



2005 – 2017 CT BHI Grant Recipients

2005 COMMUNITY GRANTS

Agency on Aging of South Central CT – POW-Protecting Our Women

Community Health Services, Inc. – Reaching for the Cure

East Hartford Dept. of Health & Social Services – Outreach for Better Breast Health Outcomes

Hill Health Corp. – Improving Breast Health in the Elderly in Three Connecticut Cities Program

Hispanic Center of Greater Danbury – Breast Cancer Education and Awareness for Latinas

Hispanic Health Council – Latina Breast Cancer Early Detection and Support Program

Hospital of St. Raphael – Comprehensive Breast Cancer Outreach and Support Program for Underserved Women

Ledge Light Health District – Breaking the Silence

MidState Medical Center – CT Breast & Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program

Northeast District Dept. of Health – Outreach to Special Ethnic Populations for Breast Health Education

Norwalk Dept. of Health – Norwalk's Breast Health Initiative

Saint Mary's Hospital Corp. – Funding for Open Biopsies in Uninsured and Underinsured Women in Saint Mary's Hospital's CT Breast Health and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program

St. Vincent's Medical Center Foundation – St. Vincent's Swim Across the Sound Breast Cancer Support and Education Program

Uncas Health District – To provide the Community Members of Norwich and Montville, CT with Breast Health Education and Outreach

UCONN Health Center – Reducing Barriers to Mammography and Breast Care in Underserved and Underinsured Women in the Community Setting

YWCA of New Britain – New Britain Initiative to Support Women’s Breast Health

Hartford Hospital – Prospective Analysis of Breast MRI Outcomes in a Large Hospital Population (2 year grant award)

2006 RESEARCH AND EDUCATION GRANTS

Hartford Hospital – Prospective Analysis of Breast MRI Outcomes in a Large Hospital Population.

Andrew Salner, M.D./Director, Radiation, Oncology Cancer Program

Michael O’Loughlin, M.D./Department of Radiology

St. Mary’s Hospital – The Influence of Age on the Treatment Choice in Women with Breast Cancer.

Tiffany T. Fancher, M.D./Department of Surgery

UCONN Health Center - The Effect of Anastrozole on Bone Turnover Markers and Bone Mineral Density on Postmenopausal Women with Primary Breast Cancer.

Pamela Taxel, M.D./Asst. Professor of Medicine

UCONN Health Center – Identification of New Anticancer Drug, CH 46.

Dr. Joan Caron, Ph.D./Department of Cell Biology

UCONN Health Center – Mental and Physical Stressors in Diagnosis of Breast Cancer.

Susan Tannenbaum, M.D. /Asst. Professor of Medicine Division of Hematology/Oncology

YWCA of New Britain – Community Education – Moving Forward with Education and Fitness Initiative.

2007 RESEARCH AND EDUCATION GRANTS

UCONN Health Center – The Correlation of Tumor Vascularity as Imaged by Near-infra-red Technology with Tissue Distribution of Angiogenic Promoters

Kevin Claffey, PhD

UCONN Health Center – Sub-Classification of Breast Cancer by SH2 Profiling

M. Kazuya Machida, M.D.

YWCA of New Britain – Community Education – Moving Forward with Education and Fitness initiative.

CT BHI has agreed to partner with UCONN Health Center to fund a professorship for clinical/translational research dedicated to breast cancer prevention, treatment and research. CT BHI committed to fund this program for three years.

2008 RESEARCH AND EDUCATION GRANTS

UCONN Health Center - Inhibition of Breast Cancer Metastasis by Activation of cAMP Signaling

Paul M. Epstein, Ph.D.

UCONN Health Center – Identification of a New Anti-Breast Cancer Drug, SAM

Joan Caron, Ph.D.

UCONN Health Center – Effect of Aromatase Inhibitors on Blood Pressure and Forearm Vascular Reactivity in Postmenopausal Women with Breast Cancer

Faryal S. Mirza, MD

VNA of Central CT, Inc. – VNACC Breast Health Program

Shonya Harrison

2009 RESEARCH AND EDUCATION GRANTS

Hartford Hospital – Prospective Analysis of Breast MRI Outcomes in a Large Hospital Population

Andrew Salner, MD and Michael O’Loughlin, MD

UCONN Health Center – Therapeutic Targeting of Breast Cancer Stem Cells

Kevin Pl Claffey, Ph.D.

UCONN Health Center – Identification of a New Anti-Breast Cancer Drug, SAM

Joan M. Caron, Ph.D.

UCONN Health Center – Vascular and Proliferation-Dependent Protein Expression in Breast Cancer Samples as a way to Distinguish HER2 Positive from HER2 Negative Tumors

Susan Tannenbaum, MD

UCONN Storrs – Photoacoustic Tomography for Breast Cancer Staging

Quing Zhu, Ph.D.

