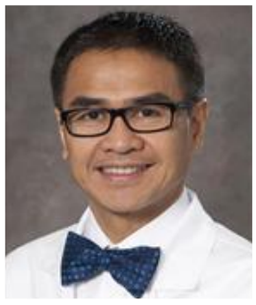

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Clinical Interests

Dr. Lara is a clinician-scientist whose principal research interests are in the field of developmental therapeutics, particularly in genitourinary and thoracic malignancies, as well as in cancer biomarker development. He has a national and international reputation in clinical-translational research, and has chaired or co-chaired many cancer clinical trials from phase I to III. He directs an active clinical practice in genitourinary and thoracic malignancies and is a strong advocate for cancer clinical trials.

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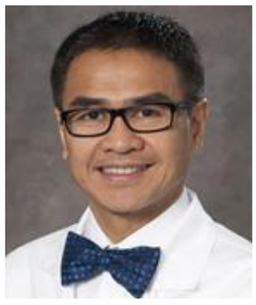

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