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Cancer News Update From UNC Lineberger

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Breast Cancer Study Launched in Memory of Jeanne Hopkins Lucas

A new study seeking to improve scientists' understanding of breast cancer, including why the disease's fatality rate is higher in African-American women, is getting underway in 44 counties in North Carolina.

The project, named after the late Jeanne Hopkins Lucas, a North Carolina state senator who died of breast cancer last year, is being run by the Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

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UNC scientists to study potential predictor of dangerous condition in cancer patients

Scientists at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine have received a grant of almost \$2 million to investigate a potential early-warning indicator of venous thromboembolism, a leading cause of disability and death in cancer patients.

The grant's principal investigators are Nigel Key, M.D., Harold Roberts Distinguished Professor of Medicine, and Nigel Mackman, Ph.D., John C. Parker Distinguished Professor of Medicine. Both are members of the UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center. [Read more.](#)

The Charitable IRA Rollover Provision Extended

On October 3, 2008, President Bush signed into law the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008. One provision of this act extends certain portions of the Pension Protection Act of 2006 that expired on December 31, 2007. This provision allows individuals who are 70 ½ or older to make distributions from their IRA accounts directly to a charity without recognizing the distribution as income. [Read More.](#)

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