

MEDICAL STAFF BRIEFS

A Publication from the Chief of Staff and Chief Medical Officer



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SJO Orthopedic Surgeons Perform 1st Surgery in OC Using NuVasive Spine Pulse Technology

On March 14, orthopedic surgeons Dr. Jeffrey Deckey and Dr. Jeremy Smith together performed the first surgery in Orange County using the NuVasive Spine Pulse Platform, which integrates multiple technologies for high-precision, complex spinal surgery. This new technology is available at St. Joseph Hospital thanks to generous donations to our Foundation by grateful patients.

Nominate an OC Physician of Excellence

Now is the time to nominate your excellent physician colleague who goes above and beyond in serving their profession and patients. Physicians should exemplify outstanding leadership qualities, teaching and mentoring, research and humanitarian services. **The deadline for nominations for the 2023 Physicians of Excellence honor is April 29, 2022.** Learn more about the Orange County Medical Association Physicians of Excellence program and find a nomination form at ocma.org/news-events/programs/physicians-of-excellence.aspx.

Siemens Cios Spin Fluoroscopy System Added to Ion Platform for Robotic-assisted Bronchoscopy



John Maurice, MD

Thanks to the generous support of philanthropic donors, Providence St. Joseph recently added a Siemens Cios Spin 3D Fluoroscopy system to the Ion platform for robotic-assisted bronchoscopy. The new system easily integrates with existing technology to perform minimally invasive lung biopsies.

The combined systems offer many advantages over a traditional diagnosis using a needle biopsy. Better visualization and extended reach facilitate improved sampling of pulmonary nodules deep within the lung. Patients experience more accurate results with decreased pain and lower risk of complications.

Thoracic oncologist John Maurice, MD, at the Center for Cancer Prevention and Treatment has performed 25 Ion procedures this year and more than 135 since 2020 and ranks among the highest in the nation for the number of Ion procedures performed. "This adds a significant upgrade to the already excellent precision of the Ion system," says Dr. Maurice. "We are now able to biopsy any lesion in the lung, with a diagnostic accuracy greater than 95%."

Chapel Reopens

The Chapel has reopened to all caregivers for private prayer and meditation. Located on the first floor of the main hospital adjacent to elevators 4 and 5, the Chapel is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Dr. Sawkar's Center of Excellence Designation



Congratulations to urologist Hari Sawkar, MD, whose practice was recently designated as a UroLift Center of Excellence by Neotract, the UroLift device manufacturer. UroLift is a durable, minimally invasive treatment option for resolution of Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia (BPH). Dr. Sawkar performs more than 70 UroLift cases annually with excellent patient outcomes.

SAVE THE DATE: **Saturday, June 4**

For a Physician-Family Appreciation Day at



Watch for more details!

WELCOME New Medical Staff



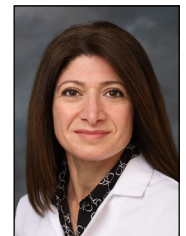
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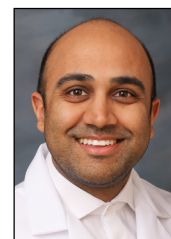
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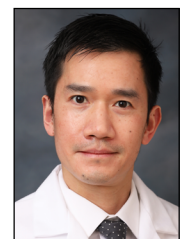
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Radiology
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EHR Coaching Sessions Now Available for Acute Providers

To schedule a one-on-one, 30- or 60-minute EHR Coaching Session with the Provider Informatics (PI) Team to improve efficiency, please visit outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/PSJHProviderInformaticsTeam%40providence4.onmicrosoft.com/bookings.

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Thank you for your hard work and dedication.



Please Vote on Doximity

it's time to vote for **U.S. News** Best Hospitals and subspecialty recognition! This ranking is important for St. Joseph Hospital and our specialty programs. In 2021, SJO was ranked 12th in the LA/Orange County region and ranked as 'high-performing' in 14 areas. With your help, we can rank even higher in 2022.

To vote, please log in to your [Doximity.com](https://www.doximity.com) account.



**Giving for
the good
of all.**

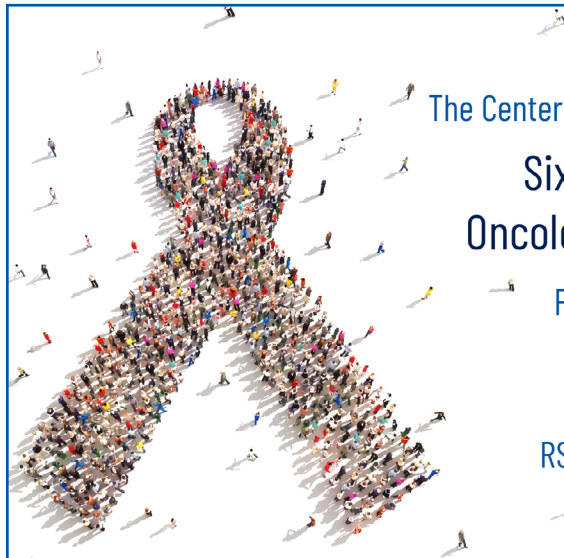
Our thanks to Drs. Alejandro Ramirez, Peter Smethurst, and all 21 of the Providence Southern California Region physician champions recognized for their dedication to philanthropy.

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**Monday, May 16, 2022 at
Coto de Caza Golf & Racquet Club**

Put heart in your drive to support the Providence St. Joseph Hospital Heart and Vascular Center. For details, please contact the events team at 714-347-7900 or email sjofoundation@providence.org.



Save the Date

The Center for Cancer Prevention and Treatment
**Sixth Annual Primary Care and
Oncology Practitioner Symposium**

Friday, May 13, 2022 | 7:30 am to 3 pm

Brea Community Center,
695 Madison Way, Brea, CA 92821

RSVP to CancerCenterEvents@stjoe.org

