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Research/Academic Interests	<p>Dr. Abu Aboud's research focuses on discovering novel diagnostic and therapeutic targets for solid tumors such as kidney cancer and for other hereditary kidney diseases such as ploy-cystic kidney disease.</p> <p>He approaches these goals by utilizing omics approaches (metabolomics, proteomics and genomics) and developing animal models for these diseases.</p> <p>Dr. Abu Aboud is also interested in metabolic reprogramming in cancer to validate and use amino acids as molecular imaging agents for PET scanning.</p>
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- Honors and Awards** Richard C. Woodward Award for research excellence recipient at Internal Medicine, UC Davis, 2012
- Select Recent Publications** Abu Aboud O, Habib SL, Trott JF, Stewart B, Liang S, Chaudhari AJ, Sutcliffe JL, Weiss RH. Glutamine addiction in kidney cancer suppresses oxidative stress and can be exploited for real-time imaging. *Cancer Res.* 2017 Oct 11.
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