FDA approves Keytruda to fight lung cancer

In the largest study published to date using immunotherapy to treat lung cancer, Keytruda (pembrolizumab) was found to be effective by the FDA in the treatment of patients with advanced non-small cell lung cancer. The drug was tested on approximately 500 patients in a three-year study led by JCCC’s Dr. Edward Garon, and response rate and duration of response for Keytruda was much greater than for drugs traditionally used to treat lung cancer. Read more >

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UCLA and VA launch program to enhance cancer care for veterans

A first-of-its-kind collaboration between JCCC, the VA and UCLA’s Operation Mend will provide access to the latest therapeutic cancer clinical trials for men and women who have served in the armed forces. Co-developed by JCCC members Drs. Dennis Slamon, Fairooz Kabbavnar and Matthew Rettig, the two-year project is the first time that Southern California veterans will have access to these clinical trials directly through the local VA. Read more >

Donor dinner celebrates cancer

The Jonsson Cancer Center Foundation held its Ninth Annual Diana Gordon Jonsson Donor Recognition Dinner on October 1 to thank our generous donors for their philanthropic support, while recognizing an outstanding physician-scientist and patient for their contributions to the JCCC. Cary Parton (left) received the Diana Gordon Jonsson Award for Hope and Inspiration for his participation in the clinical trial conducted by Dr. Edward Garon to test Keytruda. Both awards were presented by Dr. Kenneth Dorshkind, Interim Director of the JCCC.

JCCC researchers develop effective program targeting first-degree relatives of colorectal cancer survivors

Colorectal cancer screening can detect cancer in its earliest stages when treatments are more effective and can actually prevent the development of cancer through the removal of pre-cancerous growths in the colon. A team of UCLA researchers led by JCCC member Dr. Roshan Bastani developed and tested an intervention program for an ethnically-diverse sample of first-degree relatives of colorectal cancer survivors, who have not often been included in prior research. Read more >

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