July 2013

In July, VCU Massey Cancer Center was featured in more than 55 news clips. Research by Charles Chalfant, Ph.D., Paul B. Fisher, M.Ph., Ph.D., Santanu Dasgupta, Ph.D., and Steven Grant, M.D., was covered by many national science and medical news publications. Local media outlets in South Hill reported on the opening of a new radiation therapy center provided by Massey in partnership with Community Memorial Healthcenter. Fundraising and cancer education and awareness events were also highlighted.

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CITED RESEARCH

NPR WCVE: “New protein discovery may help develop powerful new cancer drugs,” July 31, 2013


Chemistry World: “Thalidomide teams-up with turmeric to kill myeloma cells,” July 2, 2013

Featured was research by Steven Grant, M.D., that combines an ingredient in curcumin with thalidomide to create hybrid compounds to kill multiple myeloma cells.

CENTER NEWS

The Progress-Index: “Community Health Day Expo is next week,” July 31, 2013

A community health education event that Massey staff members participated in was featured.

News Advance: “Cancer-free volunteers needed for new study,” July 29, 2013

Massey’s cancer needs assessment in the Pittsylvania Health District was highlighted. Additional coverage appeared in the Danville Register & Bee.

South Hill Enterprise: “Organizers hoping for ‘big impact,’” July 26, 2013
Massey's cancer needs assessment in the Southside Health District was mentioned.

*Herald-Progress*: “Splitting up the family: Chimpanzee owner decries mandated move,” July 24, 2013

An event that benefited Massey was featured.

*ABC WSET-TV13*: “New Radiation Therapy Center Coming to Southside,” July 24, 2013

The opening in South Hill of the Solari Radiation Therapy Center, provided through a partnership between Massey and Community Memorial Healthcenter, was announced. Additional coverage appeared on SoVANow.

*Richmond Times-Dispatch*: “Bennett: Translational research is alive and well at VCU,” July 24, 2013

In an opinion piece, Massey was mentioned as one of the hubs for translational research at VCU.

*TriCities.com*: “Abingdon’s Smith gives her passion to teaching others healthy living,” July 22, 2013

Massey community health education coordinator Amy Smith was profiled for the cancer needs assessment she led in the Mount Rogers Health District.


The Christmas in July Craft Show that supports Massey was announced. Additional coverage appeared in another article by the *Middlothan Exchange*.


Massey staff members were noted for their participation in a community health task force.


Lynne Penberthy, M.D., M.Ph., was quoted in an article discussing Massey’s Clinical Trials Eligibility Database.

*Henrico Citizen*: “Seminar on pancreatic, colorectal cancers to be held at Lewis Ginter,” July 11, 2013

A seminar about gastrointestinal cancers presented by Massey’s Steven Grossman, M.D., Ph.D., was announced.

*NBC WWBT-TV12*: “ON YOUR SIDE: Henrico teen beats cancer,” July 11, 2013

The story of a young Massey brain cancer patient was featured.


**Massey’s Ride for Jim** event was featured in an article about two friends who took a cross-country ride for cancer research. Additional coverage appeared in *News Herald*.

*The Progress-Index*: “Initiative to make city healthier one library patron at a time,” July 10, 2013

A lecture at the Petersburg Healthy Living and Learning Center, which is co-led by Massey, was featured. Additional coverage appeared on TMCnet.
**The Progress-Index:** “News briefs for Wednesday, July 10, 2013,” July 10, 2013

A joint community health education event in Petersburg with Massey and The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 622 was announced.

**Advance for Nurses:** “New AACN Board of Directors Takes Helm for Fiscal 2014,” July 9, 2013

Massey nurse manager Clareen Wienczek, Ph.D., R.N., was mentioned as a member of the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses board of directors.

**Richmond Times-Dispatch:** “Health Notes for July 8,” July 8, 2013

Multiple Massey cancer awareness events were highlighted.

**News Advance:** “BRIEF: Nutrition, cancer workshop planned Wednesday,” July 7, 2013

Nutrition and cancer seminars in Danville presented by Massey’s Yi Ning, M.D., Sc.D., were announced. Additional coverage appeared on BTW News, Danville Register & Bee and Independent Messenger.