

# University of Chicago Cancer Research Center



## MEMBER NEWS AND UPDATES

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### UCCRC Member News

The UCCRC is pleased to announce the appointment of **Everett E. Vokes, MD**, an international authority on the treatment of head and neck cancer, lung cancer, and drug development, as Chairman of the Department of Medicine. He has had a distinguished career in clinical and translational research, most recently as Director of the Section of Hematology/Oncology, the John E. Ulmann Professor in Medicine and the Department of Radiation and Cellular Oncology. He is also Deputy Director of the University of Chicago Cancer Research Center and vice-chairman for clinical research in the Department of Medicine. Dr. Vokes' innovative approach to cancer care is an inspiring example of how clinical work can frame research questions, leading to new ways to treat patients. He is ideally suited to lead us as we pursue new discoveries and unparalleled patient care.

### UCCRC News: CECOS

Community Engagement Centering on Solutions (CECOS) recently targeted young women in Chicago's Southside community with a forum on cervical cancer, and how to make informed decisions about Human Papillomavirus (HPV) treatment. **Rick Kittles, PhD**, Associate Director for Diversity and Community Outreach, and **Kenneth Alexander, MD**, Associate Professor of Pediatrics, helped an engaged audience of over 330 understand the role of HPV in cancer.

### UCCRC News: Website Update

A new website has been created for the University of Chicago's Ludwig Center. The center brings together researchers from various areas of expertise to dissect the basic mechanisms of metastasis using sophisticated, state-of-the-art approaches. Co-directing the Center are **Geoffrey L. Greene, PhD**, Virginia and D.K. Ludwig Professor, Ben May Department for Cancer Research, and **Ralph R. Weichselbaum, MD**, Daniel K Ludwig Professor and Chairman, Department of Radiation and Cellular Oncology. For more information, visit the Ludwig Center website at: <http://uccrc.uchicago.edu/Ludwig/LudwigRevHomepage.html>

### Upcoming Seminars

#### ► UCCRC Translational Seminar Series

**Title:** Lifestyle and Tumor Pathways/  
Microenvironment: Relation to  
Lymphoma Survival?  
Brian C.-H. Chiu, PhD  
Andrew M. Evens, DO, MSc  
3/20/2009, 12:00PM - 1:00PM P-117

#### ► Breast Cancer Seminar Series

**Title:** Therapeutic Resistance of Breast  
Cancer Stem Cells  
Jeffrey M. Rosen, PhD  
4/7/2009, 4:30PM - 5:30PM BSLC 115

**Title:** Fibroblast Growth Factor  
Receptor Signaling in Mammary Gland  
Development and Breast Cancer  
4/8/2009, 11:30AM - 12:30PM BSLC 008

### UCCRC News: AACI Update

The March 2009 AACI Newsletter features UCCRC members **Michael Vannier, MD**, **Dorothy Sipkins, MD, PhD**, and **Stacy Tessler Lindau, MD**. Dr. Vannier discusses the UCMC's powerful new CT scanner, capable of quickly producing high-resolution images, while reducing radiation exposure. Dr. Sipkins is featured for her work on a study showing that blockage of leukemic cell signaling can prevent leukemic cells from inhibiting red and white blood cell maturation. Dr. Tessler Lindau is featured for her work on harmful drug-drug interactions in older adults taking multiple drugs. This study was previously published in the December 2008 issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association.