In June, VCU Massey Cancer Center received coverage in more than 165 news clips. Highlighted research includes a study led by Amir Toor, M.D., to predict complications in stem cell transplant recipients; a large, international study in which Masoud Manjili, D.V.M., Ph.D., participated that found a link between mixtures of common chemicals in the environment and the development of cancer; and preclinical experiments led by Paul B. Fisher, M.Ph., Ph.D., that have shown promising results using a novel combination of an experimental drug and a common antibiotic to treat pancreatic cancer. Thomas Eissenberg, Ph.D., gave expert commentary about the long-term health effects of smoking electronic cigarettes, and Mary Helen Hackney, M.D., was interviewed about having worked with the late Stephanie Rochon on the monthly Buddy Check 6 breast cancer awareness news reports. Also spotlighted was a grant from the Rally Bike Ride Foundation to support neuroblastoma research conducted by Anthony Faber, Ph.D., and a patient testimonial that praised the quality of care provided by radiation oncology nurse Melinda Roach.

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CITED RESEARCH

Oncology Nurse Advisor: “Patients at risk for stem cell transplant complications identified,” June 26, 2015

Highlighted were findings from a phase 2 clinical trial led by Amir Toor, M.D., to predict complications in stem cell transplant recipients. Additional coverage appeared on Cancer Therapy Advisor, Medical Xpress, News-Medical.

WTVR CBS 6: “Health Alert: Common chemicals,” June 24, 2015

Masoud Manjili, D.V.M., Ph.D., was interviewed by the local CBS affiliate about an international study in which he participated that found a link between combined exposure to commonly encountered chemicals in the environment and the development of cancer.

Oncology Nurse Advisor: “Common antibiotic part of a new potential pancreatic cancer therapy,” June 18, 2015

An article featured a study led by Paul B. Fisher, M.Ph., Ph.D., that has shown promising results using a novel combination of an experimental drug and a common antibiotic to treat pancreatic cancer. Additional coverage includes Cancer Therapy Advisor and Medical News Today.

EXPERT COMMENTARY

Thomas Eissenberg, Ph.D., provided expert commentary about the long-term health effects of using e-cigarettes versus smoking traditional combustible cigarettes.

**CENTER NEWS**

**WRIC ABC 8:** "POPTAP is Positively Richmond,” June 26, 2015

*Massey* was mentioned in a television news segment as the designated charity for the 4th annual Power of Positive Thinking and Prayer (POPTAP) Charity Golf Tournament.

**WUPV CW Richmond Online:** “VCU Massey Cancer Center joins OncLive’s Strategic Alliance Partnership Program,” June 17, 2015

*Massey* was featured in an announcement for having joined OncLive’s Strategic Alliance Partnership program. This announcement was also featured by KTRE ABC 9, KUAM News (Guam), Stocknod.com, WFMJ NBC and WSLS NBC 10.

**Richmond Times-Dispatch:** “VCU hires ‘game changer’ CEO for health system,” June 17, 2015

*Massey* was noted in an article that announced VCU Health System’s new CEO. This announcement was also featured by Richmond BizSense.

**Cure:** "A true patient advocate and holistic caregiver,” June 16, 2015

A patient testimonial praised the quality of care provided to her by Massey radiation oncology nurse Melinda Roach.

**Health Journal:** "Richmond native takes part in Rally Bike Ride to raise money for childhood cancer research," June 10, 2015

In an article about the Rally Bike Ride, a grant to support neuroblastoma research by Anthony Faber, Ph.D., was cited.

**Richmond Times-Dispatch:** "Notable Gifts: Heroes Art Ball raises $115K to help children," June 6, 2015

Spotlighted was The Heroes Art Ball that raised money to support the Connor’s Heroes Pediatric Cancer Research Fund at Massey.

**WTVR CBS 6:** "Buddy Check 6 dedicated to Stephanie Rochon," June 5, 2015

Mary Helen Hackney, M.D., was interviewed by the local CBS affiliate about her collaboration with the late Stephanie Rochon on the Buddy Check 6 breast cancer awareness news reports.

**WTVR CBS 6:** "Weekend Events," June 5, 2015

*Massey* was mentioned in event announcements of the Be The Match Walk/Run and the Time to Live Breast Cancer Awareness Walk for Early Detection.