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DCI E-news

Duke Cancer Institute

DCI E-News is a monthly newsletter sharing the latest DCI and oncology-related announcements, feature stories, and news updates. For more, visit the DCI Blog.

In the Spotlight

Survivors, Caregivers, Providers Welcome Chance to Celebrate

NASCAR Legend Danny "Chocolate" Myers Crosses the Finish Line

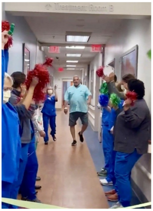
Duke Blood Cancer Center

WATCH: Danny Myers rings bell after last round of chemo, hopes to inspire others in their fight — *WCNC*

“Best news I’ve heard today”, Hours after heartbreaking announcement of a legend, news of another legend’s successful battle with cancer takes the internet by storm, with fans celebrating — *Essentially Sports*

Danny Myers with Matt McKinney, MD, who's treating him for mantle cell lymphoma.
(April 19, 2023)

A Celebration with His Care Team at Duke Blood Cancer Center after his last round of chemotherapy.
(July 6, 2023)

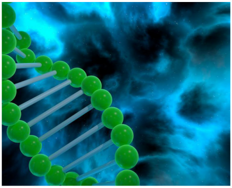


ICYMI: The DCI Supportive Care & Survivorship Center hosted dozens of patients, families, and caregivers at four DCI locations... and for the first time in person since 2019!

Meet them in this special video!

Production: Kidethnic.com
Producers: DCI's own Amy Unell, Kevin Ragusa, Cody Strahm, and Kristy Sartin

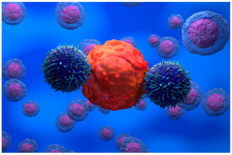
Improvement to CRISPR Gene Editing Could Make It More Effective



A DCI research team has found a new way to

DukeNUS Medical School

Potential targets against Natural Killer/T-cell Lymphoma (NKTL) Found



identify diverse CRISPR RNA variants that can specifically home in on challenging areas of DNA to target for editing. **Bruce Sullenger, PhD**, said the finding, which came out of his lab, should lead to safer and more effective ways of applying CRISPR technology as a therapy. The work was published in the journal Cell Chemical Biology. READ

Ong Choon Kiat, PhD, assistant professor at Duke-NUS Medical School faculty and principal investigator of the Lymphoma Genomic Translational Research Laboratory, National Cancer Centre Singapore, is part of a team that has discovered a potential novel therapeutic target to treat NKTL. Their findings are published in the journal Molecular Cancer. READ

Moore Named a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing

Men's Health screening
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Angelo Moore, PhD, MSN, RN, NE-BC, assistant director of the DCI Community Outreach, Engagement, and Equity program (COEE), has been named a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing (AAN). Moore, along with four other nurses at Duke, is among 253 new fellows selected from across 40 states, the District of Columbia, and 13 countries. Beyond one's achievements within the nursing profession, fellows are recognized for "engaging with health leaders nationally and globally to improve health and achieve health equity by impacting policy through nursing leadership, innovation, and science."

As a U.S. Army Non-Commissioned Officer, Moore served during three Gulf War campaigns. After subsequently attending, then graduating from Winston-Salem State University, he joined the U.S. Army Nurse Corps. All told, he served more than 25 years on active duty in multiple leadership roles from Germany to Hawaii — earning several service medals, commendation medals, service ribbons, and three bronze service stars. During this time Moore also completed a master's degree and a doctorate degree in nursing.

Moore retired from the U.S. Army in 2015 as a Lieutenant Colonel, but his service continued in civilian life with his commitment to serve historically underserved communities in the U.S.

Moore joined DCI in May 2019. He oversees, coordinates, and helps design DCI's community impact-projects to reduce disparities in cancer outcomes for patients across North Carolina and beyond.

⇒LEARN MORE about DCI COEE's latest projects

⇒Read this 2020 profile of Moore: "In Service to Others: On the Battlefield & In the Community."

The Academy will induct the new class of fellows during its annual Health Policy Conference in October. With this honor comes the Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing "FAAN" credential.

The other Duke inductees are: Mariam Kayle, PhD, RN, CCNs ; Mitchell Knisely, PhD, RN, ACNS-BC, PMGT-BC; Staci Reynolds, PhD, RN, ACNS-BC, CCRN, CNRN, SCRN, CPHQ; Ryan Shaw, PhD, RN, ACHIP.

