

Feature Story



Stanford celebrates Heart Health Month and fiftieth anniversary of first U.S. heart transplant

We kick off Heart Health Month by sharing a round-up of several inspiring recent news stories featuring discoveries in heart and vascular care at Stanford Medicine, both past and present. We also provide resources and tips for staying heart-healthy and invite you to join us for a variety of exciting upcoming events. [Learn more >](#)

Stanford Medicine in the News



Promising new clinical trial finds blood-plasma infusions safe for Alzheimer's treatment

In a small safety trial based on preclinical work by a Stanford researcher, participants receiving blood plasma infusions from young donors showed evidence of improvement. [Learn more >](#)



Cancer vaccine with potential to destroy solid tumors entering clinical trials

A study led by Ronald Levy, MD, a pioneer in the field of cancer immunotherapy, shows that injecting two immune-stimulating agents directly into solid tumors in mice eliminates all traces of cancer. Lymphoma patients are being recruited for further testing. [Learn more >](#)



Stanford-led clinical trial confirms findings that could save lives of more stroke patients

The results of a multicenter study led by Stanford researchers showed the number of stroke patients who died or required confinement to nursing homes was nearly cut in half, thanks to the use of brain-imaging software developed here. [Learn more >](#)



Presence Center founded by renowned author and physician Dr. Abraham Verghese making great strides

The newly formed center's goal of "fostering research, dialogue, and multidisciplinary collaboration to produce measurable and meaningful change in health care" continues to expand and grow its initiatives to help physicians engage more fully during patient encounters. [Learn more >](#)

Giving Matters



Philanthropic gift enables faculty to change the playing field and "think big"

Retired schoolteacher Jan Hurlbut from Palos Verdes Estates was looking to create major change on the playing field for people with chronic kidney disorders through a gift to Stanford Medicine. [Learn more >](#)

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Notable Faculty News



Acclaimed neuroscientist Ben Barres, who identified crucial role of glial cells, dies at 63

Barres's brain-breaking discoveries of the crucial roles played by glial cells—the unsung majority of brain cells, which aren't nerve cells—revolutionized the field of neuroscience. [Learn more >](#)



Founder and director of Byers Center for Biodesign at Stanford wins National Academy of Engineering's top honor

Paul Yock, the founding co-chair of Stanford's Department of Bioengineering, known internationally for his work inventing and testing new medical devices in the field of interventional cardiology, was awarded the academy's Gordon Prize for teaching. [Learn more >](#)

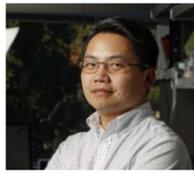
Recent and Upcoming Events



Tom Hanks and Rita Wilson champion cancer survivors at ninth annual Under One Umbrella event to benefit Stanford Women's Cancer Center

Over 300 guests enjoyed lunch and performances by the gracious, mega-talented couple at the event held in November 2017. Over one million dollars was raised for women's cancer research and treatment programs and former Stanford oncologist Ellie Guardino, MD, PhD, was honored with a moving [film tribute](#). A special fund was also established in Dr. Guardino's honor. [Learn more >](#)

May 7



Karasek Lecture Series featuring Dr. Howard Chang

Save the date for the launch of this annual event to be held on campus each year. This inaugural lecture will be given by Howard Chang, MD, PhD, the Virginia and D.K. Ludwig Professor of Cancer Genomics. If you would like to receive an invitation to the event, please send a request via email to vanny@stanford.edu.

May 19



Health Matters: Stanford Medicine's Free Annual Community Day

Join us for a morning on campus to hear from world-renowned Stanford physicians on the latest innovations in medical research and care. Get your health questions answered and stroll through an interactive pavilion featuring free health tests, medical technology exhibits, nutrition experts, cooking demonstrations, and more. Registration opens early April. [Learn more >](#)

May 23-24



Stanford Medicine Big Data in Precision Health Conference

Researchers and leaders from academia, hospitals, government, and industry gather for two days of presentations and collaboration on large-scale data analysis and how technology can improve human health. [Learn more >](#)

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