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## Feature Story



### #NextGreatDiscovery: Telling the story of science at risk

Stanford University recently shone a spotlight on the critical need for supporting biomedical research by inviting an award-winning photographer on campus to capture seven graduate and post-doctoral students and faculty for a nationwide digital media campaign. The stunning images and accompanying stories highlight the work of these passionate researchers and what's at stake.

[Learn more >](#)

## Stanford Medicine in the News



### Combination drug therapy shown to shrink pancreatic tumors in mice

Two Stanford researchers find that, when used together, two drugs that affect the structure and function of DNA blocked the growth of pancreatic tumor cells in mice. Next step is to test in humans with the disease. [Learn more >](#)



### Stanford-based Alzheimer's disease research center to be launched

New center will create a place where the basic science community can better connect with translational and clinical neurodegenerative disease researchers to collaborate on exploring treatments for Alzheimer's disease and related disorders. [Learn more >](#)



### Researchers use "big data" to explore a-fib treatments, improve patient care

A Stanford cardiac electrophysiologist and colleagues are using a unique research method to extract data out of decades of information from pacemakers and defibrillators to learn more about atrial fibrillation. [Learn more >](#)

## Giving Matters



### Lifesaving experience translates to gift for cancer patient care

A traumatic and life-changing cancer threat left Susan and Gary Grandmaison with a desire to include Stanford in their estate plans by creating a fund for cancer patient care at Stanford Medicine. "We would like to see lots of patients have an outcome as positive as Gary's," says Susan. [Learn more >](#)

## Five Questions for Faculty



### A national program to diagnose difficult-to-diagnose patients is taking root at Stanford

Euan Ashley, MRCP, DPhil, associate professor of cardiovascular medicine and of genetics at Stanford University School of Medicine, has been named co-chair of a new NIH committee to provide answers for patients with mysterious conditions. In a recent interview, Ashley discussed the importance of the effort. [Learn more >](#)

## Recent and Upcoming Events



### Annual Frontiers in Medicine event focuses on Precision Health

Recently Stanford Medicine hosted a gathering of philanthropic supporters for an evening featuring Dean Lloyd B. Minor, MD, and other leading faculty members, who shared stories of how their work is expanding Frontiers in Medicine. The event's theme, "The Power of Pre," was centered on the bold vision of Precision Health to not only predict and prevent illness but also to create more precise treatments. [View Photos and Learn More >](#)

Learn more about the [variety of exciting events](#) happening across Stanford Medicine.

Dec 1

### Support Stanford Medicine on #GivingTuesday

The holidays are just around the corner and so is #GivingTuesday, the global movement dedicated to giving back. On Tuesday, December 1, 2015, charities, families, businesses, communities, and individuals around the world will come together for one common purpose: to celebrate generosity and support the causes they believe in. Stanford Medicine would be proud to be included in your giving back plans.

[Make a donation](#) online and inspire others by sharing on social media how and why you gave by using the hashtags #GivingTuesday and #StanfordMedicine.

Tuesday, December 1

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Jan 13

### Harry Connick, Jr., to perform at this year's Under One Umbrella benefit for the Stanford Women's Cancer Center

We are thrilled to announce that the seventh annual fundraising event in support of the Stanford Women's Cancer Center will be held on Wednesday, January 13, 2016. This year's luncheon includes an intimate performance by world-famous singer, songwriter, and actor Harry Connick, Jr. Sponsorships and a limited number of individual tickets are available.

Wednesday, January 13

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