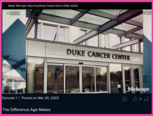
Clinic & Community News

Kidney Donor Evaluation Leads to Stomach Cancer Discovery

After a decade of trying to become a kidney donor, Jeff Stewart's evaluation revealed he had a rare stomach cancer that would have gone undetected. Stewart's desire to help others may have helped saved his life. READ

Better With Age: Improving Breast Cancer Care in Older Adults

Nearly 20% of women diagnosed with breast cancer are over 75. The number is growing. Older breast cancer patients commonly pose clinical challenges, such as frailty, comorbidities, and limited functional independence. In a new four-part Medscape video podcast series, DCI breast oncologist **Gretchen Kimmick, MD,** DCI psychologist **Rebecca Shelby, PhD**, and physical therapist **Lisa Massa, CLT, PT, WCS,** offer some strategies for optimal treatment of geriatric cancer patients. WATCH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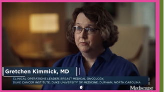
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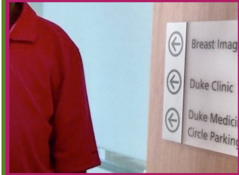
Managing the Uncommon: Male Breast Cancer



About 2,800 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer in 2023 and 530 patients will die. Duke Breast Risk Assessment Center Director **Jennifer Plichta, MD, MS,** recently talked risk, symptoms, and treatment, on a Society of Surgical Oncology podcast. LISTEN & LEARN MORE

READ & LISTEN to an account by a DCI patient who was diagnosed and treated for stage 4 breast cancer in 2017-2018. He advocated for more awareness to be raised about breast cancer in men a mear month before passing away in December 2018 at 65 with his wife and family by his side.

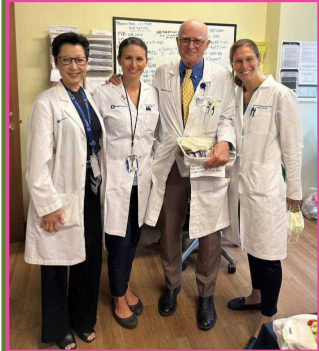
Gregory Georgiade, MD, a Duke "Lifer" is "Good to Go"

Gregory Georgiade, MD, professor of Surgery, has retired after 50 years as a Duke surgeon. He was born at Duke Hospital on November 16, 1947. He graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he was a competitive swimmer, with a BS in Chemistry in 1970. He went on to earn his MD at Duke University Medical School, graduating in three years.

He is the son of the late Dr. Nicholas Georgiade, an international leader in plastic surgery and the Chief of the Duke Division of Surgery from 1975–1985. Dr. Georgiade (Greg) grew up on campus. He's a self-proclaimed Duke “Lifer.”

Dr. David Sabiston recruited him to the Duke General Surgery training program as an intern in 1973, and he completed his categorical general surgery residency in 1978. That year, he began his fellowship in plastic surgery at Duke. During his residency, he assisted in Duke’s first microvascular free flap transfer. After his graduation from plastic surgery training in 1980, Dr. Sabiston appointed him to the Duke Surgery faculty. While he seemingly followed in his father’s footsteps, the younger Georgiade blazed his own path, starting as both a true general surgeon as well as a plastic surgeon. In 1985, he helped establish Duke Life Flight, the first hospital-based transport service in North Carolina, and became medical director of this program. Throughout his tenure, he has been known for his meticulous technical abilities in a broad array of surgical fields, including **oncologic and reconstructive breast cancer surgery**, general surgery, trauma surgery, maxillo-facial surgery, and cleft lip and palate surgery, a breadth that makes him unique in the modern era of plastic surgery. He was recognized as a Master Surgeon in 2017. READ

Colleagues Show Their Love & Respect



"I'm immensely grateful for your wisdom, brutal honesty, authenticity, and support as I navigated my early career @DukeSurgOnc. #EndofanEra. Happy Retirement! "
— DCI breast surgeon Laura Rosenberger, MD, via Twitter

"You are leaving an extraordinary legacy Dr. G! You are like a beautiful loaf of sourdough -- crusty on the outside, but soft and squishy on the inside (your secret's out!). Thanks for your unmatched surgical care of our patients. We will miss you!"
— DCI breast surgeon Shelley Hwang, MD, via Twitter

Patients say...

