PROFILE

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Dr. Clark Chen, a nationally recognized brain tumor specialist, who has joined UCSD as Co-Director of Neurosurgical Oncology. Dr. Chen is a neurosurgeon with dedicated interest in oncology and a leader in the study of DNA repair and genetic alterations in brain tumors. Prior to coming to UCSD, Dr. Chen led the brain tumor program at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center at Harvard Medical School and was assistant professor of Radiation Oncology at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute.

Dr. Chen received his B.S. in biology from Stanford University, his M.S. in epidemiology from Columbia University, and his M.D. and Ph.D. degrees from Harvard Medical School.

He subsequently completed his neurosurgery training at the Massachusetts General Hospital, including a clinical fellowship in radiosurgery and a second fellowship on stereotactic neurosurgery.

Dr. Chen's scientific work begain under Dr. Richard Kolodner to understand how cells maintain chromosomal stability. He then carried out his post-doctoral work with Dr. Alan D'Andrea at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute to understand the pertinence of chromosomal stability in glioblastoma.

Dr. Chen is the recipient of several highly competitive research awards including: the Damon Runyon Fellowship Award, the Burroughs Wellcome Foundation Career Award in Medical Sciences, the Sontag Foundation Distinguished Scientist Award, the Doris Duke Foundation Clinical Scientist Award, and the Forbeck Scholar award.

In 2015, Dr. Chen was awarded the Presidential Award of Achievement from the President of Taiwan, Ma Ying-jeou. The award is given annually by the Taiwanese government to ten individuals of Taiwanese heritage who have made exceptional contributions in the arts, sciences, literature, education, business, politics or other areas of creative work. Candidates are nominated by their peers and reviewed by a committee consisting experts in the respective fields. Dr. Chen was honored for his extensive work on genomic instability and brain tumor research.