Abdulkadir Named Director of International Relations

**SARKI ABDULKADIR, MD, PHD**, has been appointed Director of International Relations for the Lurie Cancer Center. Dr. Abdulkadir brings his interest in training the next generation of scientists, his exceptional track record of research initiatives and his understanding of international funding agencies to this new role.

Dr. Abdulkadir is the John T. Grayhack, MD, Professor of Urological Research at the Feinberg School of Medicine and a member of the Lurie Cancer Center. He joined Northwestern in 2013 from Vanderbilt University where he was Director of Graduate Studies and Associate Professor of Pathology, Microbiology, Immunology and Cancer Biology.

The Director of International Relations will provide leadership in coordinating and expanding global alliances and partnerships of the Lurie Cancer Center and facilitate the global research efforts of its members. In coordination with Northwestern Medicine’s International Patient Services Department, this strategic new position will expand referring physician relationships from overseas as well as patient referrals. Dr. Abdulkadir will serve on the International Committee for the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) and will participate in the health initiatives of Chicago Sister Cities International.

“Sarki is an outstanding medical researcher with a major interest in driving global health initiatives. We are excited about his vision and look forward to his leadership in strengthening and promoting the Lurie Cancer Center’s international reach,” said Leonidas Platianas, MD, PhD, interim director of the Lurie Cancer Center.

May/June 2014
Vitamin D Deficiency Linked to Aggressive Prostate Cancer

AFRICAN-AMERICAN and European-American men at high risk of prostate cancer have greater odds of being diagnosed with an aggressive form of the disease if they have a vitamin D deficiency, according to a new study from Northwestern Medicine and the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC). Results of the study were published May 1 in Clinical Cancer Research, a journal of the American Association for Cancer Research.

"Vitamin D deficiency could be a biomarker of advanced prostate tumor progression in large segments of the general population," said Adam B. Murphy, MD, lead author of the study. "More research is needed, but it would be wise for men to be screened for vitamin D deficiency and treated." Murphy is an assistant professor in urology at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, a physician at Jesse Brown VA Medical Center and a member of the Lurie Cancer Center.

Scientists examined data collected from a diverse group of more than 600 men from the Chicago area who had elevated PSA levels or other risk factors for prostate cancer. Each man was screened for vitamin D deficiency before undergoing a prostate biopsy.

The authors were surprised to find that vitamin D deficiency seemed to be a predictor of aggressive forms of prostate cancer diagnosis in African-American and European-American men, even after adjusting for potential confounders including diet, smoking habits, obesity, family history and calcium intake. "These men, with severe vitamin D deficiency, had greater odds of advanced grade and advanced stage of tumors within or outside the prostate," Murphy said.

Neil Kelleher Named Allen Distinguished Investigator

NEIL L KELLEHER, PhD, has been selected to receive The Paul G. Allen Family Foundation’s Allen Distinguished Investigator award for his work in human cell lineage, a field that traces the development of cells over time in individuals. Since 2010, the foundation has supported and empowered select high-risk, high-reward scientists who are positioned to take on the unconventional and unexpected.

Kelleher, a pioneer in top-down proteomics with one of the leading groups in the world that studies intact proteins, joins fellow honorees from Caltech and the University of Washington School of Medicine. Each Allen Distinguished Investigator (ADI) will receive between $1 million and $1.2 million in funding over three years to continue investigation into human cell lineage -- a central and urgent quest in biology and medicine.

“Defining protein barcodes along the B cell lineage in human blood will help clinicians to scan for normal and cancerous cells, leading to earlier and more precise diagnosis of disease,” said Kelleher, director of Northwestern’s Proteomics Center of Excellence. (Proteomics is the study and analysis of protein structure and function.)

Kelleher is the Walter and Mary Elizabeth Glass Chair in Life Sciences in the Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences’ department of molecular biosciences. He also is a professor in Weinberg’s department of chemistry and in the Feinberg School of Medicine’s department of medicine, and a member of the Lurie Cancer Center.