"I have been Dr. G's patient since 1993. I have wonderful specialists at Duke but he is the best of the best- a surgeon's surgeon. He is in the business for all the right reasons."

"I have been traveling to Duke and seeing Dr. Georgaide since the 90's for my mammograms and check-ups. He recently found a cyst that was not yet evident in a mammogram and quickly scheduled me so that he could remove and biopsy it. He and his staff are kind, sensitive, thoughtful, personable and most of all thorough and professional. I drive six hours round trip to trust my care to Dr. Georgaide and DUMC (Duke University Medical Center)."

"When he visited me in recovery following a successful lumpectomy, he signed his initials "GG." He told me it also meant I was "Good to Go."

In His Own Words

An oral history interview with **Dr. Gregory Georgiade** was taken on Feb. 17, 2022 by Dr. Konstantinos Economopoulos as part of the Dr. David Sabiston Oral History Project at Duke Medical Center Archives. LISTEN

MORE

How the Shortage of a $15 Cancer Drug Is Upending Treatment *(The New York Times)*
Features **Angeles Alvarez Secord, MD, MHSc**

Financial toxicity is a growing concern in urologic oncology *(Urology Times)*
Alexandria Spellman, MD, MS & **Deborah Kaye, MD, MS**

Fewer black veterans complete referrals for lung cancer screening *(HealthDay) Related JAMA paper*
Features **Neelima Navuluri, MD, MPH**

Family raises awareness about need for more diversity in stem cell donations (Spectrum News)
Features **Mitchell Horwitz, MD**

Research News

An International Registry to Inform Treatment Choices for Patients with Advanced Prostate Cancer

Daniel George, M.D.
Duke Cancer Institute

Lorelei Mucci, Sc.D.
Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health

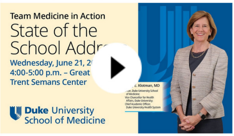
Philip Kantoff, M.D.
Convergent Therapeutics

—JUNE IS— Men's Health —MONTH—

Work by the multi-institutional Prostate Cancer Clinical Trials Consortium, co-led by Dan George, MD, has resulted in FDA approval of seven prostate cancer treatments now available and utilized by patients in the U.S. Military Health System and the general public. READ

State of the School Address Highlights Team Medicine in Action

Duke University School of Medicine Dean **Mary Klotman, MD**, presented her annual State of the School address last month. With the theme "Team Medicine in Action," she highlighted some of the year's most impactful accomplishments in research, patient care, education, and equity, inc. from DCI.



Team Medicine in Action

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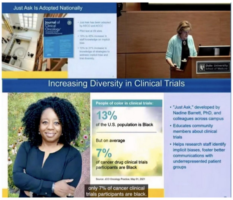
Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs, Duke University;

Chief Academic Officer, Duke University Health System

Duke University School of Medicine



Just Ask Is Adopted Nationally

Increasing Diversity in Clinical Trials

People of color in clinical trials:

13% of the U.S. population is Black

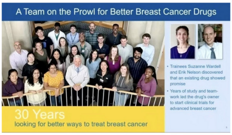
But on average

7% of cancer drug clinical trials participants are Black

Source: JCO Oncology Practice, May 01, 2021

- "Just Ask," developed by Nadine Barrett, PhD, and colleagues across campus
- Educates community members about clinical trials
- Helps research staff identify implicit biases, foster better communications with underrepresented patient groups

only 7% of cancer clinical trials participants are black.

