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ACGT ALLIANCE FOR CANCER GENE THERAPY

Advancing molecular therapies for cancer

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FOUNDERS RECEIVE SPECIAL AWARD



The American Society of Gene and Cell Therapy will bestow the Distinguished Service Award on ACGT co-founders Barbara and Edward Netter (posthumously) for their creation of the Alliance for Cancer Gene Therapy, the only not-for-profit organization solely devoted to cell and gene therapeutics for the treatment of cancer.

Mrs. Netter will receive the award at the ASGCT 17th annual meeting May 22nd in Washington, DC. The scientific trade organization, wishes to acknowledge the importance of the Netters' work with ACGT in awarding $25 million in funding for 44 grants at 31 different institutions in the U.S. and Canada. Under the Netters' leadership, ACGT has also raised the public profile of using cell and gene therapies as less invasive treatments for cancer through its educational forums and events.

"None of this would be possible without the Netters - they are visionaries who recognized early on that cell and gene therapies would become important new armaments in cancer treatment."

- Dr. Savio Woo, Mt. Sinai School of Medicine/Chair, ACGT Scientific Advisory Council

SAVE THE DATE: SWIM ACROSS AMERICA

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MAKING WAVES TO FIGHT CANCER

The 8th annual Greenwich-Stamford Swim Across America for ACGT is set for June 21st and promises to be another spectacular day. Each year, hundreds of swimmers and boaters glide through the waters of Long Island Sound or a local pool, to honor survivors or loved ones and prove their commitment to a better way to treat cancer. All net proceeds fund the most promising research. Join us: swim, boat, sponsor, host, volunteer, or cheer on your friends! Learn more about Swim Across America for ACGT.

UNBEATABLE ATHLETE BEATS THE ODDS



USA and World Triathlon champion, Karen Newman, is featured in the March issue of *Greenwich Magazine* for her indomitable and successful battle against advanced breast cancer. Karen was among the first swimmers at *Swim Across America* for ACGT. She competed for her health the way she breaks world records, relying on her physical and mental resilience and sheer determination to score a personal victory. And she will be swimming once again in June. Read Karen's story here.

HIGH HONORS FOR ACGT SCIENTISTS

Four of the twelve 2014 "pioneers" of gene therapy named by *Human Gene Therapy*, a peer-review journal, are ACGT Research Fellows and/or serve on our Scientific Advisory Council. Congratulations to: Carl June, MD, Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania; Joseph C. Glorioso, III, PhD, University of Pittsburgh, School of Medicine; Andrew Davidoff, MD, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital; and A. Dusty Miller, PhD, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, University of Washington (retired).

STILL CANCER FREE



Connie Burnett-West had exhausted all options to treat the deadly cancer in her lungs when she participated in a gene therapy trial. In 1999, she received a series of six monthly injections with little or no side effects and fifteen years later, she is still cancer free. No wonder she is a passionate advocate for gene therapies. Read more of Connie's story.

YOUTUBE SCIENCE - SEEING IS BELIEVING

Five remarkable videos by ACGT scientists describe the promise and progress of cancer treatment using cell and gene therapies and why the future is now.



Dr. Carl June on the ˜Future of Treating Cancer'
Dr. Carl June Talks 'Cancer Gene Therapy and Remission'
Dr. Laurence Cooper: 'The War on Cancer Is Evolving'
Dr. Michel Sadelain: 'How Gene Therapy Beats Cancer'
Dr. Laurence Cooper: 'Philanthropy Key to Fighting Cancer'

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