

## Accomplishments and Recognition

### Staff Achievements/Accolades

- Saro Armenian, D.O., M.P.H., assistant professor in the Department of Population Sciences, received the New Investigator Award from The American Society for Bone and Marrow Transplantation, was selected as chair of the Children's Oncology Group Survivorship and Late Effects Committee and was selected by students and fellow instructors as the 2010 Instructor of the Year of City of Hope's Clinical Investigation Training Program.
- Graduate student Nicole Bennardo was named the first recipient of the Dr. Norman & Melinda Payson Graduate School Fellowship. The new fellowship supports and recognizes outstanding students in the Irell & Manella Graduate School of Biological Sciences.
- Leslie Bernstein, Ph.D., director of the Division of Cancer Etiology, received the American College of Epidemiology's Abraham Lilienfeld Award in recognition of her outstanding lifetime contributions to and leadership in the field of epidemiology. The National Cancer Institute also honored Bernstein with its Rosalind E. Franklin Award, which recognizes the commitment of women to cancer research.
- Smita Bhatia, M.D., M.P.H., was named Ruth Ziegler Chair in Population Sciences.
- Robert Chen, M.D., assistant professor in the Department of Hematology & Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation, was named the 2010-11 recipient of the Tim Nesvig Lymphoma Fellowship.
- City of Hope oncology nursing research scientist Betty Ferrell, Ph.D., R.N., received the 2010 Distinguished Researcher Award from the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association.
- Michael A. Friedman, M.D., president and chief executive officer of City of Hope and Irell & Manella Cancer Director's Distinguished Chair, was reappointed to a second, six-year term on the Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee, the governing board for the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine.
- The American Cancer Society recognized Alexandra M. Levine, M.D., M.A.C.P., chief medical officer, with a leadership award for scientific excellence.
- Arti Hurria, M.D., director, Cancer and Aging Research Program, is leading the launch of the nation's premier series of conferences funded by the National Cancer Institute and National Institute on Aging to focus on research on cancer and aging.
- John J. Rossi, Ph.D., Lidow Family Research Chair, chair of molecular and cellular biology and dean of the graduate school, was named the first holder of the Morgan and Helen Chu Dean's Chair for the Irell & Manella Graduate School of Biological Sciences at City of Hope.
- John A. Zaia, M.D., Aaron D. and Edith Miller Chair in Gene Therapy and chair of City of Hope's Department of Virology, was appointed chair of the Recombinant DNA Advisory Committee for the National Institutes of Health.

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### Organizational Designations/Awards

- The Joint Commission awarded continued accreditation to City of Hope Helford Clinical Research Hospital following a one-day unannounced validation survey on Sept. 15.
- *U.S. News & World Report* recognized City of Hope as one of the top 20 cancer centers in the country in its 2010-11 Best Hospitals rankings. In addition to moving up to the 20th position on the list of top cancer hospitals, City of Hope also ranked 38th for urology. The institution is the second-highest ranked cancer hospital in the Los Angeles area and one of only six centers in California to appear on the cancer list.
- City of Hope was awarded continued accreditation after a two-day unannounced College of American Pathologists biennial inspection of pathology and laboratory services.
- Noted philanthropist and community leader Sheri Biller became the first female chair of City of Hope's board of directors on July 1. Biller, who joined the board in 2000, most recently served as the board's vice chair and chair of its Nominating and Governance Committee.
- Twenty-nine City of Hope physicians were featured in the fifth edition of "America's Top Doctors for Cancer," an increase from 24 in the fourth edition. The book is a consumer guide to the country's top cancer specialists and includes profiles of more than 2,200 doctors throughout the U.S.
- Charity Navigator, an organization that evaluates nonprofits, awarded City of Hope its highest rating for the fifth consecutive year, putting the institution in the top 5 percent of rated charities. The four-star rating reflects City of Hope's sound fiscal management and financial growth and stability.
- For the second consecutive year, City of Hope received the 2010 Press Ganey Summit Award for Inpatient Care in recognition of high patient satisfaction over several years. City of Hope is one of 36 facilities nationwide, and the only one in Southern California, to receive the award for inpatient care.
- City of Hope ranked among the top 40 institutions in which to perform postdoctoral fellowships, according to *The Scientist* magazine. This is the first time City of Hope has made the list, debuting at No. 36 on the list of 75 U.S. and 15 non-U.S. institutions.
- City of Hope received three Awards of Excellence from the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC). The AAMC granted Awards of Excellence for City of Hope's use of social media, its video library and its "Canswer" advertising. Social media efforts include presence on Facebook and Twitter. The Award of Excellence is the top award for the AAMC, which represents 148 medical schools, 400 major teaching hospitals and health systems and more than 90 academic and scientific societies.