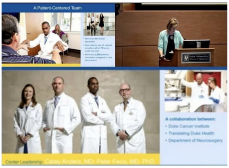


A Team on the Prowl for Better Breast Cancer Drugs

30 Years

looking for better ways to treat breast cancer

- Trainees Suzanne Wardell and Erik Nelson discovered that an existing drug showed promise
- Years of study and team-work led the drug's owner to start clinical trials for advanced breast cancer



A Patient-Centered Team

- More than 50 clinical specialists
- New patients see all needed providers within 72 hours, under one roof
- More than 2,000 patients have been navigated to care since launch

A collaboration between:
- Duke Cancer Institute
- Translating Duke Health
- Department of Neurosurgery

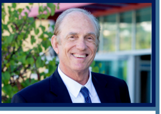
Center Leadership: Carey Anders, MD; Peter Fecci, MD, PhD

MedSchool Dean **Mary Klotman, MD**, Named Duke's First Executive Vice President for Health Affairs

Robert J. Lefkowitz, MD, Receives William G. Anlyan Lifetime Achievement Award

E. Shelley Hwang, MD, MPH, Receives Distinguished Faculty Award

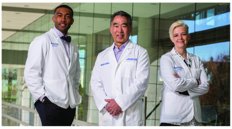
Paul Modrich, PhD, and **Jed Rose, PhD**, Honored as Distinguished Emeriti Faculty



The Changing Landscape of Medical School Admissions

Applicants choose Duke University School of Medicine for its "Patient First" curriculum, team-based learning, and, their top reason — a year of research. Admissions committee member Edwin Owolo, a current med student, is spending his research year on three projects: investigating how breast cancer metastasizes to the spine, studying methods of decreasing health disparities among spine surgery patients, and improving diversity in the field of neurosurgery through outreach to undergraduate and high school students. READ

> "Duke's application process was definitely unique compared to other schools, and that's one of the reasons it brings in a unique set of individuals. There's not one type of Duke medical student."
> —*Edwin Owolo, Third-Year Medical Student (left)*



Why Study Worms ?

What makes some cancer cells stay put while others break loose and spread through the body? A new study of C. elegans worms may hold some clues. Researchers have put together what they say is the first complete "parts list" for a cell caught in the act of tunneling through the tissue barriers that normally keep cells in place. Understanding this process is important because it's the first step in metastasis, when cancer becomes more deadly and difficult to treat, says **David Sherwood, PhD**.

WHY DO YOU STUDY THAT?
Worms
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MORE

San Diego biopharma acquires Duke oncology spin-out *(Triangle Inno/Business Journals)*
Features **Kim Blackwell, MD,** and **Michael Zalutsky, PhD**

Division of Urology Elevated to Department Status; Faerber Named Interim Chair *Duke University School of Medicine)*
Features **Gary Faerber, MD,**

Muscle Stem Cells: Should I Stay or Should I Go? *(Duke University Medical School)*
Features **Yarui Diao, PhD**

"This is Something We Haven't Seen in 20 Years": New Brain Tumor Treatment May Extend Life and Slow Difficult Treatment Options *(Duke Neurology)* Related *NEJM paper*
Features **Katy Peters, MD, PhD**

Erba on Identifying the Optimal Dose of Ziftomenib in Relapsed/Refractory AML *(Targeted Oncology)*
Features **Harry Erba, MD, PhD**

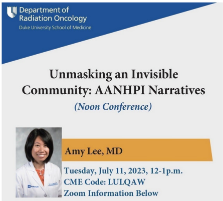
WATCH: Acalabrutinib Improves Long-Term PFS in Patients With High-Risk CLL (Targeted Oncology)
Features **Danielle Brander, MD**

Events

Academic Events (strictly academic or clinical)

July

TODAY! JULY 11 (12 p.m. to 1 p.m.)
Click image below to Connect to Zoom or email Julie.Harbin@duke.edu for the link



Department of Radiation Oncology
Duke University School of Medicine

Unmasking an Invisible Community: AANHPI Narratives
(Noon Conference)

Amy Lee, MD
Tuesday, July 11, 2023, 12-1p.m.
CME Code: LULQAW
Zoom Information Below

Yu-Lin Amy Lee, MD, is an assistant professor of Pediatrics and and Medicine and a palliative medicine specialist. She earned her MD at National Yang Ming University (Taiwan) in 2011.

