

Medical Student Research Registry

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Clinical Trial Preceptorship in Prostate Cancer Trials at the WLA-VA	Dr. William Aronson	Active	Open			WLA-VA	You will have direct involvement in all aspects of conducting clinical research (investigator initiated and pharmaceutical sponsored trials). You will have direct interaction with Dr. Aronson and have oversight from the Clinical Research Coordinator.	William Aronson waronson@ucla.edu
Laboratory Research in Diet and Prostate Cancer	Dr. William Aronson (Faculty), Dr. Susanne Henning (Lab Director)	Active	Open			UCLA	Our Focus is on the Effects of Dietary modifications and Fish Oil on inhibiting prostate cancer progression. Under close supervision you will have the option of working on a variety of directions in our laboratory. You will also gain insight into the clinical research we are conducting in nutrition and prostate cancer	William Aronson waronson@ucla.edu
Targeted kidney cancer vaccine therapy	Dr. Arie Beldegrun	Active	Open			UCLA	Using adenovirus carrying the GM-CSF-CAIX chimeric gene from bench to bedside. Ongoing experiments (cell-based as well as animal-based) are progressing well towards having a functional vaccine.	Arie Beldegrun abeldegrun@mednet.ucla.edu
Kidney cancer cryotherapy database	Dr. Arie Beldegrun	Active	Open			UCLA	Compiling the UCLA cryotherapy experience (which is significant) and analyzing the oncologic outcome and QOL data.	Arie Beldegrun abeldegrun@mednet.ucla.edu
Molecular classification of kidney cancer based on molecular signature and tissue/gene arrays	Dr. Arie Beldegrun	Active	Open			UCLA		Arie Beldegrun abeldegrun@mednet.ucla.edu
Kidney cancer database	Dr. Arie Beldegrun	Active	Open			UCLA		Arie Beldegrun abeldegrun@mednet.ucla.edu
Designing and developing clinical trials in kidney cancer	Dr. Arie Beldegrun	Active	Open			UCLA		Arie Beldegrun abeldegrun@mednet.ucla.edu
Treatment of Symptomatic BPH Patients Undergoing Anticoagulant Therapy using the PlasmaButton™ Vaporization Electrode	PI: Dr. Carol Bennett	Active	Open			WLA-VA	The purpose of this observational study is to determine if the PlasmaButton electrode can be used to successfully treat BPH patients that are undergoing anti-coagulant therapy and remain on their medication throughout the PlasmaButton procedure. Measurements will be taken preoperative, peri-operative and post-operative to assess the safety and effectiveness of the PlasmaButton on this patient population.	Carol Bennett carol.bennett@va.gov
Prospective, randomized, controlled investigation of prostate artery embolization with embosphere® microspheres compared to transurethral resection of the prostate for the treatment of symptomatic benign prostatic hyperplasia	PI: Justin P. McWilliams, MD Co-PI: Dr. Carol Bennett	Active	Open			WLA-VA	The primary study objective is to evaluate improvement of symptoms from benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH) as assessed by the International Prostate Symptom Score (IPSS) for prostatic artery embolization (PAE) with Embosphere® Microspheres compared with conventional transurethral resection of the prostate (TURP).	Carol Bennett carol.bennett@va.gov
The Use of Remote Access Clinics to Inform and Treat Men with Sexual Dysfunction	PI: Dr. Carol Bennett	Active	Open			WLA-VA	Study goal is to assess usefulness to patients, ease of access, and overall patient satisfaction of Telehealth seminars aimed at providing erectile dysfunction education by conducting anonymous surveys at several Telehealth sites in the VA system.	Carol Bennett carol.bennett@va.gov
Predictors of Response to Erectile Dysfunction Therapy in a Large Volume Tertiary Referral Center	PI: Dr. Carol Bennett	Active	Open			WLA-VA	Retrospective chart review study. Aim is to describe utilization of the different forms of treatment offered for erectile dysfunction and identify predictors of use of more invasive therapy in patients referred to the erectile dysfunction (ED) clinic at the West LA VA Medical Center	Carol Bennett carol.bennett@va.gov
