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Year-End Gifts Support Research Year-Round

This season, why not ask family and friends to keep the fruitcake or bad necktie and support your research instead? The Jonsson Cancer Center Foundation makes it easy for donors to support research. Donors can make gifts online and direct their gifts to a particular researcher (e.g., you) or type of cancer research. They can even send you a nice holiday eCard announcing their gift.

Clinical Trials at Your Fingertips

- Connect you and your patients with clinical trials at UCLA. Click here to learn all about our online database, and how to submit and update your own trials.

Funding Opportunities

- Members can now access online a complete list of the latest research grant opportunities directly from the JCCC website.

New Publications Archive

- Have you recently published, or do you want to find out the latest pubs of fellow members? Follow the link to visit the new online pubs archive.

Latest Grant Awards

- All new funding awards are now being archived monthly on the JCCC website. Click here for the latest recipients and their awards.

Grant Submissions

- Did you know that the grant submission guidelines have been updated for 2011? Visit this link for the latest revisions.

Social Networking Tools

- The JCCC is now on Twitter.

Latest News

Dr. Owen Witte Named by President Obama to Serve on the President's Cancer Panel

We congratulate Dr. Owen Witte, JCCC member and founding director of the Eli and Edythe Broad Center of Regenerative Medicine and Stem Cell Research at UCLA, who has been selected by President Barack Obama to serve on the President's Cancer Panel. The three-member panel, which reports directly to the President, monitors the development and execution of the National Cancer Program.

Your Research, Your Stories

A scientific community now over 400 members strong, the JCCC brings together a dedicated team of cancer researchers from a variety of backgrounds and scientific interests. In our ongoing series of online Researcher Profiles, you can read detailed biographies of many of your fellow members. Take the time today to discover their stories, and learn about the accomplishments and future goals of their labs, and common research interests you may share.

Scientists Genetically Engineer Blood Stem Cells to Fight Melanoma

In a new study, JCCC researcher and senior author Jerome Zack has, using mouse models, demonstrated for the first time that blood stem cells can be engineered to create cancer-killing T-cells that seek out and attack a human melanoma, an approach that could be useful in 40 percent of Caucasians with this malignancy.

Did You Know? New Directors, Program Areas and Shared Resources in 2011

The JCCC website has been updated over the past year to reflect the many changes made to our senior...
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leadership, program areas and shared resources. Navigate to the site's Research content area to read director biographies, familiarize yourself with the eight newly-reorganized program areas, and learn about all of the shared resources available to you as a JCCC member.

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