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UCLA Scientists Taking Stem Cell Research to Patients

Pioneering cancer researchers Drs. Dennis Slamon and Zev Wainberg are bringing stem cell science directly to the clinical bedside with an **exciting new clinical trial** scheduled to begin in early 2014. Partially funded by California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM), the project builds on their previous work to develop a drug that targets tumor initiating cells. You can also watch Slamon and Wainberg discuss their cutting-edge stem cell science in this [NBC News video](#).

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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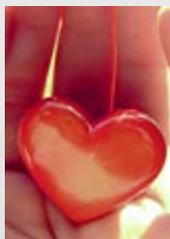
UCLA Researcher Receives Prestigious CIRM Biology Award



Congratulations to Dr. Lili Yang, JCCC and UCLA Broad Stem Cell Research Center member, who has received a Basic Biology V grant totaling \$641,000 from CIRM. Yang has been recognized for her project to develop a novel system for studying how stem cells become rare immune cells.

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Send Some Love This Valentine's Day



This Valentine's Day, honor a loved one with a gift to support cancer research. Give any amount you wish and then select a Valentine's Day-themed e-card to let your loved one know how special they are. Make your gift now with the Jonsson Cancer Center Foundation and [schedule your e-card](#) to be sent automatically on February 14. It's easy, thoughtful and meaningful.

Cancer Researchers Translate New Laboratory Findings to Enhance Melanoma Treatment

Led by JCCC member Dr. Roger Lo, two just-published back-to-back studies provide critical insights into two key areas of how tumors resist BRAF inhibitors (which drive 40 percent of advanced melanoma tumors): the key cell-signaling pathways BRAF-mutant melanoma cells use to learn how to become resistant to inhibitor drugs, and how the limited focus of BRAF inhibitors allows melanoma cells to evolve and develop drug resistance.

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You Are What You Eat: Low-Fat Diet Changes Prostate Cancer Tissue



UCLA scientists have found a potentially groundbreaking link between eating a low-fat fish oil diet and a positive effect on the biology of prostate cancer. In a study led by JCCC member Dr. William Aronson, men with prostate cancer who ate a low-fat diet and took fish oil supplements had lower levels of pro-inflammatory substances in their blood and a lower cell cycle progression score than men who ate a typical Western diet.

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