

## Radiation Oncology Program Earns Coveted ACR Accreditation Distinction

The Providence St. Joseph Hospital Radiation Oncology program at the Center for Cancer Prevention and Treatment has earned a full three-year accreditation from the American College of Radiology (ACR). Providence St. Joseph Hospital is the **only community hospital cancer program in Orange County with this distinction.**

Executive Director for The Center for Cancer Prevention and Treatment Kathy Berger states, "Achieving the ACR gold seal of accreditation signifies our Radiation Oncology program is operating at the highest standards of quality and patient safety." Medical Director of Radiation Oncology Venita Williams, MD, adds, "ACR accreditation affirms that our team consistently meets high standards of accuracy and safety—in order to achieve the best results for all our patients."

ACR accreditation participation is voluntary. Reviewers extensively assess radiation oncology sites' patient care and treatment standards, patient safety, personnel qualifications, adequacy of facility equipment, quality control procedures, and quality assurance programs.

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## National Recognition for Stroke Treatment

Providence St. Joseph Hospital received the American Heart Association's Gold Plus Get With The Guidelines®-Stroke Quality Achievement Award for its commitment to ensuring patients presenting with a possible stroke – the No. 5 cause of death and a leading cause of adult disability in the U.S. – receive the most appropriate treatment according to nationally recognized, research-based guidelines.

Each year, programs apply for the award recognition by demonstrating how they have committed to providing quality care for stroke patients. In addition to following treatment guidelines, participants also educate patients and their families to help them manage their health and rehabilitation once at home. Last year, SJO received the Stroke Silver Plus Quality Achievement Award.

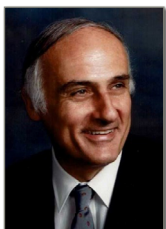
SJO also earned the Association's Target: Stroke Honor Roll award by meeting quality measures that reduce the time between the patient's arrival at the hospital and treatment with the clot-buster tissue plasminogen activator to treat ischemic stroke; and the Association's Target: Type 2 Diabetes Honor Roll award for more than 90% quality measure compliance for 12 consecutive months.



More than 250 golfers, including this EMSOC group, competed in the 2022 Annual Golf Tournament at the scenic Coto de Caza Golf & Racquet Club on Monday, May 16. This year's event raised more than \$600,000 to support the Providence St. Joseph Hospital Heart and Vascular Center. Also at the event, the Foundation announced the 2022 Providence St. Joseph Medical Honorees, listed at right. Each honoree is a true leader who exemplifies our mission: "Know me, care for me, ease my way."

## Providence St. Joseph 2022 Medical Honorees

Meena Archie, MD	Donald J. Mahon, MD
Maged F. Azer, MD	Jairo J. Marin, MD
Erum I. Bajwa, MD	Rasoul Mokabberi, MD
Jeffrey L. Ballard, MD	Russell S. Montgomery, MD
Dicran Baron, MD	Kurt L. Openshaw, MD
Michael Y. Chan, MD	Brian Palafox, MD
Tyson Cobb, MD	David C. Pan, MD
Mahmoud Eslami-Farsani, MD	Steven Posner, MD
Jacqueline A. Eubany, MD	Aidan R. Raney, MD
D. Preston Flanigan, MD	Mahmood K. Razavi, MD
Aaron Fowler, MD	Larry Santora, MD
Warren Johnston, MD	Shalizeh Shokooh, MD
Bhavraj S. Khalsa, MD	Taylor H. Tang, MD
Brian H. Kim, MD	Kelly J. Tucker, MD
Thomas C. Kim, MD	Jeffrey Tyler, MD
Brian C. Kolski, MD	George W. Wesley, MD
Thuy T. Le, MD	Tiffany Y. Wu, MD
Jay H. Lee, MD	Ethan A. Yalvac, MD



## In Memoriam: Alan Gazzaniga, MD, Cardiothoracic Surgeon, 1936 - 2022

With great sadness we mourn the June 17 passing of Alan Gazzaniga, MD, cardiothoracic surgeon and beloved past chief of staff at St. Joseph Hospital (1994-95). Dr. Gazzaniga was a surgical pioneer in both adult and pediatric cardiothoracic surgery. He was a mentor, teacher, and friend to many, many people in and around Orange County and beyond. Dr. Gazzaniga came to California in 1970 and served as professor and chief of Cardiothoracic Surgery at UCI. He also headed trauma care at UCI until 1987. His contributions to medical research and

surgical innovation have left an indelible mark on how medical care is delivered today. He assisted in the first heart transplant surgery in Orange County, broadened the application of ECMO in children and infants, introducing it to CHOC for the first time in 1972, and established the EMT program in the Orange County Fire Department.

Outside of medicine, Dr. Gazzaniga was a devoted family man, master gardener, and author of mystery books. His obituary, recounting his extraordinary life, can be found at [dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/santa-ana-ca/alan-gazzaniga-10797780](https://dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/santa-ana-ca/alan-gazzaniga-10797780)

# MEDICAL STAFF BRIEFS

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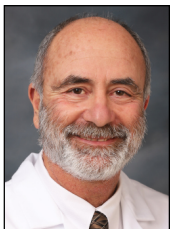
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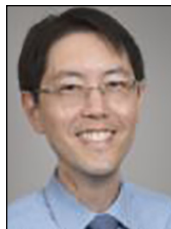
We are committed to providing a safe and secure workplace by sharing security measures currently in place throughout St. Joseph Hospital and our campus, such as limited access at entrances, video monitoring and frequent rounding by the security team. We recently completed a security assessment with the Providence System security team. Overall, they found our security initiatives to be working well. Initial areas for improvement (and how you can help to make our campus even safer) include:

1. Do not prop open exterior doors
  2. Do not let someone enter the building behind you, i.e., tailgating, and
  3. If you see something, say something.
- We will share more information with you once we have the final assessment.

## WELCOME to New Medical Staff



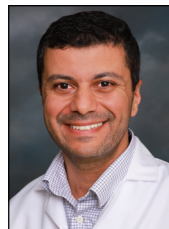
Evagelos Coskinas, MD  
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