With support from The Paul G. Allen Family Foundation, Kelleher and his colleagues will use single-cell tracking methods to map the development of white blood cells, specifically B cells, to illuminate the canonical B cell differentiation pathway and to investigate how deviations from it result in autoimmune disorders and cancerous malignancies.

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Scientists Discover Cancer-Associated Cells

RAYMOND BERGAN, MD, professor of Hematology/Oncology and Preventive Medicine at the Feinberg School of Medicine, looks to the bloodstream for answers on how cells transform into metastatic killers. As cancer spreads, cells from a primary tumor enter the blood and move to other parts of the body. "But detecting these cells in the bloodstream is really hard to do," said Bergan, co-director of the Northwestern Center for Molecular Innovation and Drug Discovery and director of experimental therapeutics at the Lurie Cancer Center. "The technology is improving and our recent collaboration shows how the use of a very fine screen to separate circulating tumor cells (CTCs) will improve our ability to determine if new drugs are working."

Using microfiltration for the recovery of CTCs, scientists from Feinberg and four other institutions discovered a new group of cells associated with the spread of cancer. Although CTCs provide physicians with important information, they are not consistently found in some patients, even in later stage disease. In contrast, according to the authors, cancer-associated macrophage-like cells (CAMLs) are cancer specific biomarkers found in greater abundance in all stages of breast, prostate and pancreatic cancers.

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A Potential New Approach to Killing Cancer Cells

RESEARCH FROM the Lurie Cancer Center has demonstrated that cancer cells – and not normal cells – can be killed by eliminating either the FAS receptor, also known as CD95, or its binding component, CD95 ligand. "The discovery seems counterintuitive because CD95 has previously been defined as a tumor suppressor," said lead investigator Marcus Peter, PhD, professor of Hematology/Oncology at the Feinberg School of Medicine.

"In order to conduct this line of work, we had to create something that I don't believe exists, a cancer cell completely devoid of CD95," said Peter. "If CD95 was truly a tumor suppressor, its elimination would result in an enhanced growth and/or invasiveness of cancer cells."

Peter and his team tested cancer cells from nine different tissue origins. Instead of multiplying, the cells increased their size and the production of harmful reactive oxygen species, resulting in DNA damage. In their first attempt to divide, they died.

Peter determined that the "cell death induced by CD95 receptor or ligand elimination (DICE)," comprises multiple death pathways. A cancer cell would have to mutate components of each to defend against DICE, a highly unlikely scenario.

"DICE killed every cancer cell we put it up against and we found nothing that could prevent its destruction," Peter said. "The fact that none of the more than 1,000 drugs, nor the knockdown of any single gene was found to counteract DICE, makes it a very promising new way to kill cancer cells."

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PDX Models to Advance Novel Cancer Therapies

RESEARCHERS AT THE Lurie Cancer Center and throughout Northwestern University now have new and robust models for testing novel cancer therapies thanks to a joint effort by the Center for Developmental Therapeutics (CDT), the Feinberg School of Medicine Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and the Lurie Cancer Center’s Pathology Core Facility (PCF).

The Patient-Derived Xenograft (PDX) tumor repository allows many basic oncology research questions to be addressed using models that more closely resemble human cancer. The PDX tumor models are established from the transplantation of a fresh human tumor specimen from a cancer patient directly into a mouse. The tumors are only passaged in mice and never see plastic, thereby eliminating a major cause of selection bias and creating a model that is much closer to human cancer than traditional xenograft models.

The current repository already has multiple PDX tumor models of 10 different types of cancer: glioblastoma, breast, renal, bladder, pancreatic, colon, ovarian, endometrial, mesothelioma and leukemia. This was made possible through tumors samples obtained from over 40 cancer patients by the diligence of various Lurie Cancer Center clinicians and the Pathology Core Facility. It is anticipated that this repository will continue to expand to include additional types of cancer as well as more models within each tumor type.

The PDX repository will provide immediate opportunities for the Northwestern research community to test novel anticancer compounds and probe novel mechanisms and biomarkers, but it will soon be available to the broader cancer research community. Molecular profiling of each model is planned and Northwestern researchers are encouraged to begin using the confirmed models in their own research. For more information, please visit the Center for Developmental Therapeutics website.

