

About Us

Leveraging world-class partnerships and cross-disciplinary teams, we aim to eliminate cancer through:

- Effective prevention
- Improved diagnostics and treatments
- Fundamental insights in the biology of disease

Research Programs

Organized into nine highly collaborative research programs that are discipline or disease specific, we bring together faculty with research interests in:

- Biostatistics & Computational Biology
- Cancer Basic Biology
- Cancer Epidemiology, Prevention & Control
- GI Cancers
- Hematologic Malignancies
- Immunology & Vaccine Development
- Prostate Cancer
- Women's Cancer

From the Administrator, Dr. Wendy Law

Happy Holidays from the Cancer Consortium Administration team! As the New Year begins, we are busily working on compiling and submitting the Cancer Center Support Grant (CCSG) and preparing for the subsequent NCI site visit. We're particularly grateful for all the hard work put in by the authors and reviewers for each narrative in the CCSG. We couldn't have done it without you!



SAVE THE DATE!

Visit the Cancer Consortium website for more information about upcoming seminars and events.



Hematologic Malignancies Program Retreat – January 11th, 2019

Join us at the Hematologic Malignancies Program Retreat for a series of lectures and discussions followed by a reception. The goal of this retreat is to solicit input on research themes and promote collaboration amongst program members. RSVPs kindly requested. Please email Alison Miller (amiller2@fredhutch.org).



ITHS Team Science Boot Camp – February 25-26th, 2019

Team Science Boot Camp is being held at the Seattle Children's Sand Point Learning Center. Training is intended for interdisciplinary teams working on a translational research project to learn the theory and practice of team science. See below for additional details.

The Foundation for NIH Partnership for Accelerating Cancer Therapies Releases RFA to Solicit Novel Biomarker Development for Key Areas in Cancer Immunoprofiling

The Foundation for NIH (FNIH) is issuing a Request for Applications (RFA) for novel biomarkers to support the Partnership for Accelerating Cancer Therapies (PACT), a project associated with the Beau Biden Cancer Moonshot™ Initiative. The mission of PACT is to facilitate robust, systematic, and uniformly conducted clinical testing of biomarkers that enable researchers and clinicians to better understand the mechanisms of response and resistance to cancer immunotherapy treatment strategies. To enable this mission, PACT is working with the National Cancer Institute's Cancer Immune Monitoring and Analysis Centers and the Cancer Immunologic Data Commons (NCI CIMAC-CIDC) Network to provide a systematic approach to immune and related oncology biomarker investigation in clinical trials by providing standardized and harmonized biomarker assays. In addition to refining existing assays for broader use, PACT seeks to further the development of novel exploratory biomarker assays, which can be utilized within PACT and across the research community. To encourage development of novel cutting-edge immunoprofiling assays for eventual clinical deployment, PACT is launching this specific RFA to solicit proposals to assist in driving promising novel biomarkers and assays toward analytical and clinical validation and eventually regulatory approval. This specific RFA is targeted to very focused areas within the fields of liquid biopsy, tumor microenvironment, and the microbiome that can assist clinicians in accurately predicting response to immuno-oncology interventions.

Application Due Date: January 21, 2019, 11:59 PM EST

For more information, please visit www.fnih.org/PACT or contact PACT@fnih.org.

Additional Funding Opportunities

Stay tuned for upcoming announcements about 2019's Pilot and New Investigator Awards, including RFAs and deadlines!

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!

CITING THE CANCER CENTER SUPPORT GRANT (CCSG)

On behalf of Cancer Consortium Director, Dr. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ITHS Team Science Boot Camp

Team Science Boot Camp is being offered on Monday afternoon, February 25 and all day Tuesday, February 26, 2019. Training will be held at the Seattle Children's Sand Point Learning Center. Training is intended for interdisciplinary teams working on a translational research project to learn the theory and practice of team science. The multimode training requires team participation and includes a variety of interventions that will be applied and tailored to attending teams based on their structures, goals, and self-identified team challenges.



For more information about training content, visit the [event page on the ITHS website](#).

Requirements for attending include an interdisciplinary team with a specific translational research project and a minimum of 3 team members who can commit to attending the full 1.5 day training. Participation in the training will be on a first come, first serve basis. If you have any questions please contact Brenda Zierler at brendaz@uw.edu or 206-616-1910 or Jennifer Sprecher at sprecj@uw.edu or 206-713-5455. For registration please contact Laurel Barchet at lah19@uw.edu with the following information:

- Full Name, email & department of all Team Participants
- Team name (if applicable)
- Team Challenge: at least one issue your team is currently working

Sponsored ACTS Membership for ITHS Members at Fred Hutch, UW, and Seattle Children's

The Association for Clinical and Translational Science (ACTS) is a professional organization dedicated to improving science through research, education, mentoring, and advocacy. Faculty who are ITHS members have access to a sponsored ACTS membership. Members enjoy discounted registration fees for meetings/conferences, exclusive access to helpful forums and partnership opportunities, grant resources, trainings, and more. To join, visit the ACTS website or contact Marissa Konstadt (konstadt@uw.edu) with any questions.

Introducing the new FHCRC Comparative Medicine Pathologist



Amanda Koehne, DVM, DACVP – Comparative Pathologist, will be joining the FHCRC Comparative Medicine Team on December 1, 2018. Dr. Koehne is a board certified veterinary anatomic pathologist with expertise in PDX generation, sarcoma biology, and phenotypic evaluation of rodent cancer models. She has been working with laboratory rodents for 18 years and in laboratory animal pathology for 8 years. While at UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine she completed her DVM degree in 2009 and residency in veterinary anatomic pathology (laboratory animal pathology emphasis) in 2012. She has recently completed her PhD in Cancer Biology from Stanford University in the laboratory of Dr. Alejandro Sweet-Cordero. Prior to completing her PhD, she served as a veterinary pathologist at the UC Davis Comparative Pathology Laboratory.