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Taste for a Cure’s 20th Anniversary Celebration

The JCCF’s Signature Event Taste for a Cure will be held on May 1 at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel. The evening will feature exquisite Italian wines and cuisine from Los Angeles’ top Italian chefs while raising funds for highest priority cancer research at the JCCC. Musical entertainment, stand-up comedy and a one-of-a-kind live auction will be among the evening’s highlights. Join us in celebrating 20 years of innovation and progress! Visit www.tasteforacure.com

Latest News

Immunotherapy and cancer-targeted therapy benefits combined in triple combo drug for melanoma

Led by JCCC members Drs. Antoni Ribas and Siwen Hu-Lieskovan, a new UCLA study has found that a triple combination therapy shows promising signs of more effectively controlling advanced melanoma than previous BRAF + MEK inhibitor or BRAF inhibitor + immunotherapy combos alone, and with increased immune response and fewer side effects. The combo was found to be more effective by sensitizing the patients’ own immune system to enhance immunotherapy and reducing the probability of the melanoma eventually developing resistance.

Nanotechnology platform shows promise for treating pancreatic cancer

Scientists at the JCCC and UCLA California NanoSystems Institute have combined their nanotechnology expertise to create a new treatment that may solve some of the problems of using chemotherapy to treat pancreatic cancer. The study describes successful experiments to combine two drugs that work together to shrink human pancreas tumors in mice as successfully as the current standard treatment but at one twelfth the dosage, in the hopes leading to improved treatments and lower costs.

Cancer research pioneer to receive AACR Clowes Memorial Award

Join us in congratulating JCCC member and Broad Stem Cell Research Center director Dr. Owen Witte, who has been selected by the American Association for Cancer Research to receive its 55th annual AACR G.H.A. Clowes Memorial Award. His pioneering work, which contributed to the development of several approved targeted therapies, has transformed the lives of patients with Philadelphia chromosome-positive leukemias and B-cell malignancies.
Social Networking Tools

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

Q2 Clinical Trials Pocket Guide Available Apr 28

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 2015 Q2 guide will be available on Wednesday, April 24, and it’s free to all JCCC members. To reserve your copy, contact Emma Ashley at EAshley@mednet.ucla.edu.

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