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UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center NEWSLETTER



JCCC Member Named UCLA Chief Medical Officer

Dr. Arash Naeim, JCCC senior leader and Director of Informatics and principal investigator of the UCLA site of the Athena Breast Network, has been appointed UCLA Chief Medical Officer for Clinical Research. A recognized expert in health services research, as CMO he will oversee implementation and development of solutions over a broad range of clinical research issues for UCLA. [Click here](#) to read more about Naeim and all your senior leadership.

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 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.

Update Your Member Profile

Latest News

Link Found Between High-Fat, High-Calorie Diet and Pancreatic Cancer



In a first-of-its-kind study to show a direct link between obesity and risk of pancreatic cancer, JCCC researchers led by Dr. Guido Eibl have found that mice made obese by being given high-calorie, high-fat diets developed abnormally high numbers of tissue lesions that are precursors to pancreatic cancer. The groundbreaking results of this study strongly support a low-fat, low-calorie diet as a preventative measure against cancer.

[Read more >](#)

New System Uses Nanodiamonds to Deliver Chemotherapy Directly to Brain Tumors



Facilitating the direct application of chemotherapy to brain tumors, but with fewer harmful side effects and better cancer-killing efficiency than existing treatments, JCCC scientist Dr. Dean Ho and collaborators have developed a new drug delivery system using nanodiamonds. Study results further supported that nanomaterials are promising vehicles for treating different types of cancer by helping chemotherapy function better, making it easier on the patient and harder on the cancer.

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JCCF Donors Thanked on September 17



The Jonsson Cancer Center Foundation held its Seventh Annual Diana Gordon Jonsson Donor Recognition on September 17 to thank donors for their generous philanthropic support. The evening featured a special award to an outstanding physician-scientist and patient. Dr. Antoni Ribas received the Diana Gordon Jonsson Award for Clinical Excellence and his patient, Tom Stutz, received the Diana Gordon Jonsson Award for Hope and Inspiration.

- Do you need a new member photo? Have new publications? Want to update your bio? Read the member profile guidelines to learn how.

Latest Grant Awards

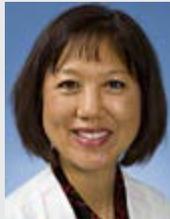
- All new funding awards are now being archived monthly on the JCCC website. [Click here](#) for a complete listing of the latest recipients and their awards.

Social Networking Tools

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



Swallowing Exercises Shown to Preserve Function in Head and Neck Cancer Patients Receiving Radiation



Cancer patients receiving radiation as part of their treatment often suffer side effects, and in the case of head and neck cancers, they can be particularly debilitating. But a new five-year study led by JCCC member Marilene Wang has found that by adhering to a set of prescribed swallowing exercises during therapy, patients are less likely to suffer from such unwanted side effects as worsening of diet, need for a feeding tube or the narrowing of the throat passage.

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Q4 Clinical Trials Pocket Guide Available October 21



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 2013 Q4 guide will be available on Wednesday, Oct 21, and it's free to all JCCC members. To reserve your copy, contact Angie Jun at AJun@mednet.ucla.edu.

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