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# UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center NEWSLETTER



## Year-End Gifts Support Research Year-Round

Nearly half of all charitable donations are made in December. The Jonsson Cancer Center Foundation makes it easy for donors to support research at the JCCC. Gifts [can be made online](#) and donors can direct their gifts to a particular researcher (e.g., you) or type of cancer research. This season, why not ask family and friends to keep the fruitcake or ugly sweater and support your research instead? They can even send you a nice holiday eCard announcing their gift.

### JCCC Member Resources

- Visit our [membership info page](#) to find out all of the benefits and privileges that are available to you as a JCCC member.

### Clinical Trials at Your Fingertips

- Connect you and your patients with clinical trials at UCLA. [Click here](#) to learn all about how you can use any mobile device (including your smartphone) to access JCCC's clinical trials database.

### Shared Resources at UCLA

- As a member you have access to 10 shared resources at JCCC, and over 70 additional shared resources at UCLA. Visit the [Shared Resources page](#) to learn more.

### Meet Your Fellow Members

- JCCC is a scientific community over 400 members strong. In our ongoing [Researcher Profiles archive](#), read detailed biographies of many of your fellow members.

### Latest Grant Awards

### Latest News

#### UCLA Researchers Report New Combo Therapy That Increases PFS in ER+ Breast Cancer Patients



In a new study led by JCCC members Dennis Slamon and Richard Finn, UCLA scientists reported an encouraging increase in progression-free survival (PFS) for patients with breast cancer that was both estrogen receptor positive (ER+) and HER2-negative, and who were given a combination of the standard anti-estrogen treatment Letrozole and a new experimental drug called PD 0332991.

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#### JCCC-UCLA Hospitals, Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences Team Up to Collaborate on Cancer Research



On November 15, 2012, the JCCC and UCLA hospitals entered into agreements with the Cancer Institute and Hospital, Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences (CIH/CAMS) to develop collaborations in cancer-focused clinical service and scientific research. This milestone partnership has a broad range of potential areas of collaboration, including diagnostic consultation, biomarker research, telepathology and survivorship. [Click here for a photo](#) of JCCC Director Judith Gasson at the signing ceremony.

#### Renowned Scientist Dr. Harold Varmus Awarded 2012 Glenn T. Seaborg Medal



On December 7, 2012, the UCLA Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry awarded the 2012 Glenn T. Seaborg Medal to Harold Varmus, M.D. Varmus, Director of the National Cancer Institute and 1989 Nobel Laureate in Physiology or Medicine, was awarded the honor by JCCC Director Judith Gasson during the 2012 Seaborg Symposium. Follow the link below for photos and video of all featured speakers

who presented at the event.

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

### Social Networking Tools

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



## High School Student Brings Chemo Bags to Cancer Patients



Matt Ferguson launched Matt's Chemo Bags during his freshman year of high school after finding out his mom had been diagnosed with breast cancer. In 2012, Nickelodeon selected Matt as a HALO award winner, honoring the accomplishments of inspiring real-life teens. In this heartwarming video, watch Matt accept his award and receive a surprise from actress Emma Stone, including a visit to the JCCC to meet cancer researcher and Herceptin pioneer Dr. Dennis Slamon.

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