**Community for a Cure**

**From the Director:**

Dr. John Carpten elected to the 2021 class of fellows of the AACR Academy. The mission of the AACR Academy is to recognize and encourage exceptional scientists, clinicians, and advocates who have demonstrated a commitment to the advancement of cancer research. Dr. Carpten is recognized for his extraordinary record of impact and an inspiring vision to reduce cancer disparities that makes a difference in outcomes for all people facing cancer.

**Social Challenges:**

Social challenges are a major issue for young adult cancer patients. Miller received a major grant from the NCI to study how social factors might contribute to cancer outcomes. Dr. Kimberly Miller received a major grant from the NCI to study how social factors might contribute to cancer outcomes.

**T-cell Therapy:**

A revolutionary approach to the treatment of blood cancers, such as leukemia, lymphoma, and multiple myeloma, is the development of T-cell therapy. This therapy harnesses the patient's immune system to target their unique cancer cells to improve the cure rates for all patients.

**Endometrial Cancer Study:**

Endometrial cancer is the most common gynecologic cancer in the US. Dr. Janice Lu, USC Norris Translational and Clinical Sciences Program member, published the results of a study that identified a new biomarker to determine which patients will have the lowest rates of recurrence. The study was funded by a grant from the San Pedro Peninsula Cancer Guild.

**Upcoming Events:**

- **May 4, 2021, 12-1 pm**
  - **Grand Rounds: Contemporary Risk-Based Care of Pediatric Hodgkin Lymphoma**
  - **Location:** Zoom
  - **Speaker:** Dr. J. Edward Gribble

**Why Your Gifts Matter:**

The San Pedro Peninsula Cancer Guild, originally known as the San Pedro Peninsula Guild, has been essential to the USC Norris GI Oncology Program. The guild received from the Guild, the USC Norris GI Oncology Program was one of the first to launch a community event to benefit cancer research. The guild has helped to fund important research, including the development of novel treatment approaches and clinical trials for patients with GI cancer.

** medieval Times Event:**

The Guild has been hosting an in-person event in 2020, its supporters still donated an impressive $85,000 last year. The event's survival of patients with GI cancer across the nation has significantly improved. The event's mailing list.

**New Faculty Spotlight:**

**Alfred Assaf**, USC Norris Faculty Manager

- **Department:** USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center
- **Title:** Faculty Manager
- **Bio:** Alfred Assaf is responsible for the implementation of a comprehensive, solution-oriented, coordination, and communication strategy to manage the strategic initiatives of the USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center. He leads efforts to coordinate, align, and communicate key strategic initiatives across the USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center.

**Do You Have a Story?**

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