In May, VCU Massey Cancer Center was covered in more than 60 news clips by a variety of international, national and regional media outlets. Featured research includes a study led by Lindsay Sabik, Ph.D., on the impact of inconsistent state Medicaid expansions under the Affordable Care Act on screenings for women’s cancers, and pre-clinical research led by Paul B. Fisher, M.Ph., Ph.D., on a novel viral gene therapy for prostate cancer. Additionally, Charles Clevenger, M.D., Ph.D., provided expert commentary about the need for women to seek a second opinion on questionable breast cancer pathology reports, and Mary Ann Hager, R.N., M.S., was quoted about the importance of licensed clinical social workers in health care. Massey fundraising and cancer awareness events were also announced by local publications.

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CITED RESEARCH

**MDLinx**: Massey researcher leads team to improve data reporting of meningioma treatment outcomes," May 28, 2015

Highlighted was study led by Leland Rogers, M.D., that found a lack of uniform guidelines for reporting the effectiveness of experimental treatments in clinical trials for meningioma, the most common primary brain tumor.

**Healthline**: "Low-income cancer patients hurt by refusal to expand Medicaid," May 26, 2015

Featured was a study led by Lindsay Sabik, Ph.D., that showed the failure of some states to expand their Medicaid coverage under the Affordable Care Act would widen national disparities in women’s cancer screenings. These findings were also featured by Black Politics on the Web, emPower Magazine, HealthCanal, Medical News Today, Medical Xpress, News-Medical, Oncology Nurse Advisor, ScienceCodex, ScienceDaily and Science Newsline.

**Science Newsline**: "Advanced viral gene therapy eradicates prostate cancer in preclinical experiments," May 11, 2015

Spotlighted was preclinical research led by Paul B. Fisher, M.Ph., Ph.D., on a novel viral gene therapy for the treatment of prostate cancer. This research also appeared on Brightsurf.com, eWallstreeter, FierceBiotech, MDLinx, Medical Xpress, Newsmax, News-Medical, Science Codex and Science Daily.

EXPERT COMMENTARY
**WTVR CBS 6:** "How the ‘gray zone’ could impact your breast cancer test results," May 7, 2015

Charles Clevenger, M.D., Ph.D., was interviewed about the need for breast cancer patients to understand their pathology report and seek a second opinion.

**Our Health Richmond:** "Why we need healthcare workers: What if we didn’t have social workers?" May 2015 edition

Mary Ann Hager, R.N., M.S., was quoted about the importance of licensed clinical social workers in healthcare.

**CENTER NEWS**

**Danville Register & Bee:** "Step by Step group seeks to be proactive," May 24, 2015

Massey's Cancer Resource Center of Southern Virginia - Danville was cited as the site for meetings of a club that promotes good fitness and nutrition habits as a means to prevent cancer and cancer recurrence.

**Healthcare Finance:** "Oncology Care Model lines up more than 400 practices for value-based payment test (list),” May 20, 2015

Massey was listed as one of more than 400 oncology practices to participate in a trial of a proposed value-based Oncology Care Model developed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

**Richmond Times-Dispatch:** "Outsider events calendar, Cure 5K Fun Run/Walk — June 7," May 20, 2015

A listing of local events mentioned Massey as the designated charity of the Stonehenge Cure Crew 5k Fun Run/Walk and the Triple Crossing Brewing Company Hops to a Cure Mild Ale release.

**Brunswick Times-Gazette:** "Understanding sunscreen protection healthy living – 101," May 19, 2015

A column written by Massey's Cancer Research and Resource Center of Southern Virginia - Lawrenceville staff centered on the importance of sunscreen use to reduce the risk of skin cancer.

**WRIC ABC 8:** "Local cancer patients urge you to ‘Be the Match,'” May 14, 2015

A TV segment covered the Massey Bone Marrow Transplant Program's annual in-house walk to raise awareness for bone marrow/stem cell donation.

**WVIR-TV NBC 29:** "Fly fishing retreat," May 12, 2015

A TV clip featured current and former Massey patients who participated in the first ever Virginia Reel Recovery retreat for men who have cancer.

**Richmond Times-Dispatch:** "Napier ERA's employees are valued," May 7, 2015
An article about a Richmond-based realty company noted that it fundraises each year to support cancer research at Massey.

KFJX Fox 14: "Pain clinic of Idaho opens with new Calmare technology for chronic pain," May 6, 2015

Massey was mentioned as one of several university hospitals across the nation where Calmare Pain Therapy has been used as a pain management tool for patients with chemotherapy-induced peripheral neuropathy.

WRIC ABC 8: "Friends, strangers come together to support 4-year-old battling cancer," May 1, 2015

A local news segment reported on a 4-year-old Massey patient and the support her family has received from their community following her diagnosis of acute myeloid leukemia.