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Research/Academic Interests

Dr. Gandara's research interests focus on developmental therapeutics of new anti-cancer agents as well as preclinical modeling and clinical research in lung cancer. He is the principal investigator on an Early Therapeutics award from the National Cancer Institute (NCI), where he leads an interdisciplinary team of clinical oncologists, pharmacologists, molecular biologists and statisticians in developing new anti-cancer agents in a variety of novel drug classes. He also leads a multi-specialty team in the Southwest Oncology Group (SWOG), an NCI-funded national clinical research organization, in studies related to improving therapies for lung cancer and developing predictive biomarkers of therapeutic efficacy.

Dr. Gandara is also the UC Davis principal investigator for a multi-institutional collaboration (iGXT: integrated Genetically-engineered mouse models, patient-derived Xenografts, and Clinical Trials) between the NCI Center for Advanced Preclinical Research (CAPR) and Jackson Laboratory, an NCI-designated basic cancer center. The goal of this iGXT project is to develop better preclinical models to optimize cancer drug development and speed the transition to personalized cancer therapy.

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American Board of Internal Medicine, Medical Oncology, 1979
- Professional Memberships** Alpha Omega Alpha
American Medical Association
American Society for Cancer Research
American Society of Hematology
Fellow, American College of Physicians
Multinational Association for Supportive Care in Cancer
Secretary-Treasurer and member of the Board of Directors of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO)
Secretary-Treasurer and member of the Board of Directors of the International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer (IASLC)
- Honors and Awards** Scientific Award, International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer, 2013
America's Top Doctors, Castle Connolly Guide (2001-2012), 2012
Addario Lectureship Award, Bonnie J. Addario Lung Cancer Foundation, 2010
Statesman Award, American Society of Clinical Oncology, 2008
The Dr. Fred Marcus "Simply The Best" Award, Bonnie J. Addario Lung Cancer Foundation, 2008
Who's Who Among Executives and Professionals, Honors Edition, 2008
Director's Service Award, National Cancer Institute, 2008
Consumers' Research Council Guide to America's Top Physicians, 2004
Longmire Lectureship, Scripps Cancer Center, 2002
Top Cancer Specialists for Women: Lung Cancer, Good Housekeeping Magazine, 1999
Oettinger Memorial Award: Lung Cancer Research, 1998
Semlar Visiting Professorship, Boston University, 1993
Outstanding Attending Physician, Martinez VA Medical Center, 1987
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