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### Grants

- The National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI), part of the National Institutes of Health awarded City of Hope an \$8.6 million contract to facilitate stem cell research from laboratory to clinical study. The five-year contract is the first from the NHLBI to focus on development and manufacturing of stem cell therapies.
- The California Institute for Regenerative Medicine awarded \$6.3 million in grants to City of Hope researchers for research and development of stem cell-based therapies to treat HIV/AIDS, Parkinson's disease and Canavan disease, an often-fatal neurological disease that affects infants.
- The National Cancer Institute awarded City of Hope nearly \$3.5 million over five years to support investigations led by Smita Bhatia, M.D., M.P.H., Ruth Ziegler Chair in Population Sciences, into the genetic reasons why some cancer survivors develop second malignancies.
- City of Hope's Melanie Palomares, M.D., M.S., will lead a five-year, \$3.3 million clinical research effort funded by the NCI to decrease breast cancer risk among women treated for Hodgkin lymphoma in childhood, adolescence or early adulthood.
- The American Cancer Society awarded Jeffrey Weitzel, M.D., director of the Division of Clinical Cancer Genetics, a five-year, \$1.9 million grant to assess whether culturally sensitive outreach and education can improve Latinas' participation in genetic counseling for cancer risk.
- The NCI awarded Susan Kane, Ph.D., professor in the Division of Tumor Cell Biology, a five-year, \$1.7 million grant to investigate the genetics behind multidrug resistance in breast cancer patients.
- The American Cancer Society awarded a four-year, \$729,000 grant to City of Hope's Joseph Kim, M.D., associate professor of surgery, to further his pursuit of proteins that appear to promote pancreatic cancer.
- A \$1 million grant from the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, part of the National Institutes of Health, will boost stem cell research at City of Hope. Yanhong Shi, Ph.D., associate professor of neurosciences will use the funds to find new ways of making induced pluripotent stem cells.
- A grant from the H.N. and Frances C. Berger Foundation will help five first-year students at the Irell & Manella Graduate School of Biological Sciences pursue promising careers in biomedicine.
- The Southwest Oncology Group increased 2010's grant funding to City of Hope by 40 percent, to \$400,000.
- ThinkCure, the official charity of the Los Angeles Dodgers, awarded \$200,000 in research grants to City of Hope and Children's Hospital Los Angeles. The one-year grants continued support for collaborative research projects focusing on brain tumors, blood cancers, neuroblastoma and medulloblastoma.
- Ya-Huei Kuo, Ph.D., assistant professor of the Division of Hematopoietic Stem Cell and Leukemia Research received a \$200,000 V Scholar Award from The V Foundation for Cancer Research.

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### National Awareness/Partnerships

- *Ladies' Home Journal* joined with City of Hope in 2010 as a national sponsor of Walk for Hope for the second straight year. Through promotion in the magazine and online, *Ladies' Home Journal* helped drive awareness and participation for the national event.
- The award-winning parenting website Disney Family.com teamed up with City of Hope to encourage mothers to take care of their health. Disney Family.com created a new Web resource called "Simple Steps to Healthy Families: Mom's Health" in celebration of National Women's Health Week, May 9 to 15. City of Hope provided expert advice about cancer screening and prevention.
- City of Hope continued to be featured on Sky Radio Network, reaching audiences on U.S. Air, American, Northwest and Southwest Airlines. Segments featured City of Hope administrators, physicians and researchers speaking about breakthroughs in City of Hope's clinical trials, grant funding, noteworthy accreditations and other significant accomplishments.