Yale Cancer Center – Co-Targeting IGF-1 Receptor and HER2 in Breast Cancer

Michael P. DiGiovanna, MD/Ph.D.

The Hospital of Central Connecticut – Breast Health Navigation Program

Donna Boehm, RN

2010 RESEARCH AND EDUCATION GRANTS

Yale Cancer Center – Co-Targeting IGF-1 Receptor and HER2 in Breast Cancer

Michael P. DiGiovanna, MD/Ph.D.

The Hospital of Central Connecticut – Breast Health Navigation Program

Donna Boehm, RN

VNA of Central CT, Inc. – VNACC Breast Health Education Program

Shonya Harrison

The Hospital of Central Connecticut - Mammography Comparison using BSGI, Whole Breast USG, and Breast MRI in High Risk Patients

Jean Weigert, MD

UCONN Health Center - The Use of N3 Essential Fatty Acids in the Prevention of Osteoporosis and Metabolic Syndrome in Women with a History of Breast Cancer

Anne Kenny, MD

UCONN Health Center - Chemotherapy, Cardiomyopathy and Utility of Cardiac NRI, 3-D echo and biomarkers

Erick Avelar, MD

MidState Medical Center - Healthy Steps

Kathy Clements RN, MSN, AOCN

2011 RESEARCH AND EDUCATION GRANTS

Yale University Cancer Center – Co-Targeting IGF-1 Receptor and HER2 in Breast Cancer

Michael P. DiGiovanna, MD/Ph.D.

Yale University Department of Molecular Biophysics, Biochemistry and Pharmacology – Targeting a Breast Cancer Invasion Control Switch

Anthony Koleske, Ph.D and Titus Boggon, Ph.D.

The Hospital of Central Connecticut – Nutrition and Fitness Program for Breast Cancer Survivors

Donna Boehm, Nurse Navigator.

University of Connecticut Health Center – Triple-Negative Breast Cancer and Survival Disparity

Helen Swede, PhD.

University of Connecticut Health Center – The Impact of HER2 Status on the Outcome of Patients with Small Breast Cancers

Susan Tannenbaum, MD and Mansai Shah, MD

University of Connecticut Health Center – Regional Breast Tumor and Sentinel Node Procurement for Advanced Molecular Diagnostic and Therapeutic Research

Kevin Claffey, MD

2012 RESEARCH GRANTS

Yale Cancer Center – Co-Targeting IGF-1 Receptor and HER2 in Breast Cancer

Michael P. DiGiovanna, MD/Ph.D.

St. Vincent's Medical Center – High Risk Women's Clinic Study

Cindy Czaplinski, RN, MSN, NE-B.

University of Connecticut Health Center – Early Detection of Cardiotoxicity by Advanced Cardiac Imaging and a Novel Biomarker in Breast Cancer Patients Undergoing Chemotherapy

Erick Avelar, PhD.

University of Connecticut Health Center – Investigation of the Ability of the UCONN's (University of Connecticut OsteoNecrosis Numerical Scale) to Predict the Risk for Developing Osteonecrosis of the Jaw in Women Receiving Bone-Modifying Therapies for Breast Cancer.”

Regina Landesberg, DMD, PhD. And Pamela Taxel, MD

University of Connecticut Health Center – Triple Negative Breast Cancer and Survival Disparity

Helen Swede, MD

2013 RESEARCH AND EDUCATION GRANTS

The Hospital of Central Connecticut – Breast Cancer Risk Counseling Program

Bethany Carr, APRN-BC, MSN, CBPN-IC

Yale University – Understanding Intratumoral Heterogeneity in Breast Cancer

Anees Chagpar, MD; Associate Professor; Director of The Breast Center Smilow Cancer Hospital at Yale-New Haven Hospital

MidState Medical Center – Integrative Medicine Program and Caregiver Services

Katherine Clements, RN, OCN, CBCN and Kristoffer Popovitch, RT, MBA

Hartford Hospital – Oncotype DX® Breast Cancer Assay in Sub-centimeter Tumors – Correlation with Clinico Pathological Parameters and Impact on Treatment Decisions

Patricia DeFusco, MD

Chatham Health District – B-CAP – Breast Cancer Awareness Program

Vickie Han, LPN

Fairfield University – The Role of Peroxiredoxin Proteins in Breast Cancer Cell Survival

Shelley Phelan, PhD

St. Vincent's Medical Center Foundation – Complimentary Creative Arts Therapy

Betsy Rice, RN-BC, CBCN, Oncology Operations Manager

University of Connecticut Health Center – Sickle Cell Trait and Survival Disparity in Breast Cancer

Helen Swede, PhD

University of Connecticut Health Center – Comprehensive Study to Identify Cause of Fatigue in Breast Cancer Patients Undergoing Breast Irradiation

