mother to my daughter."

 81% of the NIH funds in CT are supporting exciting research at @Yale@YaleMed, including \$24 million in cancer research funding @YaleCancer.

 Brand new @NCIcancerstats concerning mortality rates. Our director @CharlesFuchsMD calls the report "encouraging"!

 Urologist Dr. Preston Sprenkle was the featured presenter during a recent @YaleSurgery Grand Rounds, where he discussed the evolution of #prostatecancer surgery.

 Remembering John Murren @YaleCancer@YNHH today at Grand Rounds. Remarkable progress in lung cancer therapy in the last decade

 Today's Yale Cancer Answers will highlight May's #BrainTumorAwarenessMonth with an interview with Dr. Jennifer Moliterno Gunel discussing the latest advances in brain tumor

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Damon Runyon-Rachleff Innovation Award

Designed to provide support for the next generation of exceptionally creative thinkers with "high-risk/high-reward" ideas that have the potential to significantly impact our understanding of and/or approaches to the prevention, diagnosis or treatment of cancer.

Application Deadline: July 6, 2018

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Program in Innovative Therapeutics for Connecticut's Health (PITCH)

With a grant from the State of Connecticut's Bioscience Innovation Fund, this three-year, \$10 million-dollar program, provides translational research resources to generate prototype therapeutics that address unmet clinical needs. Contact francine.carland@yale.edu for more information.

Application Deadline: July 15, 2018

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Recent Publications

Healthy Sisters: A Feasibility study of a health behavior intervention for women of color breast cancer survivors.

Knobf MT, Erdos D, Jeon S.

J Psychosoc Oncol. 2018 May 30:1-12

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Post-treatment neutrophil-to-lymphocyte ratio predicts for overall survival in brain metastases treated with stereotactic radiosurgery.

Chowdhary M, Switchenko JM, Press RH, Jhaveri J, Buchwald ZS, Blumenfeld PA, Marwaha G, Diaz A, Wang D, Abrams RA, Olson JJ, Shu HG, Curran WJ, Patel KR.

J Neurooncol. 2018 May 30.

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Adjuvant Hormonal Therapy for Low-Grade Endometrial Stromal Sarcoma.

Deshmukh U, Black J, Perez-Irizarry J, Passarelli R, Levy K, Rostkowski A, Hui P, Rutherford TJ, Santin AD, Azodi M, Silasi DA, Ratner E, Litkouhi B, Schwartz PE.

Reprod Sci. 2018 Jan 1:1933719118778801.

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surgery and treatment options.

 Standing ovation at the recent symposium & reception to honor pioneering hospice, palliative care, & oncology nurse, Dr. Ruth McCorkle who is retiring after a distinguished career, 20 years of which have been at Yale.

Calendar

Yale Cancer Answers

June 3; 7:30PM

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Advances for CTCL and Skin Cancer

Michael Girardi, MD, FAAD

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Join Yale at ASCO

June 3, 8:30PM

Hilton Chicago

Reception in Celebration of the 54th Annual Meeting

Charles Fuchs, MD, MPH, Roy S. Herbst, MD, PhD, and Rogerio Lilenbaum, MD

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Radiobiology and Radiotherapy Research Program

June 4; 11AM

BCMM 206/208

Death by Deoxymab: DNA Repair Avengers Assemble

Zahra Rattray, PhD

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Epigenetics Interest Group Seminar Series

June 4; 12PM

BCMM 206/208

Increasing Industry Involvement in Otolaryngology: Insights from 3 Years of the Open Payments Database.

Morse E, Fujiwara RJT, Mehra S.

Otolaryngol Head Neck Surg. 2018 May 1:194599818778502.

[Read More >>](#)

Long-term Quality of Life in Survivors of Brain Metastases: A Roller Coaster of Perspective.

Reddy NK, Brown FC, Fogarasi MC, Yu JB, Hess J, Chiang VS.

Cureus. 2018 Mar 22;10(3):e2358.

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Real-world Treatment Patterns Among Patients With Colorectal Cancer Treated With Trifluridine/Tipiracil and Regorafenib.

Patel AK, Duh MS, Barghout V, Yenikomshian MA, Xiao Y, Wynant W, Tabesh M, Fuchs CS.

Clin Colorectal Cancer. 2018 Apr 21.

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Nivolumab Plus Erlotinib in Patients with Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor-Mutant Advanced Non-Squamous Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer.

Gettinger S, Hellmann MD, Chow LQM, Borghaei H, Antonia S, Brahmer JR, Goldman JW, Gerber DE, Juergens RA, Shepherd FA, Laurie SA, Young TC, Li X, Geese WJ, Rizvi N.

