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CANCER VENTION!

YOUNG ADULTS WITH CANCER CONFERENCE: PATIENT & CAREGIVER PROGRAM

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2015

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

**FREE
EDUCATIONAL
CONFERENCE**

The Hub Cira Centre

2929 Arch Street, Mezzanine Level
Philadelphia, PA

Open to the Public

Young adults in treatment or survivors of cancer

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YOUNG ADULTS WITH CANCER CONFERENCE

Gain knowledge and take action by getting important information from our expert speakers. Receive hope and support by networking with others.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- ▶ Young adult newly diagnosed, in treatment, long-term survivor (18-39 years old)
- ▶ Caregiver or loved one of a young adult with cancer
- ▶ Health Professional involved in the care of young adult with cancer

REGISTRATION

To register or for more information, call 800.789.PENN (7366) or visit OncoLink.org/Conference/Cancervention.

VENUE

For directions to The Hub Cira Centre, call 267.519.5260 or visit their website at thehub.com.

Free Parking, Breakfast & Lunch!

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CONFERENCE
LIVESTREAM

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AGENDA

9:00 am

Check In

Continental Breakfast/Visit Exhibits

Survivorship & Integrative Therapies: Ask the Experts

Talk one-on-one with cancer experts throughout the day.

9:30 am

Welcome

Dakota Fisher-Vance | Co-Founder, Young Adult Cancer Connection
Cara Scharf | Co-Founder, Young Adult Cancer Connection
Michelle Alonso-Basanta, MD, PhD | Conference Co-Chair
Joseph Carver, MD | Chief of Staff, Abramson Cancer Center

9:45 am

Keynote Presentation

Suleika Jaouad | Young Adult healthy Living Advocate, Motivational Speaker and Cancer Warrior

11:00 am

Break-Out Session 1 (CHOOSE ONE)

► Managing Cancer's Late-Term Side Effects

Michelle Alonso-Basanta, MD, PhD | Radiation Oncologist, Abramson Cancer Center
Dava Szalda, MD | Medical Oncologist, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

► Healing Through Art

Donna Kaiser, PhD, ATR-BC, LPC, LMFT | Director of Art Therapy and Counseling Programs, Drexel University

► You Look Marvelous: Body Image Panel

Lindy Snider | Cancer Survivor and Founder and CEO, Lindi Skin®
Sarah Richardson, PsyD | Clinical Psychologist, Abramson Cancer Center
Stylist and Make Up Artist provided by Lord & Taylor | King of Prussia

► It's All About Me: Self Advocacy

Meghan Fitzgibbons, MSW, LGSW | Young Adult Patient Navigator,
John P. Murtha Cancer Center & Walter Reed National Military Medical
Hospital, Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults

Elizabeth Saylor, MSW | Young Adult Patient Navigator, University of
Maryland Greenebaum Cancer Center, Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults

12:15 pm

Lunch

1:15 pm

You've Got Questions, We've Got Answers: Patient Panel

2:45 pm

Break-Out Session II (CHOOSE ONE)

▶ **Dance Like No One is Watching!**

Anne Margrethe Melsom, MA, BC-DMT, LPC | Director of the Creative Arts Therapy Department, Girard Medical Center & Faculty Member of the Creative Arts Therapies Department, Drexel University

Minjung Shim, MA, BC-DMT | PhD Candidate in Creative Arts Therapies, Drexel University

▶ **Care for the Caregiver**

Carly Mesavitz, MSW, OSW-C, LCSW | Caregiver Program Coordinator, CancerCare®

Victoria Puzo, MSW, LMSW | Oncology Social Worker, CancerCare®

▶ **Navigating the 3C's: Cancer, Campus and Career**

Christine Brennan | Associate Director of Programs, Cancer and Careers
Ann Knettler-Smith, MA | Director, Office of Disability Resources, Drexel University

▶ **Minding Your Own Self: Mind and Body Self Care Skills**

Michelle Stortz, CYT, MFA | Yoga Therapist

4:00 pm

Conference Closing

CONFERENCE CO CHAIRS

MICHELLE ALONSO-BASANTA, MD, PHD
Assistant Professor,
Radiation Oncology

DAKOTA FISHER-VANCE
Co-Founder,
Young Adult Cancer Connection

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER



SULEIKA JAOUAD

Suleika Jaouad is the critically acclaimed New York Times “Well” author of the column “Life, Interrupted”, which chronicles her journey as a young woman living with cancer. An award-winning video series accompanies the column, which earned Suleika the 2013 News & Documentary EMMY award.

Suleika graduated with highest honors from Princeton University in 2010. Shortly after graduation, at age 22, Suleika was diagnosed with myelodysplastic syndrome and acute myeloid leukemia. After almost three years of chemotherapy and a bone marrow transplant she is finally cancer-free and continuing to make the most of a life, interrupted.

Suleika is a young adult healthy living advocate, motivational speaker and cancer warrior, who speaks and writes about topics including patient advocacy, nutrition, sexuality and relationships. A strong and powerful voice for the young adult generation, Suleika has been featured in The New York Times, Glamour Magazine, Women’s Health, NBC’s Weekend TODAY Show, NPR’s Talk of the Nation & All Things Considered and Everyday Health among other numerous media outlets.

ABOUT ABRAMSON CANCER CENTER

PennMedicine.org/Abramson

Penn’s Abramson Cancer Center is dedicated to the eradication of cancer as a cause of human disease and suffering. The Abramson Cancer Center brings together the cancer care and research efforts of Penn Medicine, including: Perelman Center for Advanced Medicine, Smilow Center for Translational Research, Roberts Proton Therapy Center, Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, Penn Presbyterian Medical Center, Pennsylvania Hospital, and Chester County Hospital. The Abramson Cancer Center has been continuously designated as a Comprehensive Cancer Center by the National Cancer Institute (NCI) since 1973. One of only 41 such Centers in the country the Abramson Cancer Center was rated “EXCEPTIONAL” by the NCI at our last competitive review—the highest possible rating a Center can receive.

ABOUT YOUNG ADULT CANCER CONNECTION

YACancerConnection.org

Young Adult Cancer Connection provides a rare opportunity for young adults (ages 18-39) and their caregivers to come together to work through the issues unique to the age group, discover emotional and clinical resources, and ultimately, know that they’re not alone in their cancer experience. YACC is dedicated to recognizing and crafting a much needed supportive infrastructure for the overlooked and steadily increasing young adult cancer community in Philadelphia through monthly meet ups and the Cancervention conference.

Cancervention/Young Adults with Cancer is being held in collaboration with the Penn Medicine Development Office and Young Adults Cancer Connection (YACC). Attendees will receive communication from Young Adult Cancer Connection and Penn Medicine Development Office regarding their research and programs. Participation in this conference is optional and patient privacy has been maintained. If you would prefer not to receive development materials, we will make reasonable efforts to honor such a request. Please send a written request with your name, and address to Tricia Bruning, Abramson Cancer Center Development Office, 3535 Market Street, Suite 750, Philadelphia, PA 19104 and Dakota Fisher-Vance, Young Adult Cancer Connection, PO BOX 1002, Havertown PA, 19083.