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**Local Cancer Foundation Selects Important Tai Chi Study at Jefferson to Receive $5,000 Grant**

PHILADELPHIA, PA - The BUCK Cancer Foundation (BUCK) announced the winner of their 2019 medical research grant of $5,000 on Tuesday, September 10. Thomas Jefferson University, located in Philadelphia, PA, was awarded the grant to fund a study on the benefits of Tai Chi in relieving Aromatase Inhibitor (AI) Induced - Arthralgia in Breast Cancer Survivors.

Kuang-Yi Wen, Phd, is an Associate Professor at Thomas Jefferson University and is the lead researcher on this Tai Chi study.

“We are very excited to receive the grant from the BUCK Cancer Foundation for this study. Aromatase inhibitors-induced arthralgia (joint pain) has clearly been an important though understudied, problem among postmenopausal women with breast cancer. Up to half of women on aromatase inhibitor therapy may have significant joint pain, which can lead to discontinuation of the medicine, but there are few proven therapies to help women with this troublesome side effect.” said Wen. “The proposed project seeks to address this significant issue by conducting a study of thirty breast cancer survivors to evaluate the preliminary impact of a Tai Chi intervention on relieving joint pain.”

The BUCK Cancer Foundation offers two grant periods and awards at least one medical research grant per year. This is the third grant awarded since their inception. BUCK’s goal is to fund medical research studies on complementary cancer treatments (natural and holistic) and how they work with conventional treatments, such as chemotherapy and radiation.

“This study is a perfect example of how BUCK is Bridging & Uniting Cancer Knowledge. We are focused on making integrative oncology standard cancer care in America and we are excited to provide our next medical research grant to a local researcher and hospital in our area” says Lori Nonnemaker, the President of BUCK.

BUCK’s next grant period ends October 30, 2019.

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**Jefferson**, located in the greater Philadelphia region and southern New Jersey, is reimagining health care and education to create unparalleled value. Jefferson is 30,000 people strong, dedicated to providing the highest-quality, compassionate clinical care for patients, preparing tomorrow’s professional leaders for 21st century careers, and discovering new treatments to define the future of care. [Thomas Jefferson University](https://www.jefferson.edu/),home of Sidney Kimmel Medical College, dates back to 1824 and today comprises 10 colleges and three schools offering 160 undergraduate and graduate programs to more than 8,400 students. [Jefferson Health](http://www.jeffersonhealth.org/index.html) serves patients through millions of encounters each year at 14 hospitals (seven are Magnet® designated by the ANCC for nursing excellence) and over 40 outpatient and urgent care locations throughout the region.

The **BUCK Cancer Foundation** seeks to support and fund opportunities and endeavors that help build a bridge between ALL viable forms of cancer research and treatment (natural, holistic AND conventional) and unite them in one goal: to provide greater comfort to cancer patients during treatment while working toward a cure. For more information, please visit our website at [www.buckcancerfoundation.org](http://www.buckcancerfoundation.org).

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