



**LUNG CANCER RESEARCH FOUNDATION**

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TO BE PUBLISHED BY ASCO**

*Research Suggests Link between Lung Cancer and Hormones in Women*

**NEW YORK, New York (June, 2009)** - The **Lung Cancer Research Foundation** (LCRF) is proud to announce that LCRF 2008 grantee and principal investigator **Christina Baik, M.D., MPH, of Tufts Medical Center** was recently selected out of thousands of abstracts by the **American Society of Clinical Oncology** (ASCO) to be one of four published in its *Daily Reports*. The abstract titled **"New Evidence Suggests Link between Lung Cancer, Hormones in Women"** explores the connection between reproductive factors and the risk of lung cancer in women. Using a very large population base, the Nurses' Health Study, which includes detailed history of over 120,000 nurses, Dr. Baik's research evaluates the impact of reproductive issues in woman who develop lung cancer to those who do not.

"We were thrilled to see Dr. Baik's research receive national recognition from ASCO. This is a great accomplishment for the field of lung cancer research and also for LCRF, which funds scientific research grants of the highest scientific merit at leading cancer centers across the country," says Laurie Carson, President and Founder of LCRF.

From its inception, The Lung Cancer Research Foundation has been privileged to have a Medical Advisory Board comprised of renowned, multi-disciplinary scientists and physicians, each affiliated with a major cancer center. This dedicated group of experts unite all lung cancer specialties and can apply their knowledge of the full spectrum of lung cancer issues in identifying and peer-reviewing the cutting-edge proposals that in future years will make major contributions in preventing, screening for and treating lung cancer.

In 2007, LCRF launched its inaugural grant making program honoring the mission of the Foundation to support national research studies and activities focused on developing innovative strategies for better treatments, screening, and prevention of all cancers of the lung. As a result, LCRF provided **five major grants, each in the amount of \$50,000**, to prominent institutions throughout the country. In 2008, LCRF conducted its first "open call" grant submittal process and awarded **ten grants, totaling \$500,000**, to leading institutions supporting the research work of the principal investigators, including Christina Baik, M.D., MPH, at Tufts Medical Center.

"It is very encouraging to see an LCRF funded research project selected out of thousands by ASCO. It's a huge honor to know that members of ASCO's review panel, who are leaders in the field of lung cancer research, agree with our own Medical Advisory Board and recognize the research as innovative and promising," says James Dougherty, M.D., LCRF Board member and Medical/Scientific Advisor.

LCRF is committed to supporting the nation's leading investigators who are studying new pathways and diverse approaches, as they look for clues to find a cure for this challenging disease. The 2009 call for grant requests is currently open. This year, LCRF will award individual grants of \$50,000 a year in the Fall. The application deadline is June 30, 2009.

For more information on the Lung Cancer Research Foundation and its grant application process, visit [www.lungcancerresearchfoundation.org](http://www.lungcancerresearchfoundation.org).

**About the Lung Cancer Research Foundation**

Founded in 2005 by Laurie C. Carson, The Lung Cancer Research Foundation supports national research studies and activities focused on developing innovative strategies for better treatments, screening, and prevention of all cancers of the lung. New knowledge gained by funding scientific and clinical research initiatives will lead to more positive outcomes and improved quality of life for all lung cancer patients. For more information, visit [www.lungcancerresearchfoundation.org](http://www.lungcancerresearchfoundation.org) or call (212) 332.4403.

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