J Thorac Oncol. 2018 May 23.

[Read More >>](#)

Defining and Understanding Adaptive Resistance in Cancer Immunotherapy.

Kim TK, Herbst RS, Chen L.

Trends Immunol. 2018 May 22.

[Read More >>](#)

When good operations go bad: The additive effect of comorbidity and postoperative complications on readmission after pulmonary lobectomy.

Jean RA, Chiu AS, Boffa DJ, Detterbeck FC, Blasberg JD, Kim AW.

Surgery. 2018 May 22.

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Targeting and Mis-Targeting of Somatic Hypermutation in the Genome

Ravi Dinesh

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SCH/YCC Patient Event

June 6; 5:30PM

55 Park Street, 2nd floor

A Thoughtful Approach in the Fight Against Brain Tumors: Personalizing Care for the Best Outcomes

Jennifer Moliterno, MD, FAANS and Zachary Corbin, MD

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Smilow Cancer Genetics and Prevention Program Seminar

June 7; 2:30PM

SRC, suites 107-109

Genomic Screening for Monogenic Cancer Risk

Michael Murray, MD

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Smilow Screening and Prevention Day

June 8; 10AM

Southern Connecticut

Special Olympics Connecticut Summer Games

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Cancer Survivorship 101: What Happens Next?

June 9; 8AM

Basketball Hall of Fame

Maura Harrigan, MS, RDN, CSO, Scott Capozza, MS, PT and Natasha Verma, NBC News

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Ryan's Circle of Giving Golf Classic

Association of Human Papillomavirus Status at Head and Neck Carcinoma Subsites With Overall Survival.

Li H, Torabi SJ, Yarbrough WG, Mehra S, Osborn HA, Judson B.

JAMA Otolaryngol Head Neck Surg.

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Association of Facility and System Factors With Survival Among Pediatric Patients With Surgically Treated Head and Neck Sarcomas.

Cheraghlou S, Li H, Judson BL.

JAMA Otolaryngol Head Neck Surg. 2018 May 1;144(5):455-456.

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Phase 0 Trial of AZD1775 in First-Recurrence Glioblastoma Patients.

Sanai N, Li J, Boerner J, Stark K, Wu J, Kim S, Derogatis A, Mehta S, Dhruv HD, Heilbrun LK, Berens ME, LoRusso PM.

Clin Cancer Res. 2018 May 24.

[Read More >>](#)

Giant Duodenal Lipoma: a Rare Cause of Vomiting, Anorexia, Unintentional Weight Loss, and Duodenal Intussusception.

Shervinrad M, Salem RR, Zhang X.

J Gastrointest Cancer. 2018 May 25.

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June 10; 7AM

Tunxis Plantation Country Club

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Yale Cancer Answers

June 10; 7:30PM

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Advances in Multiple Myeloma

Terri Parker, MD

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D3: Data Discovery Day at Yale

June 11; 8:30AM

55 Park Street Auditorium

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Smilow Rocks Kick-off Event

June 12; 9AM

NP7, Healing Garden

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Pathology Research in Progress Talks

June 12; 9:30AM

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YCC Grand Rounds

June 12; 12PM

55 Park Street

TBA

Tobias Carling, MD, PhD and Beth Jones, PhD, MPH

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Yale Tobacco Center of Regulatory Science Seminar

June 12; 1PM

CT Mental Health Center

Implementing the Tobacco Control Act: Is this a Tobacco Product or Medical Product Investigation

Priscilla Callahan-Lyon, MD

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**Medical Grand Rounds/2018
Iva Dostanic Award Lecture**

June 14; 8:30AM

LMP 1094

Electronic Cigarettes: The End of Smoking or a Deadly New Addiction?

Stephen Baldassarri, MD

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YCC Hematology Special Seminar

June 14; 12PM

SHM B-201

The Prime Time to Interferon Myeloproliferative Disease

Ghaith Abu Zeinah, MD

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Smilow Cancer Genetics and Prevention Program Seminar

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Yale ASCO® Review 2018

June 15; 7AM

New Haven Lawn Club

Highlights of the Annual Meeting

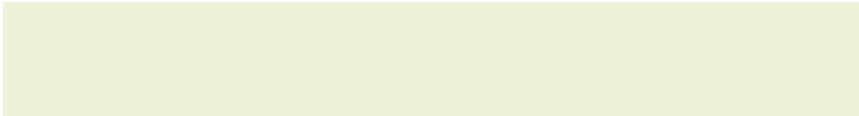
Bruce E. Johnson MD

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