

## RECENT RESEARCH NEWS IN HEALTH & HEALTH RELATED FIELDS

February 4, 2005

- **Keck School expert teams up to battle HIV drug resistance**

Some HIV patients become resistant to drugs—often because they cannot keep up with demanding drug regimens. So, physicians such as Kathleen Squires, associate professor of medicine at the Keck School of Medicine, now work with counseling teams that help patients adhere to their schedules.

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- **Movement therapy shown effective for treating chronic headaches**

Researchers at the Keck School of Medicine suggest that a massage-like movement therapy called the Trager approach might work even better than taking pills to cut down on chronic headaches.

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- **Obesity linked to higher leukemia relapse risk for children, CHLA study shows**

Anna Butturini, associate professor of clinical pediatrics at the Keck School, presented the findings of her study on acute lymphoblastic leukemia, or ALL, at the 46th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Hematology in San Diego on Dec. 4. The study is the first large examination of obesity's influences on ALL outcomes.

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- **USC/Norris researchers test drug that blocks colon cancer cells ability to proliferate**

Oncologists at the USC/Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center have begun testing a new type of chemotherapy, SB-715992, for colorectal cancer that kills cancer cells by stunting their ability to multiply.

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- **Cardiologists hail defibrillator decision**

Cardiologists at the Keck School of Medicine of USC are applauding the federal government's expanded Medicare coverage of implantable cardioverter defibrillators (ICDs), noting the decision will likely save thousands of lives a year.

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- **Study tests new drug against pancreatic cancer**

USC/Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center oncologists are testing the effectiveness of a new drug against pancreatic cancer that targets the cancer from two directions. In their National Cancer Institute-sponsored phase II clinical trial, Heinz-Josef Lenz, associate professor of medicine at the Keck School of Medicine and principal investigator on the trial, is evaluating how well BAY 43-9006 works alone and paired with gemcitabine, today's standard chemotherapy for pancreatic cancer.

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### January 27, 2005

- **Tuning in to Dyslexia**

USC College neuroscientists are adding fuel to the debate. In work presented at a meeting of the Society for Neuroscience, Zhong-Lin Lu, Frank Manis and Anne Sperling showed that dyslexic children have a harder time than non-dyslexics filtering out a signal from background "noise" during tests of visual perception. The team, which also includes the University of Wisconsin's Mark Seidenberg, speculates that the deficit may affect the whole brain.

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### January 26, 2005

- **Creative Minds**

In fall 2005, Antonio and Hanna Damasio, two eminent neuroscientists, will join USC as professors of psychology and neuroscience where they will lead a new institute devoted to the study of the brain and human creativity.

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