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ASCO 2014

THE ASCO Annual meeting will be held in Chicago, May 30 – June 3, attracting more than 25,000 oncology professionals from around the world. Please stop by our booth, #2065, in the ASCO Oncology Professionals Hall.

Tweeting at the Meeting

ASCO has actively embraced the use of social media, especially Twitter. In a study comparing trends in Twitter use by physicians during the 2010 and 2011 ASCO Annual Meetings, some Twitter users reported that tweeting “improved their meeting experience, increasing understanding of the data through following others.”

Contact Jennifer Bowker at j-bowker@northwestern.edu or 312.695.0502 if you have questions or would like help getting started.

• Follow us @LurieCancer
• If you’re tweeting already, here’s how to add your Twitter handle to your #ASCO14 Meeting Badge.
• The annual ASCO “Tweetup” at McCormick Place on Saturday, May 31 at 5:45 p.m. is a chance to meet and learn from the best. Open to everyone interested in cancer research and care. Details and RSVP here.

Cancer Survivorship Institute Conference

FRANK PENEDO, PhD, Director of the Cancer Survivorship Institute (CSI) at the Lurie Cancer Center welcomed more than 125 participants to a panel presentation and discussion of the new American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer Patient-Centered Standards and their implementation on April 30.

“Bridging Cancer Care Delivery Systems with Community-Based Resources” was the theme of the program for oncology clinicians, administrators and staff from Chicago-area academic and community-based centers, as well as representatives from cancer support organizations. An impromptu visit from musician Lupe Fiasco, who was touring the Lurie Cancer Center, was an exciting addition to the program.
GR Scott Budinger, MD, was elected into the American Society for Clinical Investigation (ASCI). One of the nation’s oldest and most respected medical honor societies, the ASCI includes more than 3,000 physician-scientists from all medical specialties, and publishes the Journal of Clinical Investigation. Members are elected based on their outstanding record of scholarly achievement in biomedical research.

David Cella, PhD, celebrates Feinberg’s Department of Medical Social Sciences’ first five years of exploring and developing innovative health improvements through the application of social science. Read about their accomplishments and plans for the future here.

David Gius, MD, PhD, was inducted as a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha medical honor society. AOA acknowledges scholarly achievement and qualities such as leadership, professionalism and community service.

Mary Hendrix, PhD, has been elected to the Board of Directors of the National Disease Research Interchange (NDRI). NDRI is the nation’s leading source of human tissues, cells and organs for scientific research.

Ellen Mendelson, MD, was honored by the Chicago Radiological Society (CRS) with the Distinguished Service Award, the highest honor the CRS can bestow, to recognize her outstanding leadership in organized medicine on local, state and national levels and her many years of dedicated service to radiology.

Amy Rosenzweig, PhD, and Richard Silverman, PhD, have been elected members of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, one of the nation’s oldest and most prestigious honorary societies.

Illinois Cancer Partnership

Shaan Trotter, MSc, Administrative Director of the Lurie Cancer Center’s Office of Equity and Minority Health (OEMH) was named Co-Chair of the Illinois Cancer Partnership (ICP). Trotter will co-lead the ICP together with Shannon Lightner, Senior Director of State Health Systems for the American Cancer Society’s Lakeshore Division.

In his role as Administrative Director of the OEMH, Trotter works closely with Associate Director, Alexis Thompson, MD, MPH, to provide the leadership for and coordinate the Lurie Cancer Center’s efforts to address the unique cancer issues of minority and medically underserved populations. A major task of the OEMH is to assemble evidence and advise on the most appropriate and promising strategies for reducing cancer health disparities.

A statewide, collaborative organization with a mission to reduce the incidence, morbidity and mortality of cancer in Illinois, the ICP works in partnership with the Illinois Department of Public Health to develop and prepare the Illinois Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan.

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Reception Welcoming ASCO to Chicago

Northwestern faculty are encouraged to invite colleagues coming to Chicago for the 2014 ASCO Annual Meeting to the Lurie Cancer Center’s reception.