JULY 12 (8 a.m. to 9 a.m. via Zoom): Hematology Oncology Grand Rounds Double Feature
8 a.m. : "What Do You Want to Do?" presented by **Mark Maddox, MD**
8:30 a.m.: "Breast Cancer Brain Metastasis: From Forgotten to Focus" presented by **Carey Anders, MD, FASCO**

Contact Brooke Taylor for Zoom information: heather.taylor@duke.edu or 919-681-6006

JULY 13 (5 p.m. to 6 p.m. via Zoom): Black Men in Medicine "Moving Forward Together" (Zoom series) RSVP here.
*Calendar invites with Zoom details will be sent upon registration
Questions? Email johann@duke.edu

JULY 20 (1p Webinar) : AACI PCLI Webinar: "Seismic Shift or Small Step Forward? Artificial Intelligence and Its Impact on Cancer Care and Research"

REGISTER

JULY 21-22: Duke Cancer Review "Dynamic Partnerships: Bridging Rural and Urban Access to Cancer Care"

The Duke Cancer Review 2023 will highlight key areas of multidisciplinary care for cancer management, providing a review of the most clinically relevant data presented at ASCO and other recent, standard setting, professional scientific meetings. Emphasis will be placed on the integration of multi-modal approaches to cancer treatment, cancer care from a community perspective, and strategies for optimizing transitions in goals of care. Learn more. Contact Cheri Young for additional information.

LOCATION: The Umstead Hotel
DOWNLOAD BROCHURE

September

SEPT. 14 (5 p.m. to 6 p.m. via Zoom): Black Men in Medicine "Moving Forward Together" (Zoom series) RSVP here
**Calendar invites with Zoom details will be sent upon registration*
Questions? Email johann@duke.edu

October

OCT. 1-3 (in-person & virtual): 2023 AACI/CCAF Annual Meeting
REGISTER TODAY | VIRTUAL OPTION AVAILABLE

LOCATION: Salamander Washington DC (formerly Mandarin Oriental) Washington, DC

Special Events (general public welcome)

VIEW the **JULY** Cancer Support Calendar (click to view)

September

SEPTEMBER 10: Strike Out for Sarcoma 5K
LOCATION: WakeMed Soccer Park in Cary, NC

SEPT. 23: Gail Parkins Memorial Ovarian Cancer Walk ovarian cancer walk

SEPT. 29: GU Symposium (panel on prostate & urologic cancers)
Details TBA!

SEPT. 30: Tackle Cancer Tailgate/Duke Football game
Details TBA!

SEPT. 30: CRUSH Colorectal Cancer 5K (back after a 4 year hiatus)
Details TBA!

LOCATION: former Northgate Mall

October

SAVE THE DATE OCT. 7 (in person): 7th Annual "What's Best for Breasts: A Conversation with Duke Clinicians"
**First time in person since 2019 ! Details TBA!*

OCT. 20, 21, 22: Duke Cancer Institute Pickle for Pink Tournament & Silent Auction to benefit Duke Breast Surgery and Duke Breast Oncology programs.
* Although this is a bona fide pickleball tournament, there are ways to contribute without stepping foot on the court, including opportunities to participate in the silent auction, become a sponsor, or to donate directly are available on the website. LEARN MORE

OCT. 20: Pickle Ball Exhibition Match, inc. Collin Shick
OCT. 21-22: Pickle Ball women's doubles, men's doubles, mixed doubles

LOCATION: Duke Faculty Club

See You at the DCI Quality & Experience Town Hall
ONLY for DCI faculty, clinicians, and staff, the event will once again be hybrid with an in-person event and an option to login online.
Stay tuned for more information.
(**Thursday, July 20 @ noon**)

Team Spirit

ICYMI: Komen Race for the Cure 2023

The 2023 Susan G Komen Triangle Race for the Cure, presented by Duke Cancer Institute, was another great success! The DCI teams raised over $2,500!

Kevin Oeffinger, MD, director of the Supportive Care & Survivorship Center and founding director of the Duke Center for Onco-Primary Care, discussed his research on how oncology and primary care providers work as a team at CPAT 2023 (the annual NCCS Cancer Policy & Advocacy Team Symposium).

V-Riding in Europe

Diane Covington, a PA for the Duke Orthopaedics team, and her husband Hurt began participating in the V Ride during COVID. For the V Ride this year they cycled 100 miles through hilly European terrain for the cause. We are grateful for their support.

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Julie Poucher Harbin, Senior Writer, DCI, is Managing Editor of the DCI E-News & the DCI Blog.

FILL OUT THIS FORM to submit announcements of upcoming events; new faculty, fellows, or residents; honors, awards, recognitions, new roles, promotions; and other news you wish to share for potential inclusion in the next DCI E-news or internal channels.

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