Faculty Snapshots

The University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine boasts two recipients of the National Cancer Institute's Outstanding Investigator Award this year, which provides funding throughout seven years. (Pitt's Thomas Kensler, a PhD, received the award last year.)

Olivera Finn will use her $6.2 million in Outstanding Investigator funding to support the development of new cancer vaccines. A Distinguished Professor of Immunology and Surgery, Finn investigates the ways our bodies identify and fight cancer. Finn, a PhD, was the founding chair of Pitt's Department of Immunology. She also received the American Association of Immunologists Lifetime Achievement Award this year.

Finn

Patrick Moore will use his $6.4 million of funding to support his investigations into how viruses turn normal cells into cancer, among other areas of cancer virology. Moore, an MD/MPH who is the American Cancer Society Distinguished Professor of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics, leads the University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute's Cancer Virology Program and holds the Pittsburgh Foundation Chair in Innovative Cancer Research.

Moore

The Association for Psychological Science has named Rebecca Price a "Rising Star." Codirector of the Pittsburgh Neuroimaging and Treatment Outcome Lab, Price works at the intersection of clinical and neurocognitive research. She develops novel ways to treat anxiety, depression, and suicidality using computer-based interventions and pharmacological approaches. Price is a PhD assistant professor of psychiatry.

Price

Snyderman

Carl Snyderman presented the Semon Lecture to the Royal Society of Medicine in London. The November 2015 lecture was titled "Paradigm Shifts in Skull Base Surgery and the Creative Process." Snyderman, an MD professor of otolaryngology and neurological surgery, is codirector of the Center for Cranial Base Surgery at UPMC. He is internationally recognized for helping to develop a technique to remove brain tumors through the nose with an endoscope, which limits trauma to the brain, eliminates scars from facial incisions, and shortens recovery times.

—Elizabeth Hoover