Urologic Laparoscopy Training Using a Porcine Model	PI: Dr. Carol Bennett	Active	Open			WLA-VA	This is a training grant for GU Residents emphasizing surgical techniques for laparoscopic nephrectomy, cystectomy, and other GU laparoscopic surgical procedures. There is also a dry lab component which emphasizes endoscopic suturing. Didactic sessions are offered as part of the course detailing surgical experience, techniques, and surgical outcomes.	Carol Bennett carol.bennett@va.gov

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Bladder cancer database at UCLA	Dr. Karim Chamie	Active	Open	Andrew Lenis	Nick Donin	UCLA		Karim Chamie kchamie@mednet.ucla.edu Andrew Lenis alenis@mednet.ucla.edu
Demographic variations in BCG utilization and bladder cancer outcomes	Dr. Karim Chamie	Active	Open	Andrew Lenis	Nick Donin	UCLA		Karim Chamie kchamie@mednet.ucla.edu Andrew Lenis alenis@mednet.ucla.edu
Stem cell tissue repair research in the areas of erectile dysfunction Peyronie's disease, and diabetic smooth and skeletal muscle lipo- fibrotic degeneration .	Dr. Nestor Gonzalez-Cadavid	Active	Open			Harbor	Bench work sub-projects using molecular an cellular biology approaches related to the main NIH and ADA funded grants	Nestor Gonzalez-Cadavid ncadavid@ucla.edu
Evaluation of the urine metabolome in kidney transplantation	Dr. Albin Gritsch	Active	Open			UCLA	Collection and evaluation of urine from kidney transplant recipients using mass spectrophotometry	Albin Gritsch hgritsch@mednet.ucla.edu
Men's experiences transitioning from disease-specific to ACA coverage	Dr. Mark Litwin	Active	Open			UCLA	The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) has forever changed the face of healthcare in the United States. As it relates to cancer, the ACA has the potential to decrease socioeconomic cancer disparities and provide primary and oncology care for individuals who previously had no access to comprehensive and coordinated cancer care. Implementation of the ACA provides a unique opportunity to conduct a natural experiment, observing the characteristics, successes, and challenges associated with the transition from disease-specific treatment to comprehensive health insurance. In 2001, the State of California created the IMPACT Program, which provides free prostate cancer treatment to low-income, under- and uninsured men. The program provides comprehensive, case-managed care to men at any point in their disease trajectory. Under the ACA, California expanded full-scope Medicaid benefits to a portion of previously under- and underinsured Californians. A group of men who previously had access to only disease-specific treatment for their prostate cancer now has access to full-scope healthcare. Many factors beyond lack of insurance create healthcare access barriers for poor men with prostate cancer. This study proposes to determine how the transition to comprehensive health insurance coverage affects the care and outcomes of previously under- and uninsured men enrolled in a disease-specific, navigation-based statewide prostate cancer treatment program. The study will assess characteristics, successes, and challenges associated with the transition to comprehensive health insurance, determine the effect of the transition on healthcare access and outcomes, and characterize the advantages and disadvantages of comprehensive health insurance versus disease-specific, navigation-based coverage. This will be done through the analysis of data from the UCLA Men's Health Study, a 14-year longitudinal, prospective cohort of men enrolled in IMPACT, as well as in-depth, individual, qualitative interviews with men who have obtained comprehensive health insurance as a result of the ACA. This study will help inform, more broadly, ongoing discussions and policy in order to reduce barriers and optimize	Sarah Connor sconnor@mednet.ucla.edu
