

# Yale Head and Neck SPORE CEP & DRP Symposium

Friday, June 27 | 12:00 - 5pm  
West Campus Conference Center | Room A

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## Keynote Speaker:

**Robert L. Ferris, MD, PhD**

Executive Director,  
UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

## Presentations by pilot project awardees:

**Oneida Arosarena, MD** (Fox Chase Cancer Center): *A Small Molecule Leucine Carboxyl Methyltransferase-1 Inhibitor Radiosensitizes Head and Neck Squamous Carcinoma Cells*

**Yash Chhbra, PhD** (Fox Chase Cancer Center): *Deciphering Age and Sex Disparity in the HPV-negative Tongue Squamous Cell Carcinoma Microenvironment*

**Michael Chiorazzi, MD, PhD** (Yale Cancer Center): *Remodeling of the HPV+ HNSCC Tumor and Lymph Node Microenvironment by Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors and Demethylating Therapy*

**Lilian Kabeche, PhD** (Yale Cancer Center): *Leveraging ATR Regulation of Centromere Identity in HNSCC*

**Samuel Katz, MD, PhD** (Yale Cancer Center): *Engineering the T Cell Cytoskeleton for Improved Solid Tumor CAR-T Cytotoxicity*

**Travis Schrank, MD, PhD** (University of North Carolina): *Pharmacological NF- $\kappa$ B activation as a strategy for radio-sensitization of high-risk HPV+ HNSCC*

**Thuy Tran, MD, PhD** (Yale Cancer Center): *Targeting the MIF/DDIT-CD74 Signaling Axis to Enhance Immunotherapy Responses to SCCs*