From the Administrator, Dr. Wendy Law

The Cancer Consortium Administration team has kicked-off 2018 at full speed to prepare for the renewal of our Cancer Center Support Grant. As we are in our 43rd year as an NCI-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center, it is an honor to help facilitate this network that brings together over 600 members across Fred Hutch, University of Washington, Seattle Children’s Hospital, and the SCCA. This year will be a flurry of activities and data collection. Thank you to all of the committees, faculty and administrators across the four institutions who are working tirelessly to ensure we maintain our top standing as one of the nation’s most preeminent centers.

SAVE THE DATE!

This year the Cancer Consortium is proud to support three top-notch symposia. Register your interest now! To learn more about upcoming seminars, symposiums, and events across the Consortium, click here.

Pathways to Equity Symposium – April 27, 2018
Featuring Dr. Marvela Ford and Dr. Carey Jackson, learn about recruitment of under-represented individuals to clinical trials, patient navigation for diverse populations, and actions the FH/UW Cancer Consortium is taking to support diversity and inclusion. For free tickets, register here.

Pathogen Associated Malignancies Spring Symposium – May 2, 2018
Featuring leaders from the fields of viral-induced cancers and the human microbiome and inflammation. PhD and Postdoctoral trainees will have access to a special “Meet the Speakers” Luncheon. Email Alysia vandenBerg (avandenb@fredhutch.org) for more information.

DNA Repair Defects Symposium – May 23, 2018
Featuring Dr. Funmi Olopade from the University of Chicago, join speakers across the Cancer Consortium to discuss the latest research topics in DNA repair. For more information, email Katie Fitzmaurice (kfitzmau@seattlecca.org).

CITING THE CANCER CENTER SUPPORT GRANT (CCSG)

On behalf of Cancer Consortium Director, Gary Gilliland, we kindly remind you to acknowledge the CCSG in your publications. The level of funding we received on this grant is determined by the science it supports, and that, in turn, is determined by acknowledging its use. You can find citation guidelines on the Cancer Consortium website.
**Funding Opportunities**

Pilot Award applications are due March 5th.

The New Investigator Award competition will be announced in early April.

**Did you know?**

You can search for members and colleagues through the membership page on the Cancer Consortium website.

**Have questions?**

Get in touch with the Consortium Admin Team. We’re here to help!

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**RESEARCH NEWS, AWARDS & SPECIAL MENTIONS**

**COALITION FOR NEXT GENERATION LIFE SCIENCES**

Fred Hutch, the first independent research institute to join nine other U.S. research universities, helped to form the Coalition for Next Generation Life Sciences. Published in *Science*, these founding institutions will lay the groundwork for data transparency and career planning for early-career scientists.

**MACHINE LEARNING TO TREAT CANCER**

Pamela Becker (Hematologic Malignancies Research Program) developed a new algorithm to determine the appropriate dosing for an individual patient with leukemia based on their specific genetic profile (published in *Nature Communications)*.

**NEW INSTITUTE FOR PRECISION MEDICINE LAUNCHES**

Jay Shendure (Cancer Basic Biology Research Program) will lead the new Brotman Baty Institute for Precision Medicine, a joint venture between UW Medicine, Fred Hutch, and Seattle Children’s to enhance the genetic and molecular profiling of diseases.

**THE 8TH EDITION AJCC CANCER STAGING MANUAL**

David Byrd (Women’s Cancer Research Program), chair of the American Joint Committee on Cancer, was the editor of the 8th Edition of the AJCC Staging Manual that became effect January 1, 2018.

**IMMUNOTHERAPY FOR PEDIATRIC BRAIN TUMORS**

Courtney Crane (Immunology & Vaccine Development Research Program) reviews current immunotherapy modalities and their potential to develop anti-tumor responses for pediatric patients with brain tumors.