UCLA Men's Health Study	Dr. Mark Litwin	Active	Open			UCLA	Longitudinal quality of life and health behaviour survey of low-income, uninsured or underinsured men with prostate cancer enrolled in the IMPACT Program	Mark Litwin mlitwin@mednet.ucla.edu Sarah Connor sconnor@mednet.ucla.edu
Shared decision-making in low-income men with prostate cancer: A pilot randomized intervention trial	Dr. Chris Saigal	Active	Open		Alan Kaplan	OVMC, Harbor	Intervention trial testing novel decision support interventions to improve prostate cancer decision-making in low-income men at Harbor at Olive View.	Alan Kaplan alkaplan@mednet.ucla.edu

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Quality of life after use of fascia lata for salvage repair of anterior vaginal wall prolapse	Dr. Shlomo Raz	Active	Open		Janine Oliver, Evgeniy Kreydin	UCLA	The purpose of this investigation is to populate a database to perform clinical descriptive and outcome-based research on the clinical experience of patient populations seen and treated for pelvic organ prolapse using autologous fascial grafts. Demographic, disease, treatment, outcome, and complication information will be collected on patients seen and surgically-treated at UCLA for anterior vaginal wall prolapse conditions using autologous fascial grafts.	Seth Cohen sethcohen@mednet.ucla.edu
Use of microscopy to identify sperm in vivo during testicular microdissection	Dr. Jacob Rajfer	Active	Open			UCLA	Using real-time microscopy to identify viable sperm during testicular microscopy	Jacob Rajfer jrajfer@ucla.edu
Shared decision-making in patients with renal cell carcinoma: a pilot, randomized intervention	Dr. Chris Saigal	Active	Open	Aaron Laviana		UCLA	Intervention of a pre-administered computerized questionnaire to better understand patients' preferences prior to choosing a definitive treatment for renal cell cancer.	Chris Saigal csaigal@mednet.ucla.edu
A Mixed Methods Approach to Understand Donor Choice	Dr. Jeffrey Veale/Dr. Sally Maliski	Active	Open			UCLA	The need for kidney transplants is overwhelmingly larger than the supply of donor organs, but kidney donation chains triggered by altruistic donors offer an innovative solution to this problem. This study will develop a better understanding of the decisional processes of chain kidney donors in order to develop educational materials for individuals contemplating kidney donation and create and test tools to identify those most likely to be successful altruistic donors in order to increase the living donor pool and the quality of the donation experience.	Jeffrey Veale jveale@mednet.ucla.edu Sarah Connor sconnor@mednet.ucla.edu
Randomized comparison of bupivacaine penile block on post-operative pain for pediatric endoscopic procedures	Dr. Jennifer Singer/Dr. Steven Lerman	Active	Filled - Son Nguyen, (MSIII)	Filled - Kathy Huen	Open	UCLA (WW/SM)	Utilizing post-op pain scales to assess the effect of penile blocks with bupivacaine on post-operative pain after endoscopic pediatric urologic procedures	Jennifer Singer jsinger@mednet.ucla.edu
Assessing parental decision factors when choosing newborn circumcision	Dr. Jennifer Singer/Dr. Steven Lerman	Active	Filled - Son Nguyen, (MSIII)	Open	Open	UCLA (WW/SM)	Utilizing questionnaires to assess parental decision factors when choosing newborn circumcision	Jennifer Singer jsinger@mednet.ucla.edu
Assessing the impact of a diagnosing UTIs using a rapid antibiotic susceptibility test on patient outcomes	Dr. Bernard Churchill/Dr. Jennifer Singer/ Dr. Seth Cohen	Active	Filled - Abhishek Verman (Medical Student IV)	Open	Janine Oliver	UCLA (WW/SM)	Utilizing MicrobeDx, a rapid detection system for determining antibiotic susceptibility in diagnosing UTIs is hypothesized to reduce UTI-related morbidity by allowing for earlier intervention with appropriate antibiotic therapy. By reviewing factors related to patient morbidity and mortality when hospitalized for UTIs and urosepsis, we plan to provide baseline information against which to compare the impact of MicrobeDx in the course of UTI-related morbidity and mortality.	Jennifer Singer jsinger@mednet.ucla.edu, Seth Cohen sethcohen@mednet.ucla.edu