

# UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center NEWSLETTER



## 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 >](#)

### JCCC Member Resources

- Visit our [membership info page](#) to find out all of the benefits and privileges that are available to you as a JCCC member.

### Clinical Trials at Your Fingertips

- Connect you and your patients with clinical trials at UCLA. [Click here](#) to learn all about how you can use any mobile device (including your smartphone) to access JCCC's clinical trials database.

### Shared Resources at UCLA

- As a member you have access to several shared resources at JCCC, and over 70 additional shared resources at UCLA. Visit the [Shared Resources page](#) to learn more.

### Funding Opportunities

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

### Update Your Member Profile

- Do you need a new member photo? Have new publications? Want to update your bio? Read the [member profile guidelines](#) to learn how.

### Latest News

## 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, Fairouz Kabbinavar 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.

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## 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.

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## Donor profile: Conejo Valley Guild still going strong

### Social Networking Tools

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



Since it was formed in 1977, the Conejo Valley Guild has proudly raised more than \$1.5 million to help fund seed grants at the Jonsson Cancer Center Foundation. In this informative and inspiring profile, meet Isa Brente-Shekter and Gloria Christensen, the Conejo Valley Guild co-presidents with a personal connection to cancer, and learn about their commitment to supporting your research breakthroughs at UCLA.

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