New FDA-approved therapy targets a variety of cancers

Little Linda was just one month old when she was treated at UCLA for infantile fibrosacoma, a rare cancer in children that can show up anywhere in the body. As part of a clinical trial led by JCCC’s Dr. Noah Federman, within days of beginning her treatment, the tumor started shrinking. This is her story. [Watch video]

Location of DNA gives clues to hidden cancer mutations

New study led by Michael Carey shows snippets of DNA that contribute to gene regulation fall into the same chromatin loops as the target gene

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Sprayable gel could help the body
fight off cancer after surgery
Substance was successful in awakening lab animals’ immune systems to stop the cancer from recurring and inhibit it from spreading

Widely used breast cancer therapy doesn’t cause cognitive decline
Results of six-year-long study about endocrine treatment, led by Dr. Patricia Ganz, are contrary to expectations

Newly identified T cells could play role in cancer and other diseases
Collaborative study identified a new type of T cell that is able to recognize phospholipids, the molecules that help form cells’ outer membranes
NIH grant awarded to UCLA researchers to establish Center for the Early Detection of Liver Cancer

JCCC scientists Drs. Xianghong Jasmine Zhou, Steven-Huy Han and Samuel French have received a $3.5 million, five-year grant from the National Institute of Health to create a center dedicated to developing an effective and affordable blood-based cancer-screening test to help detect liver cancer early. [Read more]

Researchers identify a mechanism that fuels cancer cells’ growth

The finding provides evidence that SGLT2 may be a novel biomarker that can help diagnose precancerous lung lesions and early-stage lung cancers. [Read more]

New evidence linking cancer treatments to cognitive decline

New study led by Judith Carroll found lower telomerase activity and more DNA damage were associated with worse cognitive performance. [Read more]
Cancer researcher named AAAS Fellow

Carla Koehler was cited for her body of work and distinguished contributions to the field of biochemistry and cell biology.

Young Investigator Award given to prostate cancer researcher

New JCCC member Dr. Hans David Ulmert is being honored by the Society for Basic Urologic Research with their annual Young Investigator Awards.
Warm wishes this holiday season!

On behalf of all our donors, the JCCF staff wishes to thank every JCCC member for their efforts this past year to develop and deliver new, more effective and less toxic cancer treatments. You are giving countless families an extra reason to hope this special time of the year. If you or a colleague knows someone who would like to support the JCCC’s research with a gift, please connect them with the JCCF office at (310) 206-0675 or JCCF@mednet.ucla.edu. Thank you and best wishes for a very happy and healthy New Year.

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