Sunday, June 1, 2014
Howells and Hood
Chicago Tribune Tower
435 North Michigan Ave

RSVP by May 28 to cancer.northwestern.edu/asco
THE LURIE CANCER CENTER is committed to educating the public about cancer prevention and treatment, and offers a wide range of community events and patient programs throughout the year. Below is a list of programs scheduled through July 2014.

LEARN MORE AND REGISTER AT cancer.northwestern.edu or call 312.695.1390

Make the Cut: Hair Donation Event

Sunday, May 18, 2014
The MAX
4750 S. Vernon Ave., McCook

1st Alliance Volleyball Club’s event will provide an opportunity for coaches, players, friends, and others to help provide wigs for women with cancer through Pantene’s Beautiful Lengths campaign. Money raised through their raffle will benefit the H Foundation’s funding of research at the Lurie Cancer Center.

Living Well with Myeloproliferative Neoplasms (MPNs)

Saturday, June 7, 2014
Robert H. Lurie Medical Research Building, Hughes Auditorium
Presenter: Brady Stein, MD

A forum for patients and families about developments in MPN treatment and research.

Cancer Connections

Saturday, July 12, 2014
Feinberg Pavilion, 3rd Floor, Conference Room A

Offered quarterly, this series of public education events is dedicated to improving the quality of life for patients, their families and caregivers—during and after cancer treatment. In addition to workshops on a wide range of topics, the program offers a chance to discover integrative therapies, networking groups, and peer support programs.

21st Annual Cancer Survivors’ Celebration Walk & 5K

Sunday June 1, 2014
Grant Park, Chicago

Walk, run and celebrate the strides being made in cancer treatment and research at this memorable morning filled with activities and entertainment for the family.

Remembering Joan Marie Loos

Monday, May 19, 2014
4:30 P.M.
Feinberg Pavilion, 3rd Floor Conference Room A

A memorial service will be held for Lurie Cancer Center Nurse Navigator, Joan Marie Loos. All are invited to share memories of Joan Marie, who in addition to being a colleague, friend and guide, was known for her sense of humor.
Fundraising Events

With Mom 4 Mom

Enjoy a variety of fitness classes with your mom, or in honor of your mom, throughout the month while raising funds for breast cancer research at the Lurie Cancer Center.

Chicago Spring Half Marathon/10K

Saturday, May 18, 2014
The Park at Lakeshore East, Chicago

The sold out race and celebration raises funds for vital programs and research at the Northwestern Brain Tumor Institute (NBTI).

Renee Israel Foundation Annual Fundraiser

May 27, 2014
Congregation B’nai Tikvah, Deerfield, IL

Comedian Joan Rivers is the special guest speaker at this benefit to fund breast cancer research at the Lurie Cancer Center.

Play for the Cure Golf Outing

Monday, June 16, 2014
Westmoreland Country Club, Wilmette

A day of fun in the sun at the Lynn Sage Cancer Research Foundation’s 23rd Annual Golf Outing.

Summer Lovin’

Friday, June 20, 2014
Chicago History Museum

The Auxiliary Board of Northwestern Memorial Hospital is supporting innovative bone marrow transplant research led by John Galvin, MD.

The Goombay Bash

Saturday, July 12
Navy Pier, Chicago

The H Foundation’s Caribbean-themed event supports basic science research at the Lurie Cancer Center.

Chicago SUP YACS Classic

Saturday, July 27
Montrose Beach, Chicago

Stand Up Paddleboard Race, Ride & Relay supports programs for young adult cancer survivors.
Professional Programs

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, the Lurie Cancer Center offers professional education on various cancer related topics. Below is a list of programs scheduled through July 2014.

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Cancer Informatics Core Facility Open House
May 14, 2014
Robert H. Lurie Medical Research Center, Baldwin Auditorium
Meet the core’s new Director, Ramana Davuluri, PhD, faculty and staff. Discuss the collaborative opportunities and informatics opportunities the Cancer Informatics Core provides to investigators at the Lurie Cancer Center.

