

## The 19th Annual Allen & Lee-Hwa Chao Lectureship in Cancer Research in Honor of H.H. Chao



### Owen N. Witte, MD

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Renowned UCLA researcher Owen Witte, MD, has made significant scientific contributions to the understanding of human leukemias, immune disorders and epithelial cancers. His lab research laid the groundwork for development of the targeted leukemia therapy Gleevec and the lymphoma therapy Ibrutinib.

Dr. Witte's current research focuses on prostate cancer, taking several independent approaches to pinpoint specific biologic functions of castration-resistant prostate cancer, with the intent to improve survival and reduce side effects. In 2017, he received a \$1 million Challenge Award from the Prostate Cancer Foundation to pursue a novel technology that could engineer certain patient-specific immune cells to recognize and eradicate neuroendocrine prostate cancer cells.

Dr. Witte is founding director of the Eli & Edythe Broad Center of Regenerative Medicine & Stem Cell Research at UCLA, a presidential chair in Developmental Immunology, and a professor in the Department of Microbiology, Immunology and Molecular Genetics. In 2016, he was appointed a University Professor by the University of California Board of Regents, an honor reserved for scholars of the highest international distinction. He is a member of the National Academy of Sciences, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the Institute of Medicine.

### Community Lecture

**"Finding the right targets for effective cancer therapy"**

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

5 p.m., Reception | 6 p.m., Presentation

Arnold & Mabel Beckman Center of the National  
Academies of Sciences & Engineering  
University of California, Irvine  
100 Academy Way, Irvine, CA 92617

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or **714-456-3944**

### Scientific Lecture

**"Convergent evolution to a stem cell phenotype in epithelial cancers"**

Thursday, February 14, 2019

11:30 a.m., Lunch | 12 p.m., Presentation

Thorpe Conference Center  
Sue & Bill Gross Hall: A CIRM Institute  
4th Floor  
845 Health Sciences Road, Irvine, CA 92697

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