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# UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center NEWSLETTER



## New Anticancer Drug Shows Effect Against Melanoma

UCLA researchers led by JCCC member Dr. Antoni Ribas have reported preliminary results of a new drug, lambrolizumab, being tested in patients with advanced melanoma that has shown significant antitumor activity with very manageable side effects. Ribas presented the results this past Sunday at the 2013 meeting of the American Society of Clinical Oncology. [Click here](#) to read more about this important discovery.

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- 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 several 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](#) section, read detailed biographies of many of your fellow members.

### Latest Grant Awards

### Latest News

#### UCLA Scientists Monitor T-cell Function to Improve Melanoma Treatment



A team of UCLA researchers led by JCCC member Dr. James Heath have made an important discovery to improve a promising treatment for melanoma. Using human immune cells taken from a patient with melanoma that are genetically modified in the laboratory to specifically attack that patient's tumors when given back to the patient, the treatment has shrunk tumors dramatically in many patients in early clinical trials.

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#### JCCC Researcher Receives Award for Outstanding Achievement in Cancer Research



Dr. Roger S. Lo, JCCC member and assistant professor of medicine, divisions of dermatology and molecular and medical pharmacology, has received the 33rd Annual American Association of Cancer Research (AACR) Award for Outstanding Achievement in Cancer Research. The award was presented at the AACR Annual Meeting 2013, held in Washington, D.C., April 6 to 10.

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#### Honor a Dad or Grad—Send an e-Card that Funds Research



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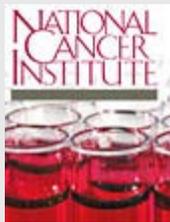
- All new funding awards are now being archived monthly on the JCCC website. Click [here](#) for a complete listing of the latest recipients and their awards.

### Social Networking Tools

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



### National Cancer Institute Site Visit Held May 22



An NCI survey team visited the JCCC on May 22, 2013, to conduct an on-site review as part of the competitive renewal process for a five-year Cancer Center Support Grant. The review team consisted of cancer specialists from around the nation who were selected by the NCI and who met with JCCC senior leadership. In 2008, JCCC received its current support grant of over \$28 million after earning a numerical score equivalent to excellent from the NCI.

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