Biobehavioral Mechanisms Underlying Cancer Disparities
May 15, 2014
Robert H. Lurie Medical Research Center, Baldwin Auditorium
Speaker: Christopher P. Fagundes, PhD

Silverstein Lecture Series
Cancer Stem Cells: Drivers of Cancer Missed by Traditional Therapies?
May 21, 2014
Robert H. Lurie Medical Research Center, Hughes Auditorium Chicago Campus
May 22, 2014
Pancoe Life Sciences Pavilion, Abbott Auditorium Evanston Campus
Speaker: Max S. Wicha, MD
University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center

25th Annual Scientific Poster Session and 6th Annual Lurie Cancer Center Symposium
June 11, 2014
Robert H. Lurie Medical Research Center
Baldwin Auditorium and Ryan Atrium

9th Annual Pain and Palliative Care Conference
June 12, 2014
Prentice Women’s Hospital, Conference Room L
Chair: Judith A. Paice, PhD, RN

2014 Oncology Review
July 10, 2014
Feinberg Pavilion, Mechelenburg Conference Room
Chair: William Gradishar, MD

Grand Rounds & Tumor Cell Biology

GRAND ROUNDS
Fridays: 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m
Robert H. Lurie Medical Research Center
303 E. Superior, Chicago
Gray Conference Room (unless otherwise noted)

Presented by the Division of Hematology/Oncology and the Lurie Cancer Center, the weekly Grand Rounds update physicians and healthcare personnel on developing trends and techniques in medicine.
» Schedule at cancer.northwestern.edu/grandrounds

TUMOR CELL BIOLOGY
Thursdays: 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Robert H. Lurie Medical Research Center
303 E. Superior, Chicago
Baldwin Auditorium (unless otherwise noted)

The Tumor Cell Biology Seminars present weekly updates on novel translational cancer research in the areas of tumor biology, biomedical informatics and cancer prevention and diagnosis.
» Schedule at cancer.northwestern.edu/tcb

If you would like to receive weekly reminders about the Grand Rounds and/or TCB Seminar schedules please contact Denise Marshall at d-marshall4@northwestern.edu.

Signal Transduction and Molecular Regulation Journal Club

May 16 and 30, 2014
Pancoe Pavilion, 42013
Evanston Campus
Sponsored by Signal Transduction in Cancer (STIC)
Funding Opportunities

Travel Grants

Travel Fellowship Awards

The Katten Muchin Rosenman Travel Scholarship Program, the Center for Genetic Medicine Travel Fellowship, and the Cancer Prevention and Control Travel Scholarship Program Review Committee would like to congratulate the following recipients of Travel Fellowship Awards:

Graduate Students
- David Krist (KMR)
- Mark Perelis (CGM)
- Michael Plebanek (KMR)
- Rosa Ventrella (KMR)

Post-Doctoral Students
- Samuel Smith, PhD (CP)
- Qian Song, PhD (KMR)
- Yan Zhang, PhD (KMR)

The Katten Muchin Rosenman Travel Scholarship Program allows doctoral students and postdoctoral fellows to present the results of their basic cancer research.

The Center for Genetic Medicine Travel Fellowship allows doctoral students and postdoctoral fellows to present the results of their basic cancer research showing its genetics relevance.

The Cancer Prevention Travel Scholarship Program allows doctoral students and postdoctoral fellows to present the results of their laboratory, clinical, population or behavioral research with implications for cancer prevention.

The next deadline to apply for 2014 Travel fellowship Awards is Friday July 11, 2014.

» Details and application here

Basic Sciences Research Division

H Foundation Incentive Awards provide funding for faculty who have submitted and received a score on a RO1 grant to the NCI for the first time in their career. If additional funds are available, awards will be made to other faculty for new, first-time NCI RO1 submissions, which are scored but not yet funded.

H Foundation Bridge Awards provide up to $20,000 of support for competing renewals of NCI-sponsored RO1 research that missed the payline.

Applications for H Foundation Incentive and Bridge Awards are reviewed on a rolling basis and accepted until funds for the year are expended.

