

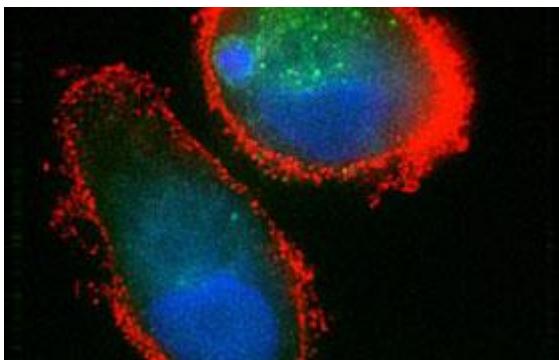
UCLA Neurosurgery Connections

Visionary Ball Thursday, October 18th

The 2018 Visionary Ball benefited the UCLA Department of Neurosurgery, Thursday, October 18, at the Beverly Hilton Hotel. The evening featured award-winning television, film and theater personality, Rob Lowe, who received the Icon Award. U.K. pop sensation, singer/songwriter Natasha Bedingfield performed and EXTRA'S Tanika Ray emceed the evening. [Watch video](#) | [View photos](#)



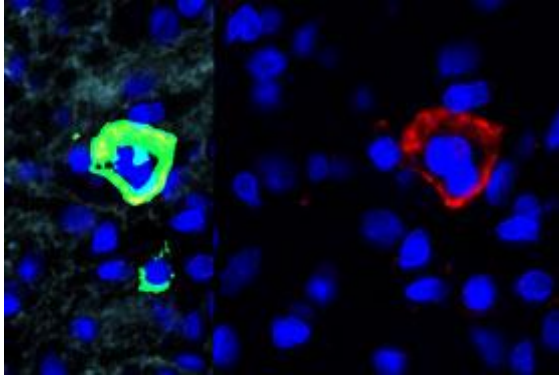
Actor Chris Pratt presents Rob Lowe with the Icon Award



Personalized vaccine may increase survival in people with deadliest form of brain cancer



UCLA neurosurgeon, Dr. Linda Liau, named to National Academy of Medicine



Immunotherapy offers a promising bet against brain cancer



Heart of the Brain Gala helps to search for a cure to brain cancer

Heroes of Hope Race for Research November 11, 2018

Join us at Dockweiler State Beach for a 5K/10K & iDance4aCURE Kid's Fun Run (with SuperHero Capes and Tutus for all Fun Run Participants) Plus Kids Zone and Wellness Expo. Participant projections reflect thousands of runners and walkers, and will feature guest appearances from professional athletes, brain tumor survivors, prominent healthcare professionals, and celebrities...all in the name of finding a cure!

[Learn more and register »](#)

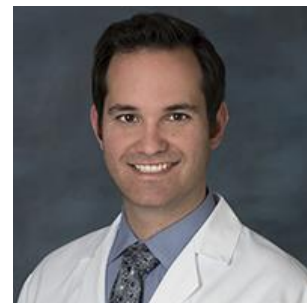


Faculty Spotlight

Richard Everson, MD

Dr. Everson has expertise in the surgical treatment of primary and metastatic tumors of the brain, spine and skull base. He works with multidisciplinary oncology teams to individualize patient treatments.

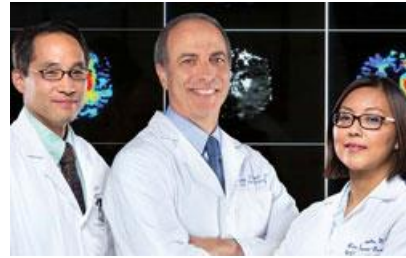
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Program Spotlight

UCLA Brain Tumor Center

The UCLA Brain Tumor Center is part of a prestigious network of scientists, researchers and physicians, all of whom share the same goal: delivering today's best available treatments, while also working towards a cure. With a history spanning more than 20 years, our program ranks among the best in the country. [Learn more »](#)



Research Grant Funding

- \$250,000 interdepartmental seed grant looking at immune markers within brain metastases to find novel ways to battle metastatic brain tumors
- \$715,000 to help fund a new clinical trial in glioblastoma patients with personalized dendritic cell vaccine together with the checkpoint blockade inhibitor, PD-1 - Dr. Prins

[Read more about grant funding »](#)

Upcoming Projects/Events

Projects

- Novel Strategies for Targeting Malignant Meningiomas
- Neoadjuvant Stereotactic Radiation Therapy for Resectable Brain Metastases

Events

- [Brain Tumor Run](#) - Nov 11, 2018
- NCI SPORE Retreat - January, 2019

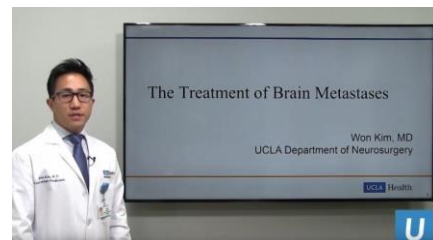
UCLA MD Chat Webinars

View the UCLA Department of Neurosurgery's collection of webinars on demand.

Topics include:

- Treatment of Brain Metastases
- Meningiomas
- Treatment options for Pituitary Tumors
- Treatment Options for Moyamoya
- Sports Concussions in Youth
- Hemispherectomy

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Featured Publications

- Positron emission tomography of sodium glucose cotransport activity in high grade astrocytomas
- Multiplatform profiling of meningioma provides molecular insight and prioritization of drug targets for rational clinical trial design
- First results on survival from a large Phase 3 clinical trial of an autologous dendritic cell vaccine in newly diagnosed glioblastoma
- Cytokines produced by dendritic cells administered intratumorally correlate with clinical outcome in patients with diverse cancers
- The Meningioma Vascularity Index: a volumetric analysis of flow voids to predict intraoperative blood loss in nonembolized meningiomas

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