

UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center NEWSLETTER



Taking the Brakes off the Immune System to Fight Cancer

JCCC researchers Drs. Antoni Ribas and Edward Garon are reporting exciting treatment milestones for patients being treated with an experimental drug called MK-34751. Results show unprecedented durable responses and few adverse effects with MK-3475 in two types of cancer that historically have had very low survival rates. [Click here](#) to read the findings as reported at this past week's ASCO annual meeting in Chicago.

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Researchers Deliver Double Dose of Lung Cancer Discoveries



Two JCCC scientists, Drs. Edward Garon and Jonathan Goldman, are reporting exciting dual discoveries in the treatment of non-small-cell lung cancer (NSCLC), the leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States. Two new experimental drugs, ramucirumab and CO-1868, developed for use in patients with advanced NSCLC, are showing great promise in UCLA clinical trials in a type of cancer that historically has had very poor outcomes.

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Drug Discovery Accelerates Immunotherapy for Cancer



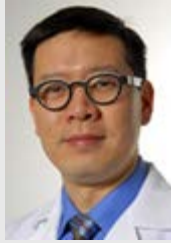
UCLA researchers led by JCCC member Robert Prins have discovered a new histone deacetylase inhibitor drug called LBH589 that enhances an immune-based treatment for cancer. The treatment uses transplantation of T cells (in a process called T cell adoptive transfer) that are trained specifically to attack cancer cells transplanted into animals. Results found that LBH589 enhanced the activity of the T cells and of the immune system's inflammatory response in mice.

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Robotic-Assisted Prostate Surgery Offers Better Cancer Control

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In pioneering research, a UCLA observational study comparing robotic-assisted surgery to traditional surgery for prostate cancer found that patients who had robotic surgery saw fewer instances of cancer cells remaining after surgery and less need of additional cancer treatments than patients who had traditional surgery. The study, led by JCCC member Dr. Jim Hu, was published in the journal European Urology.

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