

# UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center NEWSLETTER



## JCCC Discovery Paves Way For More Targeted Head and Neck Cancer Therapies

Led by JCCC members Drs. Eri Srivatsan and Marilene Wang, UCLA researchers have discovered a protein usually linked to rare neurological disorders is also associated with human papilloma virus-positive head and neck cancers. The protein was also shown to improve the effectiveness of chemotherapy treatments, leading the way for the development of more specialized therapies. [Read more >](#)

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### Latest News

## UCLA Study Finds Ancient Chinese Exercise Lessens Inflammation in Breast Cancer Survivors



In a new randomized trial that could improve longevity in breast cancer survivors, JCCC member Dr. Michael Irwin has discovered that the Chinese exercise of Tai Chi can reduce inflammation in breast cancer patients who have insomnia following diagnosis and treatment. Irwin's team analyzed blood samples from 90 participants over a five-year period, and found that patients who practiced Tai Chi saw a decrease in the stress hormone system.

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## Inspiring Patient Profile: Liana's Looms of Love



Ten year-old Liana Clayton only wanted to help her mother, Che Clayton, who's received rounds of painful treatment for breast cancer, and now she is impacting the lives of so many more. Liana sells her colorful handmade bracelets to raise awareness and give back to the Simms/Mann UCLA Center for Integrative Oncology, who helped her mother cope with the disease. Her business, Liana's Looms of Love, has earned over \$2,000 so far and continues to grow!

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## Join #GivingTuesday and Help Defeat Cancer



Have you heard about #GivingTuesday? Most people know that Black Friday and Cyber Monday follow Thanksgiving, but now there's #GivingTuesday, a day where people from all walks of life and around the world will come together for one common purpose, to celebrate generosity and to give back. Celebrate with us and mark your calendar for December 2 to give to advance cancer research at the JCCC!

## UCLA Vice Chancellor for Research Elected to Institute of Medicine

### Social Networking Tools

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



Join us in congratulating JCCC member and UCLA Vice Chancellor for Research Dr. James S. Economou, who has been elected to the Institute of Medicine (IOM) of the National Academies, one of the highest honors in the fields of health and medicine. A tumor immunologist, Dr. Economou is a pioneer in complex cell- and gene-based therapies for cancer. He also has an active surgical oncology practice and is a member of a large team science program in engineered immunity.

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