» Details and application here

Lea Charitable Trust Equipment Grants

Through the generous support of the Lea Charitable Trust, a pool of funds is available to full members of the Lurie Cancer Center affiliated with one of the Basic Sciences Research Programs for use by multiple investigators or to support small equipment grants for collaborative research projects.

Lea Charitable Trust Equipment Grants are made on a rolling basis as funds become available.

» Details and application here

Big Ten Cancer Research Consortium

Applications for Oncology Trial Concepts

The Big Ten Cancer Research Consortium (BTCRC) is actively seeking concepts for highly translational oncology trials that leverage the scientific and clinical expertise of Big Ten universities. The BTCRC is setting the goal to receive at least one new concept from each institution during 2014.

Once submitted, concepts will be discussed through a clinical trial working group mechanism. These disease-specific working groups are another way to increase collaboration across the BTCRC institutions and provide an opportunity for senior investigators to mentor junior investigators throughout the development of these translational trials.

Concepts will be accepted on an ongoing basis throughout the year.

» Details & application here
Welcome New Members and Staff

Lurie Cancer Center Appoints New Members

Joseph Bass, MD, PhD, is the Charles F. Kettering Professorship of Medicine, Professor in the Department of Endocrinology and Chief of the Division of Endocrinology, Metabolism, and Molecular Medicine at the Feinberg School of Medicine. His primary research focus is on the fundamental cell and molecular processes through which the circadian transcription network regulates cell and organismal metabolism and bioenergetics.

Contact Dr. Bass at j-bass@northwestern.edu or 312.503.2258

Catherine Hunter, MD, is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Surgery at the Feinberg School of Medicine. A pediatric surgeon, her research interests include neuroblastomas and transitional cell carcinoma, a rare entity that may be misdiagnosed as hepatoblastoma or hepatocellular carcinoma that appears to have unique pathology and clinical outcome. A better understanding of this disease may guide future chemotherapeutic and surgical treatment strategies.

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Joshua Rappoport, PhD is a Research Associate Professor in the Department of Cell and Molecular Biology and Director of the Center for Advanced Microscopy (CAM) at the Feinberg School of Medicine. His research interests include receptor signaling and metastatic cell motility. A researcher in the United Kingdom for the last six years, Dr. Rapport studied epidermal growth factor receptor trafficking.

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Betina Yanez, PhD, is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Medical Social Sciences at the Feinberg School of Medicine. Her research is interdisciplinary in nature, with special emphasis on improving the quality of life in Latina women with breast cancer and targeted interventions to assist underserved groups. Dr. Yanez’s ongoing ACS-funded research seeks to identify how to improve adherence to hormonal therapy and surveillance. The next phase of her research will continue to target health disparities by collaborating with community-based clinics and organizations to develop and implement a tailored intervention to enhance adherence to cancer guidelines for Latina women completing active treatment for breast cancer.

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New Appointments

Jian-Jun Wei, MD, has been appointed as the new Director of the Lurie Cancer Center’s Pathology Core Facility.(PCF) A shared resource of the Lurie Cancer Center, the PCF provides laboratory processing (histology, immunohistochemistry, molecular analysis and extraction, and microscopic evaluation); procurement of biospecimens for clinical trials and biobanking; and serves as the coordinating office and reference laboratory for the ECOG-ACRIN Cancer Research Group.

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A new contact procedure is in place for IT support. Please be sure to provide complete information when entering requests (i.e. office #, location, detailed issue information), since many departments throughout the medical school use this same system. The new contact information is:

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Celebrating Oncology Nursing Month

The Lurie Cancer Center is proud and grateful to the skilled and dedicated nursing professionals who care for our patients. View more photos, and post a few of your own, on the Lurie Cancer Center’s Facebook Page.

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Weekly Updates

INFORMATION TO BE CONSIDERED for inclusion in the Lurie Cancer Center’s weekly e-mail updates must be received at least one week in advance. Submit suggestions to Denise Marshall at d-marshall4@northwestern.edu.