Susan Tannenbaum, MD and Jayash Kamath, MD, PhD

The Norma F. Pfriem Breast Care Center – Pathways to Screening

Donna Twist, PhD, Executive Director of Norma F. Pfriem Breast Care Center

2014 RESEARCH AND EDUCATION GRANTS

The Hospital of Central Connecticut – Healthy Lifestyles: A Breast Health Program for Women at Increased Risk, Those Currently Undergoing Treatment, and Breast Cancer Survivors

Bethany Carr, APRN-BC, MSN, CBPN-IC

The Hispanic Center of Greater Danbury, Inc. – The Hispanic Center Breast Cancer Project

Andrea Contreras-Munoz, Project Director

Yale School of Public Health – The Lifestyle, Exercise and Nutrition (LEAN) Study

Melinda Irwin, PhD, MPH

University of Connecticut Health Center – Trial of Vaginal Estrogen for Urogenital Symptom Relief in Women on Aromatase Inhibitors

Angie Kueck, MD, Susan Tannenbaum, MD and Pamela Taxel, MD

University of Connecticut Health Center – Translational Mechanisms of Bone Loss with Aromatase Inhibitors in Postmenopausal Women with Early Stage Breast Cancer

Faryal S. Mirza, MD

Yale University (Yale Cancer Center) – Outcomes of Adjuvant Chemotherapy in Breast Cancer

Sarah S. Mougalian, MD

University of Connecticut – Predicting and Enhancing Connecticut Breast Cancer Survivor's Health Behaviors

Crystal Park, PhD

The Hospital of Central Connecticut – A Five Year Study Using Breast Ultrasounds as an Early Detection of Aggressive Breast Cancer in Young African American Women

Kristen Zarfos, MD

2015 RESEARCH AND EDUCATION GRANTS

The Hispanic Center of Greater Danbury, Inc. – The Hispanic Center Breast Cancer Project

Andrea Contreras-Munoz, Project Director

MidState Medical Center – Integrative Therapies for Breast Health

Denise Jones-Gagne, Program Coordinator, Cancer Program

Western Connecticut Health Network – Personalized Genomic Medicine Leads Beyond BRCA to Predict a Women's Risk of Breast Cancer: Identification of Novel Breast Cancer Genes in Women Who are BRCA-negative

John Martignetti, MD, Ph.D.

Witness Project of Connecticut, Inc. – Educate and Empower Through Patient Navigation
Marilyn Moore, Executive Director

University of Connecticut Health Center – Disparities in Breast Cancer: Is Elevated Serum sLAG-3 a Predictor of More Aggressive Disease in African-American Women?
Henry Smilowitz, Ph.D.

University of Connecticut Health Center – Identifying Underdiagnosed and Undertreated Cancer-Related Fatigue in Breast Cancer Survivors
Xiaoyan Wang, Ph.D.

2016 RESEARCH AND EDUCATION GRANTS

The Jackson Laboratory – Beyond Genetics: Genomics in Breast Cancer Diagnosis, Treatment and Research; **CT BHI Jean Cushing Memorial Grant**
Kate Reed, MPH, ScM

The Hospital of Central Connecticut – A Five Year Study Examining the Incidence of Breast Cancer Rates and Stages of Breast Cancer in Young African American Women Using Ultrasound Screening
Kristen Zarfos, M.D.

University of Connecticut Health Center – Improving Breast Cancer Survivors' Return to Work Experiences
Alicia Dugan, Ph.D.

Yale University – Shave2, A Multicenter Randomized Controlled Trial of Routine Cavity Shave Margins vs. Standard Partial Mastectomy; **CT BHI Cathy D'Apice Memorial Grant**
Anees B. Chagpar, M.D.

2017 RESEARCH AND EDUCATION GRANTS

Middlesex Hospital – Diagnostic Molecular Breast Imaging to Evaluate Inconclusive Mammogram and Ultrasound Findings
Ravi Jain, M.D., Ph.D.

Norma F. Pfriem Breast Center – Support Groups for Underserved Patients
Donna J. Twist, Executive Director

The Hospital of Central Connecticut – Integrative Therapies for Breast Health
Denise Jones-Gagne, Program Coordinator, Cancer Program

UConn Health Carole and Ray Neag Comprehensive Cancer Center – DigniCap® Cold Cap

University of Connecticut Health Center – A Multifactorial Approach to Improve Breast Cancer Survivorship Symptom Care
Xiaoyan Wang, Ph.D.

UConn Health Carole and Ray Neag Comprehensive Cancer Center – “A Brand New You”
Nancy Baccaro, APRN

UConn Health Carole and Ray Neag Comprehensive Cancer Center – “Hair Salon
Collaboration to Improve Breast Health”
Christina Stevenson, M.D., F.A.C.S.

Witness Project Connecticut, Inc. – “Educate & Empower”
Marilyn Moore, Executive Director

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