Recent CCR Awards

2015 Harrington Prize for Innovation in Medicine

American Society for Clinical Investigation and the Harrington Discovery Institute

For achievements notable for innovation, creativity, and potential for clinical application

Douglas Lowy, M.D.
Chief, Laboratory of Cellular Oncology
Acting Director, National Cancer Institute

2015 Lifetime Achievement Award

International Papillomavirus Society

For important contributions to the papillomavirus research community

John Schiller, Ph.D.
Deputy Chief, Laboratory of Cellular Oncology

2015 Special Lifetime Award

Israeli Society for Bioinformatics and Computational Biology

For seminal contributions to bioinformatics research

Ruth Nussinov, Ph.D.
Senior Investigator, Cancer and Inflammation Program

ASTRO Gold Medal Award

American Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology

For outstanding contributions to the field of radiation oncology

James Mitchell, Ph.D.
Chief, Radiation Biology Branch

Wilhelm Bernhard Medal

The Wilhelm Bernhard's Workshops

For major contributions to the field of nuclear architecture

Tom Misteli, Ph.D.
Senior Deputy Director for Research
Senior Investigator, Laboratory of Gene Expression and Receptor Biology

Betty Ford Lifetime Achievement Award of Distinction

Susan G. Komen Foundation

For his leadership and groundbreaking development in personalized treatment for cancer patients

Steven Rosenberg, M.D., Ph.D.
Chief, Surgery Branch

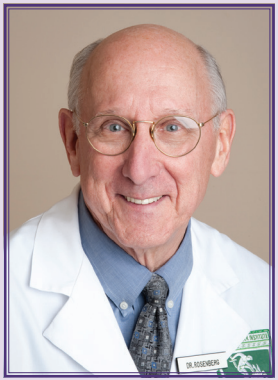
John B. Stanbury Thyroid Pathophysiology Medal

American Thyroid Association

For outstanding research contributions to the understanding of thyroid physiology or the pathophysiology of thyroid disease

Sheue-yann Cheng, Ph.D.
Senior Investigator, Laboratory of Molecular Biology

CCR Physician-Researcher Awarded the Service to America Medal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Steven Rosenberg, M.D., Ph.D., Chief of CCR's Surgery Branch, has been named the 2015 Federal Employee of the Year by the Partnership for Public Service for his pioneering research to develop life-saving immune-based therapies for patients with advanced cancers. The award is the highest Samuel J. Heyman Service to America Medal, or Sammie.

For more than four decades, Rosenberg, has conducted research at NCI (See "Adopting Bodily Defenses to Cure Cancer," *CCR connections*, Vol. 8, No.1). He was the first to demonstrate that administering interleukin-2 could be used to effectively treat tumors in some patients with metastatic disease. He also laid the foundation for cell-based immunotherapies, specifically the development of adoptive cell transfer (ACT), which uses the body's own immune system to attack cancer cells. Rosenberg was the first to demonstrate that genetically modified T cells could mediate cancer regression in patients with melanoma, sarcomas, and lymphomas.

This medal is one of eight Sammies awarded annually by the Partnership for Public Service, a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that works to revitalize the federal government. This year's recipients were selected from a group of over 500 nominees drawn from almost every major government agency. The Sammies have earned a reputation as one of the most prestigious awards dedicated to honoring America's civil servants and have come to be known as the "Oscars of government service."