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UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center NEWSLETTER



Year-End Gifts Help 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 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 make a gift to support your research instead? Donors can even send you a nice holiday eCard announcing their gift.

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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 nearly 500 members strong. In our ongoing [Researcher Profiles](#) section, read detailed biographies of many of your fellow members.

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Latest News

Prostate Cancer Stem Cells Found to be Moving Target



In a breakthrough discovery, JCCC scientists Drs. Andrew Goldstein and Owen Witte have found that prostate cancer can develop in one type of stem cell, then evolve to be maintained by a stem cell that looks very different, making them a "moving target" for treatments. With this knowledge, they are now seeking the possible elements that are consistent within the stem cells and can aid the development of drugs that target the evolving cells.

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UCLA Researchers' New Technique Improves Accuracy, Ease of Cancer Diagnosis



JCCC researchers have demonstrated a technique that, by measuring the physical properties of individual cells in body fluids, can diagnose cancer with a high degree of accuracy. The team, led by Drs. Dino Di Carlo and Jianyu Rao, perfected a technique which uses a deformability cytometer to analyze individual cell and could reduce the need for more cumbersome diagnostic procedures and the associated costs, while improving accuracy over current methods.

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Two-Step Method for Potential Pancreatic Cancer Treatment Proven



A two-wave method of microscopic drug delivery that could greatly improve the treatment of pancreatic cancer has been proven to work in mice. The method, developed by JCCC members Drs. Andre Nel and Huan Meng, can integrate with other scientific disciplines and help cancer patients by increasing the effectiveness of chemotherapy while greatly reducing side effects and toxicity.

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Q1 Clinical Trials Pocket Guide Available January 20



Need to stay up-to-date on all currently open JCCC clinical trials for your research or clinical practice? JCCC's quarterly Clinical Trials Pocket Guide offers a complete list of current trials by anatomic site, in a handy pocket size that fits perfectly inside a lab coat. The 2014 Q1 guide will be available on Wednesday, January 20, and it's free to all JCCC members. To reserve your copy, contact Emma Ashley at EAshley@mednet.ucla.edu.

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