

UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center NEWSLETTER



Gay Crooks: Exploring the Human Side of Stem Cell Biology

In our latest researcher profile, meet Gay Crooks, hematopoietic biologist and associate director of JCCC's Cancer and Stem Cell Biology Program Area. A researcher and a physician for over 30 years, Crooks continues to blaze new trails in bone marrow transplantation and stem cell research. [Click here](#) to read her story. And for more researcher profiles, visit the [profile archive](#).

Clinical Trials at Your Fingertips

- Connect you and your patients with clinical trials at UCLA. [Click here](#) to learn all about our online database, and how to submit and update your own trials.

Funding Opportunities

- Members can now [access online](#) a complete list of the latest research grant opportunities directly from the JCCC website.

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- All new funding awards are now being archived monthly on the JCCC website. [Click here](#) for the latest recipients and their awards.

Grant Submissions

- Did you know that the grant submission guidelines have been updated for 2012? Visit [this link](#) for the latest revisions.

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- The JCCC is now on Twitter, Facebook and YouTube! Learn how to follow us and

Latest News

Audio: Athena Breast Health Network Launches Forum Podcast Series



Athena Breast Health Network has launched a series of face-to-face forums where patients, breast cancer experts and community members can exchange direct experience and research in breast health care. In this podcast of their inaugural forum, listen to guests Arash Naeim, Athena site principal investigator, and Laura Esserman, professor of surgery and radiology and director of the Breast Care Center at UCSF, examine breast cancer risk assessment and prevention.

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Video: Dr. Antoni Ribas Talks Secondary Skin Cancers with BRAF Inhibitor Zelboraf and How They Can Be Prevented



In this 10-minute interview, JCCC researcher Antoni Ribas talks new findings that elucidate the molecular pathway that leads to squamous cell carcinoma of the skin as an adverse event after Roche's Zelboraf (vemurafenib) is used to treat advanced melanoma. He also explains how MEK inhibitor drugs in trials now can be combined with Zelboraf to treat the disease.

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Researchers Identify Cell-Permeable Peptide that Inhibits Hepatitis C

In a new study led by JCCC scientist Samuel French, UCLA researchers have identified two cellular

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proteins that are important factors in hepatitis C virus infection, and have developed a small peptide that blocks interaction between the proteins, offering a potentially highly efficacious way to inhibit replication of hepatitis C.

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