



## UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center



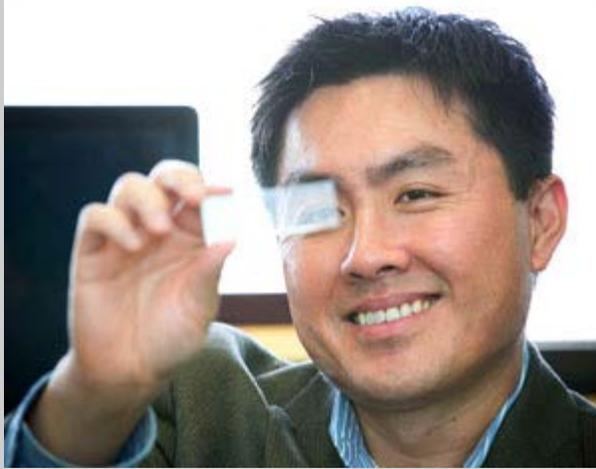
### UCLA brain cancer program designated a site of research excellence by the NCI

The JCCC's brain cancer program and the UCLA Brain Tumor Center have been designated a Specialized Program of Research Excellence (SPORE) by the National Cancer Institute, making it one of only five brain cancer programs nationwide to receive this national recognition and substantial research funding. The \$11.4 million grant will allow UCLA's brain tumor program to accelerate new studies and discoveries, says Dr. Linda Liau, director of the program (above, center, with researchers Drs. William Yong, left, and Robert Prins).

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### Treatment-resistant melanoma may be vulnerable to drug holiday

Therapeutic benefits for patients could derive from a one-two punch of cessation of MAPK inhibitors followed by a regimen of DNA repair inhibitors



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### \$650k gift from Avon to fund breast cancer program

Donation will support ongoing commitment to provide critical breast cancer navigation, treatment and education

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### Virus plus immunotherapy hold promise for advanced melanoma

Modified herpes virus and checkpoint inhibitor together enhance cancer-killing T cells by altering tumor microenvironment, UCLA study finds

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### Gene activity early during therapy can fuel drug-resistant melanoma

Epigenomic alterations are not random but can explain how tumors are already developing resistance as they shrink in response to treatment

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## UCLA researcher honored with special recognition by LA City Council

Dr. Sanaz Memarzadeh, director of UCLA G.O. Discovery Lab: Gynecologic Oncology Cancer Research Lab and a JCCC member, was honored by Paul Koretz and L.A. City Hall Council Chambers for her groundbreaking ovarian cancer research. The Ovarian Cancer Circle, inspired by Robin Babbini's brave fight against the disease, was also recognized for raising money to help find a cure for this disease. [Watch the full event video!](#)

## Understudied consequences of peripheral neuropathy after chemo

Two UCLA-led studies have found that peripheral neuropathy can bother early-stage breast cancer patients years after completing chemotherapy



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### Communication in cancer care falls short for many deaf survivors

How patients turn to support groups, online medical information and the advice of their healthcare team for answers may be critical to their survival

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### New insight into link between two rare tumor syndromes

A UCLA study shows timing is everything when it comes to preventing a specific gene mutation in mice from developing rare and fast-growing cancerous tumors

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### Findings pave way for combo treatment for childhood leukemia

UCLA researchers have demonstrated a three-drug combo treatment regimen that can kill cancer cells and eradicate acute lymphoblastic leukemia

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## University of California Cancer Consortium to tackle state's second leading cause of death

The University of California's five academic cancer centers have formed a consortium to better address California's most pressing cancer-related problems and opportunities, UC President Janet Napolitano announced in a press conference this month. Among the projects the consortium will undertake are precision medicine, clinical trials, population health science, best practices in harnessing big data to improve health, and political engagement for public benefit. [Read more](#)

### Funding opportunities

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