

## UC San Diego Faculty Named to Association of American Physicians; American Society for Clinical Investigation

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**T**he Association of American Physicians has elected two physicians from the University of California, San Diego School of Medicine faculty as new members: David Broide, M.D., Ch.B., professor of medicine in the division of rheumatology, allergy and immunology at University of California, San Diego, School of Medicine, and Gabriel Haddad, M.D., chair, department of pediatrics, UC San Diego School of Medicine and Physician-in-Chief at Rady Children's Hospital San Diego.

John M. Carethers, M.D., chief of the UC San Diego division of gastroenterology and professor of medicine, was one of 61 members elected to the American Society for Clinical Investigation (ASCI). Broide, Carethers and Haddad were elected at the joint meeting of the AAP/ASCI in April.

Broide is accomplished in treating asthma, sinus allergy, allergen immunotherapy and anaphylaxis. His research interests include asthma and discovering novel therapies for asthma. The Broide laboratory's dedication to the "bench to bedside" process is leading the way toward targeted treatments, and relief, for asthma sufferers.

Haddad's laboratory focus is the effect of low oxygen (hypoxia) on cell function and development, especially in early life. He is interested in what makes some cells very susceptible to injury, due to hypoxia, while other cells and tissues have the ability to adapt and survive. The goal is to be able to help fragile human cells become more adaptive and tolerant of lack of oxygen.

Carethers' laboratory focuses on colon cancer, specifically, working out the mechanisms for which some people are more resistant to chemotherapy, and understanding how these tumors develop. His division has just received a \$2.5 million basic research core grant from the National Institutes of Health to establish a Digestive Diseases Research Development Center (DDRDC) at UC San Diego.

### **Background**

The Association of American Physicians was founded in 1885 by seven physicians, for "the advancement of scientific and practical medicine." Now the non-profit Association is composed of about 1000 active members and approximately 550 emeritus and honorary members from the United States, Canada and other countries. AAP members include Nobel laureates and members of the National Academy of Science and the Institute of Medicine. Today, the Association continues to serve as a repository of the best medical minds and as a forum to promote friendship, to create and disseminate knowledge, and to provide role models for upcoming generations of physicians and medical scientists.

The American Society for Clinical Investigation (ASCI) established in 1908, is dedicated to the advancement of research that extends our understanding and improves the treatment of human diseases, and members are committed to mentoring future generations of physician-scientists. The organization comprises more than 2,800 physician-scientists from all medical specialties elected to the Society for their outstanding records of scholarly achievement in biomedical research. The ASCI represents active physician-scientists who are at the bedside, at the research bench, and at the blackboard. Many of its senior members are widely recognized leaders in academic medicine.

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